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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

OCT 27 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the
December issue, 12 NOON

NOV 1 - COUNCIL MEETING

NOV 2 - Election Day (UPES, 7 AM to 8 PM)

NOV 7 - Daylight Savings Time ends!

NOV 11 - Veterans Day
(Town Hall closed; no bus service)

NOV 15 - COUNCIL MEETING

NOV 25 - Thanksgiving Day and

NOV 26 - Employee Appreciation Day
(Town Hall closed; no bus service)

DEC 1 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the
January 2011 issue, 12 NOON

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

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

You know fall is upon us when temperatures begin to drop and leaves turn a spectacular array of colors. As usual, University Park residents have settled in for the season with a flurry of **NEIGHBORHOOD**

EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS. Two wonderful neighborhood street parties -- that brought together new and old neighbors -- were held on September 19th in the 4000-4100 blocks of Underwood Street and on September 25th in the 4400 block of Sheridan Street. (You can read about the Underwood Street Block Party in the "Community Wish List.") Two other special community-wide events were held on October 9th and October 10th. They also drew spirited and interested audiences. On the first date, the **UP Civic Association** held its annual Chili Cook-Off. This has become a great tradition in Town and the perfect way to welcome fall. (Read who all the winners were in the "Congratulations" column.) On the next day, the **Church of the Brethren** and **UP Community Solar LLC** participated in an international environmental event with more than 7,000 other groups called the 350.org Global Work Party. This myriad of local actions, including UP's, was to highlight the impact that the rising level of CO₂ is having on our climate (currently it's at 389 ppm). The "**350**" stands for the worldwide goal to reverse the trend and reduce CO₂ to **350 ppm**, which would stabilize climate temperatures! So, although the event was planned for the memorable date 10/10/10 -- a day that only occurs during the first 12 years of a century -- the number of real significance is 350. An appreciative thank you goes to the organizers of all four events.

The Town Council has taken **TWO IMPORTANT ACTIONS** that are worth noting: confirming the appointment of ten members to the STEP-UP! Advisory Committee and

confirming three members to serve on the Town Ethics Committee. (A list of the newly appointed members for both Committees may be found in the "Highlights of the September 20th Council Meeting" article in this issue.) The Ethics Committee's appointment comes at an especially propitious time. Maryland is in the process of revamping its conflict-of-interest rules that govern elected officials. Hopefully, this will lead to more transparent reporting on financial relationships between elected and appointed officials and the various interest groups that they regulate. **THANKS** to the residents who have agreed to serve on these committees on behalf of their neighbors. It verifies the vitality of our Town when so many individuals are willing to volunteer in order to make UP an even more marvelous place in which to live!

By the time you read this, a large section of Clagett Road in Town will have been resurfaced. This represents the first step in a long-term **PLAN TO REVITALIZE OUR STREET SURFACES**. We finally have finished negotiating with WSSC on the terms and conditions for resurfacing the streets on which they have worked. Now we are in the process of putting the finishing touches on a street maintenance plan for the entire community. The development of this plan has been a difficult process and has taken considerably more effort than originally was anticipated. Initially we had thought we would be able to finish the plan by the end of June 2010. Now it appears that it will take until the beginning of 2011 to have it fully in place. Because of the importance of this effort to the Town, we will ask the Council to conduct at least one public forum on the plan, if not two.

On **A SAD NOTE**, former Ward 7 Council Member **Ed DeSaussure** of Wells Parkway passed away on October 12, 2010 at his home in University Park after a brief battle with lung cancer. Ed was a veteran of the War in Vietnam, where he served as an aviator with the US Marine Corps. He will be buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

"I hope everyone had a fun and happy Halloween, that you all will remember to vote on November 2nd, and that you are looking forward to a special Thanksgiving Day."



FROM THE CHIEF

MICHAEL WYNNYK

Throughout the summer, many Town streets were active construction sites and now, months later, road closures, uneven pavement, heavy equipment, and work crews not only seem to have become fixtures in Town, but also can be found in several locations concurrently! **Now, more than ever, it is necessary to stay alert when driving through University Park.** Much of the work still has not been completed and in addition, the road improvement work on Baltimore Avenue, East-West Highway, and Adelphi Road is scheduled to continue for several more months.

As autumn is shifting into winter, our days are becoming shorter. Plan ahead now and give yourself a little extra time when you're driving, in lieu of speeding to make up for lost time. Because our visual adjustment to nightfall begins in the late afternoon, **dusk is the most common time for automobile accidents to occur.** But the leaves are falling, days are cooling down rapidly, holidays are approaching, and the pace is increasing -- so now is the perfect time to slow down, stop for "STOP" signs, and obey traffic-control devices literally (like traffic lights, "DO NOT ENTER" signs, "NO LEFT TURN" signs, and "NO PARKING" signs). Pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles all share the responsibility to make our roads and Town a safe place to travel.

The drive home to UP from almost anywhere in the metropolitan area can be stressful and chaotic, and sometimes, keeping pace with the commuter "rat race" almost forces one into a state of heightened anxiety which can contribute to erratic driving habits. Since road construction will continue to impact the volume of traffic in

Town, make the University Park roads a part of your "wind down." Take the time to be vigilant and check out the great neighborhood where you live. By slowing your pace and taking a deep breath, you will be more relaxed before you pull into your driveway. Then take one more deep breath and enjoy the fact that you arrived home safely. Respect for one's community includes how we remember to use its roads.

Since October 1, 2010, it has been illegal to talk on your cell phone while driving (unless you have a hands-free device). It also is illegal to "text" while driving. **Distracted driving is the greatest cause of all accidents.** With so much going on around us when we drive, we need no additional distractions, such as texting, eating, phoning, reading, or writing. Such actions really do put you at great risk for your safety. And after you have reached your destination, always remember to **lock your car doors and remove your keys and valuables** from the vehicle.

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell: 240-375-1077; or call the P.G. County Dispatch: 301-333-4000 and ask for a UP officer to respond). For Chief Mike Wynnyk, contact upchief@upmd.org or 301-277-0051 ALL EMERGENCIES: CALL 9-1-1

CRIME STATISTICS (Sep 1st to Sep 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Sep 8th	B & E	6400 Queens Chapel
Sep 11th	Attempt B & E	4300 Clagett Road
Sep 15th	B & E	4400 Underwd Street
Sep 16-17	Theft from Auto	4200 Underwd Street

Breaking & Entering (Between 5 AM-6:45 AM): A suspect broke into a home. The resident was at home sleeping at the time of the burglary. The suspect entered the home through an **UNLOCKED** rear window and stole a Nintendo Wii controller, a laptop computer, and approximately \$300 dollars in cash. The UPPD was contacted and the premises were searched. The scene was processed for fingerprints and the neighborhood was canvassed for suspects

and witnesses. No suspect was located at the time. The investigation is ongoing.

Attempt Breaking & Entering (At 2 AM):

A resident found an unknown subject sleeping in the front seat of his 2001 Honda CRV. UPPD responded to the scene. The suspect had exited the vehicle and run in the direction of Woodberry Street. A search of the area resulted in locating the suspect in the rear basement stairwell of a residence on Van Buren Street, where the suspect had broken a basement door window. Patrick Richards, an adult white male, was arrested and charged with attempted Breaking and Entering. It was determined that the suspect was intoxicated. Case Closed.

Breaking & Entering (Between 8 AM and 2:45 PM):

A resident arrived home and determined that someone had entered the home through an **OPEN** living room window and had stolen three laptop computers and some jewelry. The UPPD dusted the scene for fingerprints, searched the area for suspect/s and witnesses, and notified local jurisdictions of the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft From Auto (Between 4 PM on September 16th and 1 PM on September 17th):

Suspect/s entered an **UNLOCKED** 2002 Toyota Avalon and stole four bottles of wine. No suspect/s have been located and the investigation is ongoing.

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



Too many people confine their exercise to
 jumping to conclusions,
 running up bills,
 stretching the truth,
 bending over backward,
 lying down on the job,
 sidestepping responsibility,
 and pushing their luck.

Author Unknown

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 13th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; CMs Bradley Chacón, Carey, Lucas, Mallino, O'Connor, and Toscano; and Chief Wynnyk.

Under **Public Comment**: CM O'Connor said a Verizon **FIOS line on Beechwood Road was knocked down** by large trucks driving on the road. The inappropriate size of some vehicles that are travelling through UP was discussed. As there is a County-regulated minimum height above roadways for cables and obstructions, the resident might have Verizon check the height and consider relocating the cable to a higher position.

A Ward 4 Underwood Street resident had two concerns. First, a parking waiver permits extra cars to park on Underwood. However, the **cars are parking too close to Route 1**, making entrance to and exit from Town very dangerous. The resident suggested painting a yellow "No Parking" line further from Route 1 to allow space for two cars at the same time, one to exit and one to enter. Mayor Tabori said he would investigate the possibility of increasing the "No Parking" areas that lead to Route 1.

Her second concern was about **UP becoming student housing** for the University of Maryland **and losing the quality of life as a community of families**. CM Mallino said the new student rental housing along Route 1 (from campus north to the Beltway) may draw students back to the campus. Mayor Tabori thought the number of Town rental units was stable or even declining slightly. More concern was expressed about foreclosure properties which tend to become rental properties with absentee landlords.

The Mayor said it would take about a year to know if there were significant changes in the number of rental houses due to foreclosures.

A **motion** was approved unanimously **to install a 364-square-foot flagstone patio at 6804 Pineway.**

Two **motions to approve on-street, six-month renewal parking waivers for up to 3 vehicles for Town rental properties** were passed unanimously for: (1) 6511 40th Avenue and (2) at 6705 Forest Hill Drive.

Three **Consent Agenda** items were approved unanimously to: (1) **replace the sidewalk at 6903 Oakridge Road**; (2) **hold a block party with street closure on September 19th from 1-5 PM at 4000-4100-block Underwood Street**; and (3) **hold a block party with street closure on September 25th from 4-10 PM at 4400-block Sheridan Street.**

Mayor Tabori reported on three issues. (1) He **had concerns about whether the Route 1 contractor was carrying out the State Highway Administration (SHA) work** under the stimulus funds. He said the redline plans showing the changes agreed on by Town Hall and the SHA had not been delivered to the contractor, and the contractor's work-in-progress was NOT in line with what had been discussed with the SHA's District Engineer. Also, the SHA work along East-West Highway and Adelphi Road had been delayed, and Town Hall was not aware if the final redline drawings even had been delivered to the contractor.

(2) The Mayor said **an agreement, in principle, had been reached with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) for street repaving.** He said he was preparing to present Council with a plan for street repaving, as well as a ten-year plan for on-going maintenance. CM Carey questioned whether events had moved beyond the original work areas identified by Mr. Beall about a year ago. Mayor Tabori said there was a codicil in the WSSC agreement which covered such situations.

He said there was a ten-year projected-work planning system now that included WSSC, Pepco, and Washington Gas Light Company (WGL). CM Bradley Chacón asked if the Town had any recourse if a contractor veered from the original five-year plan to work on areas we thought were excluded. The Mayor said that both WSSC and WGL had stated that, as a matter of policy, they would replace any section of a street they damaged, if that street had been repaved and resurfaced in the prior five years.

(3) Mayor Tabori said the "year-to-date" and "monthly" reporting modes for Quickbooks finally had been deciphered and the requested reports would be given to Council as a supplement. He also agreed to a request that prior period reports be provided as well, beginning with FY 2011.

Chief Wynnyk reported on a suggestion for security cameras. He said the cost of installing cameras and actively monitoring them was extremely expensive. Cost figures cited for the six cameras College Park had installed were around \$600,000. Hyattsville also had security cameras but they were restricted to their business district. Mayor Tabori said a CM request to: categorize all recommendations proposed to improve safety, provide summaries of the UPPD Public Safety meetings, and provide any findings from the Committee on Public Safety would be referred to CM McPherson, Chair of the Police, Traffic, and Public Safety Committee.

He also informed Council that this year, University Park Elementary School had 100 more students than originally projected.

Re the Belcrest Plaza/Landy Project: Because Mayor Tabori was on vacation during the August Landy meeting, CM Lucas, Mr. Stickles, and Mr. Lee attended and arranged to send a letter to the Hearing Committee. The Mayor asked Council to identify any desired additions and/or approve the letter. CM Mallino noted that the letter was a placeholder for the Town's final comments. CM Lucas added that after

UP made their presentation -- reviewing the Nine-Pond situation, the trash trap in the Town Creek, and water flow volumes -- the Planning Board members were noticeably impressed and had a favorable impression from the background work the Town had done to understand the issue.

Mayor Tabori said the Landy Project's new set of plans was more detailed and complete than those seen previously. He added that it was very important that UP meet with Mr. Eric Olson and Mr. Will Campos and allow them to advocate for a Traffic Demand Management (TDM) plan for PG Plaza from the Landy developers. Mayor Tabori thanked CM Lucas and complimented him for leading the effort addressing storm water management during the past five years; his efforts to manage water runoff now are leading to a regional solution.

A **motion** was passed unanimously to approve the content of the August 27, 2010 preliminary letter sent from the University Park to MNCPPC, re: Landy Property.

A **motion** was passed unanimously to endorse the annual Fall CDC/FEMA/FMS Walk/Run through University Park on Thursday October 7, 2010 from NOON until 1:15 PM.

Re the Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant Application: Mr. Beall provided background information on the Design Grant opportunity. By coincidence, he had been discussing possible beautification projects with the Neighborhood Design Center in Riverdale. He displayed a large signboard showing what a green street garden could look like at the corner of Queens Chapel Road next to Town Hall and a design for landscaping around the Town Hall itself. This grant would tie into the upcoming 75th anniversary of University Park's founding. Mr. Beall also suggested several possible locations for a green street rain garden. He said his intention would be to write the Grant response using the same Grant writer that Chief Wynnyk had chosen and added that he would fund it with money from his Public Works budget.

A **motion** was passed unanimously to approve the Town's submittal for a Green Street/Storm Water Management Design Grant for up to \$35,000 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Re the Adelphi Road Sidewalk Replacement: Mr. Beall provided background information on the work proposed by the County. Council members expressed concern about which replacement trees would be chosen. Mayor Tabori said he had recommended that the replacement trees have at least two-inch caliper trunks and that native species be selected. Mr. Beall said the original proposal had been for crape myrtles, which would not be an acceptable species. The choice of a replacement species was complicated because of the overhead power lines as well as the amount of road salt to which the trees would be exposed. He said that ten trees would be affected along the route; eight of those were Bradford pears, one was a red bud, and one was a silver maple. Of the ten, three definitely should be removed; seven would be removed and replaced.

A **motion** was passed unanimously to approve the repairs, by Prince George's County, of the public sidewalk on Adelphi Road in University Park from East-West Highway to Wells Parkway. The County will need to remove some trees that currently are growing in the existing sidewalk, but has agreed to replace them. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 20th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; CMs Bradley Chacón, Carey, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Toscano; Chief Wynnyk, Treasurer Baden, Mickey Beall, and Attorney Ferguson.

Mayor Tabori reported on three issues; two were concerns: The FIRST was the

previously-expressed concern that **the red-line plans for work being performed by SHA on Route 1 have not been shared with its contractor.** The Mayor and Mr. Beall had met with District Engineer Bryan Young's staff about the work. The Mayor said the sidewalk along the Wells Run bridge was in terrible shape and was not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and said **SHA was not planning on repairing it;** no rationale ever was provided. Mr. Young had declined to attend the meeting and sent staff instead. Mayor Tabori said he would continue to raise the Town's concerns, and asked Council members to share concerns with their Representatives as well. Another question was why black tar had been placed at the corner of Route 1 and Van Buren Street. There also were problems with the sidewalk work near the bus stop area by Town Hall. Mr. Beall also will follow up on the problems at regular construction meetings.

The SECOND concern was getting the attention of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) **to address the tremendous amount of dust being raised when concrete is cut,** because the dust and debris was being washed into Wells Run. There was a serious contamination of the watershed on August 23rd. MDE followed up with SHA and WSSC and was working to impose inspections and regulations.

THIRD, Mayor Tabori announced that the **Hyattsville Council did pass the Stream Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** by a vote of 8 to 3, though the Mayor had not received the official version of the MOU yet.

Chief Wynnyk reported that (1) the Prince George's County police had made an **arrest in a stolen car case.** He said (2) the Department was waiting to hear about the **Grant request** for monies for the radios for the police cars.

CM Lucas asked if there were any minutes from (3) the Chief's very productive public safety meetings. Chief Wynnyk said the discussions and handouts at the

meetings were drawn from the information he puts in the NEWSLETTER. The sessions served to answer the community's questions. **The Chief said the biggest challenge was getting residents to lock their car doors and secure their homes.**

(4) Chief Wynnyk reminded residents about the **UPPD E-List, a listserv that posted crime reports soon after they happen.** He said not all residents had chosen to participate on the E-List.

Attorney Ferguson responded to an inquiry on whether Hyattsville could be required to ensure that the water flowing into University Park's Creek was clean, under the Clean Water Act or similar statutes. She said there were both federal and state laws that could apply. However, Hyattsville would not be accountable if the town was not the point source for the water pollution. She also was asked to clarify the types of minutes or recordings that must be kept for municipal government meetings, and said that, by law, only meeting minutes are required; there was no requirement for video/audio recordings.

Mayor Tabori gave the Council Members an informational sheet listing residents who had been recommended for the **Town Ethics Committee**. The three individuals included: **Ms. Michelle Brane** of Beechwood Road, an attorney; **Sr. Maureen Feidler** of Underwood Street, a commentator on public radio; and **Mr. Edward Krauland** of Tuckerman Street, an attorney.

A **motion** was passed unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Michelle Brane, Sr. Maureen Feidler, and Mr. Edward Krauland to the University Park Ethics Committee.

Re Community Grants: The Mayor and Council discussed the community grants, and reviewed the e-mail messages that CM Mallino sent out before the meeting. CM Mallino recommended that the motion approve the Line Item 6120-01 Town Grants for a total amount of \$21,500. She said the

total amount of Grant requests that had been received was \$53,000. CM Carey put forth an amended motion to approve Line Item 6120-01 Town Grants for a total amount of \$30,000. Discussion ensued on the merits and differences of both motions. [Ed.Note: The almost 2 pages of valid discussion from all CMs present about both motion options may be viewed on line or at the Town Hall. It was not possible to digest it enough to be a part of the "Highlights of the Minutes." However, both motions are presented in their entirety with the Council's voting results.]

The **Amended Motion** (moved by CM Carey and seconded by CM Bradley Chacón) to **approve Line Item 6120-01 Town Grants in the amount of \$30,000 as follows:** Active Cultures in the amount of \$750; College Park Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$3,000; Lewisdale-University Park Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$3,000; University Park Civic Association in the amount of \$7,000; University Park Elementary School in the amount of \$4,000 for the library program and \$7,000 for the arts program for a total of \$11,000; UP Historic Preservation Association in the amount of \$1,500 for the Deakin's Hall cemetery and \$2,750 for programs; and UP Woman's Club in the amount of \$1,000, **FAILED** by a vote of 2 yea, 4 nay, and 1 excused. [Bradley Chacón - Yea; Carey - Yea; Lucas - Nay; Mallino - Nay; McPherson - Nay; O'Connor - Excused; and Toscano - Nay]

The **Motion** (moved by CM Mallino and seconded by CM Toscano) to **approve Line Item 6120-01 Town Grants in the amount of \$21,500 as follows:** Active Cultures in the amount of \$500; College Park Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$5,000; University Park Civic Association in the amount of \$5,000; University Park Elementary School in the amount of \$10,000; UP Historic Preservation Association in the amount of \$500; and UP Woman's Club in the amount of \$500, **PASSED** by a vote of 6 yea, 0 nay, and 1 excused. [Bradley Chacón - Yea; Carey - Yea; Lucas - Yea; Mallino - Yea; McPherson - Yea; O'Connor - Excused; and

Toscano - Yea] [Ed.NOTE: The Grant request from the Lewisdale–University Park Boys and Girls Club was received after the deadline.]

A **motion** was passed unanimously to approve Line Item 6120-01: that Town Grants in the amount of \$8,500 be unencumbered to enable the Mayor to seek Council support for special Town events or programs that may occur in FY 2011.

Mayor Tabori introduced the ten individuals who will sit on the **STEP-UP! Advisory Committee**. The members include **Mr. Chuck Wilson**, principal investigator and Committee Chair; **Ms. Linda Dylla**, **Mr. Fred Dylla**, **Ms. Sarah Moseley**, **Mr. Ross Salawitch**, **Mr. Bob Streitmatter**, **Ms. Sarah Starrett**, **Mr. Fred Werth**, **CM Jacqueline Bradley Chacón**, and **CM Len Carey**. Mayor Tabori will sit on the Committee and represent the Town administration. From time to time, groups such as SunTrust Bank and Pepco also may send representatives. Any new members will be approved by the Council.

A **motion** was passed unanimously to approve the appointments to the STEP-UP! Advisory Committee.

Mayor Tabori said he had chosen a committee to carry out the selection of the STEP-UP! Energy Coach. The Selection Committee now includes **Mr. Chuck Wilson**, **Ms. Sarah Moseley**, **Mr. Bob Streitmatter**, **PWD Director Beall** and **the Mayor**. Two other individuals may be potential Committee members. The goal is to have the Energy Coach selected by November 1st. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

❖ **Correction:** The STEP-UP! Committee regrets an error in the Vol.1, No. 1 issue of the light blue insert that was included in the October NEWSLETTER. The correct address for contacting the STEP-UP! Energy Coach

should be UPEnergyCoach@gmail.com, and not "...@google.com."

❖ The **UP Civic Association** would like to offer **special thanks** to some of the volunteers who helped with the Chili Cook-Off on October 9th. The event organizers greatly appreciated:

- **Sarah and Alex Heitkemper** of Woodberry Street for their continued dedication and support of the Chili Cook-Off. Sarah started the event 8 years ago with a small gathering and a couple pots of chili, yet made the passing of the torch this year very easy for the new Chairs who organized a huge enthusiastic group & 29 pots of chili;

- The super **set-up & clean-up crews**; without them, there'd have been no event;

- **Roger Edsall** of Oakridge Drive, his band **Pork Chop & the Top Dogs**, and **Mary Shaver**: a group that always draws a crowd;

- **Mary Crane** of Queens Chapel Road for doing all the shopping for the chili "fixin's" and paper products;

- **Becky Widman & Christine Dawson** for registering gallons and gallons of chili;

- UPES Building Supervisor **Kevin Brown** for his extremely considerate help throughout the event. When the electricity wouldn't work in the gazebo, he went "above and beyond" what was necessary trying to restore power before the event began. Alex Heitkemper had brought his generator "just in case" since the problem had happened in other years (and in the end, the generator did have to be used). But Mr. Brown was so conscientiously accommodating that everyone agreed, working with him was an absolute pleasure! Mr. Brown is a resident of Upper Marlboro, and the proud father of Kayla Brown and Kevin Brown, Jr. He says when he finds the time, he loves playing basketball and fishing; and last, but not least,

♦ The organizers appreciated and were very grateful for the support of **all the UPCA members who paid their membership dues** at the Cook-Off! New members and non-members alike always are welcome to attend the UPCA planning meetings. They are held monthly on the last Tuesday at 7 PM in Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The next meeting will be held on **November 30th**.

❖ **"Bridge, anyone?"** An **open local bridge game** meets at 10 AM each Tuesday and Thursday at the Prince George's Plaza Recreation Center (6600 Adelphi Road beside the Library). Players at all skill levels are welcome, as are drop-in players, though many players do attend regularly. The group plays until 12-1 PM. **Leila Steiner** of 44th Avenue (301-779-7295) would be glad to give more information to those interested.

❖ The **Greenbelt Arts Center** is **seeking show proposals** now for their 2011-2012 season, which runs from August 2011 through July 2012. The final deadline for submissions is not until March 1, 2011, but...the earlier submissions are received, the better chance they will have to be read. Submission details are available at www.greenbeltartscenter.org/PlaySubmissions.asp.

❖ A first-time **Neighborhood Block Party**, attended by more than 50 UP residents (most of whom didn't know each other), was held on Sunday, September 19th. Everyone brought food and beverages, children used sidewalk chalk and skated, neighbors played badminton in the street, and a lot of previously unfamiliar faces became friendly neighbors. Those attending **included residents from Wards 6 and 7** who lived on Underwood Street, 40th Avenue, and 41st Avenue. Party organizers included Underwood Street residents **Pegi Black, Jackie Bradley, Carol Cron, Maureen Fiedler, and Loy Minott** and 40th Avenue residents **Michelle Elam, Michelle Wedge, and Martha Wells**. After approval by Council Consent Agenda, the UPPD blocked off the 4000-4100 blocks of Underwood Street (Forest Hill Drive to 40th Avenue) from 1-5 PM.

Carol had designed a colorful flyer invitation and distributed it door-to-door in early September, and then passed out a reminder flyer the day before the party. MichelleW had created an e-vite where residents could RSVP, indicate their food donation, and say whether they could bring a cooler of ice and/or a table; for those without computers, RSVPs also could be made by phone. In addition to the name tags on the sign-in table, residents were invited to fill out an info card with their name, address, phone number, and address, from which Pegi had offered to make a neighborhood contact list. **The primary reason for the block party had been as a response to the spike in "Breaking & Enterings" (B&Es) in UP.**

Sgt. Sease of the UPPD was present for the entire gathering, and at the end, he spoke to the group and offered safety tips and other recommendations to help curtail more B&Es. He encouraged everyone to (1) call the UPPD if something suspicious was happening, and (2) attend **UPPD Chief Wynnyk's** Town Safety Forums. He emphasized that the UPPD was "100% behind this type of neighborhood event," and added that one of the best ways to reduce crime in the community was to get to know your neighbors! Carol also spoke to the group briefly, thanked everyone for attending, and passed out a flyer outlining "5 ways to meet your neighbors." (One way explained how to join three local listservs: UP listserv, WATCH UP-CHE, and Chief Wynnyk's E-List.) She also encouraged her neighbors to join and support the University Park Civic Association as a way to get to know other UP residents.



OBITUARY

EDWARD CANTEY DeSAUSSURE died on October 12, 2010 at his home on Wells Parkway in University Park. He died peacefully, surrounded by his family, his body overtaken by cancer. Mr. DeSaussure graduated from Central High School in Memphis, Tennessee and attended Vander-

bilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He was a veteran of the War in Vietnam, where he served as an aviator and a Captain in the US Marine Corps. Mr. DeSaussure also served as the elected University Park Council Member for Ward 7. Survivors include his son, Richard Baptist DeSaussure and daughter, Ann DeSaussure (and Scott) Davidson; and his cousin, Martha Kennedy Babcock.

Mr. DeSaussure will be buried with Full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) on Tuesday, **November 23, 2010** at 11 AM. Friends are invited to join his family for the service and should meet in the ANC Administration Building at 10:30 AM. Those who can attend are asked to contact one of his children so they can send the details of the reception that will follow. Please contact Ann (anndesaussure@yahoo.com) or Rick (desaucer@hotmail.com).



CONGRATULATIONS

❖ To **Dana Shea and Nicole Lucier** of 40th Avenue on the birth of a son, their first child. **Birch Lucien Shea** arrived three weeks early in the last few minutes of **September 16, 2010**. He was born at home while attended by MAMAS midwives of Takoma Park. Dana and Nicole are grateful to their wonderful neighbors and friends in Town for providing such a warm welcome following Birch's precipitous arrival.

Though early, he was a healthy full term baby, officially arriving at 11:58 PM, weighing 5 pounds and 13 ounces, and measuring 18.5 inches long. Now, Birch has been gaining weight rapidly and enjoying walks in the Town Park, in between sleeping and eating. The new little guy on 40th Avenue is the first of his generation and has been welcomed by adoring grandparents, two great-grandmothers, a proud uncle, and numerous new great-aunts and great-uncles.

❖ To the **29 chefs**, and the **9 winners** who fine-tuned their secret recipes to enter

the **UP Civic Association's 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off** that was held at the UPES Gazebo on October 9th. SO, presented with delicious appreciation...**THIS YEAR'S WINNERS WERE:**

♦ In the 5-ALARM (HOT) CHILI category: **1st = Tom Mooney** of College Heights Estates (a former 5-Alarm champ) for his "My Man" chili; **2nd = Robert Borque** of 40th Avenue (the 2009 5-Alarm champ) for his "You Asked for It" chili; and **3rd = Rafael Lorente** of Woodberry Street (also a former 5-Alarm champ) for his "Hotter than You" chili.

♦ In the VEGETARIAN CHILI category: **1st = Carla Monardes** of 41st Avenue for her "Gone in 60 Seconds" chili; **2nd = Becky Widman** of Clagett Road for her "Spicy Spectacular Halloween Chili" (with the secret ingredient, pumpkin!); and **3rd = Aaron Rust** for his "Veggie with Some Kick" chili.

♦ In the MILD CHILI category: **1st = Ruth White** of Queens Chapel Road for her (first ever top-place finish) "Oktoberfest Pumpkin" chili; **2nd = Luke Wedge** of 40th Avenue for his "Nakatomi Tower Blend" chili; and **3rd = Judith Cayo-Cotter** of Van Buren Street (the 2009 Mild Chili champ & a frequent top-three finisher) for her "Cowgirls' Chili."

♦ ALSO...High commendations went to the 3 delicious entries in the KIDS (17 & U) Participatory Category (listed alphabetically): **Peter & Andrew Desantis** of Van Buren Street **and Sean & Drew Limon** of Beechwood Road entered their "Imagine Chili" in honor of the 70th Anniversary of John Lennon's birth; **Emily Heberholz** of Beechwood Road entered her "Emily's Chillin' Chili"; and 9-year-old **Vera Rust** of 41st Avenue entered her "Bugs Bunny's Favorite" chili, because it has carrots in it! (Vera and her dad Aaron, who placed 3rd for his veggie chili, recently moved to UP from Upstate NY.)

❖ To **Mrs. Maxie Doddson Phillips** of Queens Chapel Road, who was one of 44 persons chosen to be inducted into the 2010 Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on October 21st. At the lovely 24th Annual

Luncheon held at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie, MD, Maxie also received the surprise honor of being one of the five inductees chosen by a panel of judges to receive the coveted 2010 GERI Award (given for extraordinary volunteer service).

When one reads the "catalog" of Maxie's qualifications for this honor (that Woodberry Street resident **Rene McDonald** enumerated when she nominated her esteemed friend), the first thought is, "Not possible; nobody could participate in-depth regularly in that many organizations!" But the truth is that, for the last fifty years (and a conglomerate of over 350 years!), Maxie has been quietly serving actively as a leader, president, docent, board member, founder, teacher, and guide for over 34 worthwhile organizations -- and all of them are ones with which she has had years-long and decades-long associations. The only explanation can be -- that she runs on a 48-hour day!

PREVIOUSLY: Maxie has **volunteered for multi-years with:** local Parent-Teacher Associations, The Girl Scouts of the USA, the Library of Congress, the Botanic Garden, the National Museum of the American Indian, the College Park Aviation Museum, the National Archives and Records Administration, and the White House Greetings Office (handling holiday tours and the Easter Egg Roll); **was a charter member of:** the UM Toastmaster's Club; **was a past president of:** the American Antique Arts Association, the American Association of University Women, her Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the UM Campus Club, and the Prince George's County Genealogical Society, Inc.; she **founded:** two National Association of University Dames' Clubs, and both the UP Junior and UP Senior Cotillions (and served as their Board Chair for 30 years); **was a docent for:** the National Gallery of Art (for 30 years, she led K-12th tours, the "Art Around the Corner" program, and gave lectures for seniors); and, by "promoting Town concerns and goals with quiet enthusiasm," she **was elected and**

served two terms as: UP Council Member for Ward 2 (for 4 years).

CURRENTLY: Maxie **volunteers for:** the Library of Congress' National Book Festival (and has for 10 years, since it began), the National Museum of Language (leading special events and tours), and the Newseum (as a greeter, assisting visitors); **has been a member of:** University United Methodist Church for decades (serving on many Committees and Boards as well as the Council of Ministries), and the UP Woman's Club for over 40 years; she **originated:** the UPWC's Holiday Candlelight House Tour (that has become a Town tradition and raises funds for UP's three public schools; has been **coordinating:** the Town's Great Decisions Program for almost 20 years; she **chaired:** the "Arts" and "Safety" Committees for the MD Federation of Women's Clubs; she **founded:** the University Park Historic Preservation Association (has been an active member for 14 years & is coordinating with UP Mayor Tabori and the Town Council to celebrate the Town's 75th Anniversary; she **organized:** the project that put UP's historic district on the National Register of Historic Places; she **is a docent for:** the Riversdale House Museum (plus she assists the Kitchen Guild and helps with events like the Teddy Bear Tea for children), the National Museum of Women in the Arts (and helped with workshops as the Museum prepared for its 25th Anniversary), and the Folger Shakespeare Library (concentrating on the annual student Shakespeare festivals); and for the last 3 years, she has been an **instructor for:** the National Cherry Blossom Festival's Princess Orientation Program (preparing the young women for the Lantern Lighting Ceremony).

But some of her volunteering defies categorizing: "Bloomfield," Maxie's home on Queens Chapel Road in UP is one of the area's historic homes and has been on the State House & Garden Tour (a fund raiser for historic preservation in MD). To introduce area children to the home, each year, she invites UP Elementary School children to a tea party in her home. And, often, **Maxie is a**

woman of many personalities: For years, she's left people wondering who the big ghost was at the Town's Halloween party, and who the very patriotic red, white, & blue clown was in the Town's Fourth of July parade, and with, or without, jolly old Santa, the children always love getting to meet Mrs. Claus at the Town's Holiday Tree Lighting. **And in the WOW category:** As an octogenarian, Maxie became a "**Master Gardener**," under the auspices of the US Department of Agriculture. With her new skill, she was a tireless worker assuring that the annual UM Master Gardener Training Day ran smoothly and also wearing her Master Gardener's hat, she gave tours of the historic re-creation of Rosalie Calvert's garden at Riversdale. Her quiet nature and calm determined presence allow her to excel in all she does.



UPWC'S GREEN MEETING

On Monday, **November 1st** at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, "Conservation" will be the theme for the **University Park Woman's Club's (UPWC)** second program, "**Exploring Our Local Green Footprints.**" Everyone is invited to hear about the background details and current progress of our Town's two remarkable "green" programs: the UP Community Solar, LLC and the DoE STEP-UP! Grant.

Before the program, a **special NOON luncheon** will add to the green theme by having part of the menu made using recipes from the book, "**Dishing UP Maryland.**" The author, Lucie Snodgrass, lives on a farm in Harford County and supports local growers and producers through her public policy career by writing on many subjects from gardening and horticulture to agriculture, travel, and...food. As a result, "**Dishing UP Maryland**" is a guide to MD's locally-grown foods as much as it is an enticing cookbook. Baltimore photographer Edwin Remsberg, noted for his location photography and environmental portraits, is responsible for the

wonderful, vibrant, full-color pictures that punctuate the book and make it as readable as it is useful.

At 1 PM, the Club's Conservation Department Chair, **Kate Beveridge** of 40th Avenue, will introduce **Sarah Moseley** of Adelphi Road and **Chuck Wilson** of Queens Chapel Road. Sarah is a charter member of the UP Community Solar LLC and both residents are current members of the Department of Energy STEP-UP! Grant's Advisory Committee that is developing a new energy-efficiency program for the Town. They will share their past and present experiences with these groups and future expectations.

Sarah, her husband **Harvey Moseley**, their son **Samuel** (and their family dog Jackie), have been Town residents since 1983. For the past 30 years, Sarah and Harvey have been restoring their historic 1828 Federal period "Robinson/Elam House" that overlooks Lake Gaston in Warren County, North Carolina. It's the last remaining plantation house on the north side of the Lake and they have done most of the renovation research themselves. They also manage a small herd of about 35 Polled Hereford beef cattle on the family's farm that surrounds the historic home. Sarah's brother helps care for the cattle they raise and oversees them as they roam the grassy pastures and hardwood forests that overlook the Lake. Besides restoring a home and raising cattle, in 2008, Sarah was able to combine her other interests in science education (she's tutored students for many years) and renewable energy by being one of the originators who helped to form the UP Community Solar LLC.

Chuck, his wife **Julia Martin**, their daughter **Ellen**, and their son **Marcellus** are surrounded by family! Chuck's brother **Brendan Wilson**, his wife **Amy**, and their 4-month-old son **Thomas** live on Tuckerman Street; and after 43 years in Canada, Chuck's parents **Tom and Anne Wilson** moved into a house on Beechwood Road this summer. (Now the clan is trying to get

Chuck's sister, who lives nearby in Adelphi, to become a UP resident too.) Chuck says, "Somehow we all managed to wind up within a mile of each other after having lived all over the world for the last decade; it's quite wonderful!" Chuck has more than 15 years of experience in managing energy efficiency and municipal infrastructure programs. Currently, he is the Director of Development for the Alliance to Save Energy, overseeing the Alliance's fund raising portfolio of government, foundation, and private-sector donors. Chuck also is chairing the STEP-UP! Grant's Advisory Committee.

For their 2010-2011 Club year, the UPWC's major fund raiser again will be their Holiday Candlelight House Tour, planned for Friday, December 10th. All the proceeds benefit the Club's annual Scholarship Fund and help to provide monetary donations for UP's three local public schools, UP Elementary School, Hyattsville Middle School, and Northwestern High School. Since 1955, the annual scholarships have benefited two high school seniors -- one residing in University Park and one attending Northwestern.

The Club is accepting offers now from volunteers in the immediate area who might be **willing to open one or more floors of their holiday-decorated homes** for this worthwhile fund raiser and worthy tradition. If you'd like to hear more details about what's involved in showing your home, or suggest a neighbor's home, please call either Candlelight Tour Co-Chair, Anna-Mae Kobbe (301-277-0414 or amkobbe@aol.com) or Sallie Holder (301-864-9264 or slholder410@gmail.com). For information about becoming a Club member or attending the "Green" program, please contact Membership Chair Michelle Wedge (Mdwedge@gmail.com or 240-770-6097) or UPWC President Anna-Mae Kobbe).



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

❖ **The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** continues its 2010-2011

season. Highlighted are three ticketed performances and five that are **FREE!** For questions, reservations, or a copy of the new catalog, please contact 301-405-2787 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

♦ **"UM University & Community Bands"** on Wednesday, **November 3rd** at 8 PM in Dekelbom Concert Hall - Enjoy musicians from across campus and residents of College Park and surrounding areas as they come together for spirited music-making. **FREE**

♦ **"Am I Black Enough Yet?"** on **November 5th, 6th, & 12th** at 8 PM; **November 7th** at 2 PM; **November 10th-11th** at 7:30 PM; and **November 13th** at 2 & 8 PM in Kogod Theatre - From the high energy of *"Eight Things You Should Know or Do When You're Fully Black!"* to a poignant closing anecdote about children's author Ezra Jack Keats, the UM School of Theatre, Dance, & Performance Studies presents a thoughtful, yet often hilarious, examination of what we tell ourselves about who we are. (NOTE: Stay for a post-performance Talk-Back with the artists on Sunday, **November 7th**.)

♦ **The UM Symphony Orchestra** with the **Annapolis Symphony Orchestra: "Side by (Sea)Side"** on Sunday, **November 7th** at 3 PM in Dekelbom Concert Hall - Two orchestras combine forces to enhance awareness of (and support for) the Chesapeake Bay in this concert of two works celebrating the gift of water: Britten's *"Four Sea Interludes"* from *"Peter Grimes"* and Debussy's *"La Mer."*

♦ **2010 High School Choir Invitational** on Wednesday, **November 10th** at 7:30 PM in Dekelbom Concert Hall - During this day-long event, the School of Music hosts select vocal programs from across Maryland to sing for, sing with, and listen to other high-quality choirs and to work with the UM choral faculty & choirs. An evening performance will showcase **the 9th Annual Concert** of enthusiastic young vocal talents.

The ten high school choirs were from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School & Rich-

ard Montgomery High School (Montgomery Co.); Calvert High School (Calvert County); Chopticon High School (St. Mary's Co.); **Elizabeth Seton High School** and **Suitland High School** (Prince George's County); Northpoint High School (Charles County); Notre Dame Preparatory High School (Baltimore County); Perryville High School (Cecil Co.); and River Hill High School (Howard County). **FREE**

♦ **"Love And Nature: A Duet Recital"** on Thursday, **November 11th** at 8 PM in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall - From the UM School of Music, Juliana Osinchuk (pianist), Kate Egan (soprano) & Marlene Bateman (mezzo-soprano) will present art songs by Schumann, Beethoven, and Fauré. Also included will be *"Emily's World,"* a world premiere by faculty composer Lawrence Moss and works by Alaskan composer George Belden. **FREE**

♦ **"UM Men's & Women's Choruses"** on Sunday, **November 14th** at 3 PM in the Dekelboum Concert Hall - Travel on a musical journey that explores the multiple meanings of "Spirit" (in terms of faith, friendship, community, school, and more) in a concert that includes music from the Renaissance through the 21st century. **FREE**

♦ **"UMSO 2010 Concerto Competition Finals"** on Friday, **November 19th** at 7 PM in Dekelboum Concert Hall - Watch the 7-10 finalists sing their 15-20-minute selections from a concerto or concert piece for the independent jury panel. Each will be vying for the opportunity to perform as the featured soloist with this year's UM Symphony Orchestra. Following the jury's deliberation, a winner, a runner-up, and a 2nd runner-up will be announced on stage. **FREE**

♦ **UM Chorale & UM Chamber Singers"** on Sunday, **November 21st** at 7:30 PM in Dekelboum Concert Hall - The UM's two most select vocal ensembles, the acclaimed Chorale and the award-winning Chamber Singers, will perform a program of lamentation and remembrance. Featured, will be the 20th-Century masterpiece by Alberto Ginastera, *"The Lamentations of Jeremiah."*

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

• GAC's 2010-11 season continues with **"Chapter Two"** by Neil Simon on **November 12th** through **December 4th**. Like many of Simon's plays, this one is autobiographical. *It's about a grieving widower and a recently divorced actress, and the rocky road they walk to romance. The widower's pushy-but-lovable philandering brother and the actress' married-but-disenchanted girl friend do all they can to get the two to date. The results are disastrously hilarious and deliciously funny!*

❖ **The Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road; 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) continues its 2010-11 season with a musical puppet show, a classic holiday play, and a FREE Platinum Seniors' Movie.

• On Tuesday, **November 9th** at 11 AM, **"Preacher's Kid"** will be the **Platinum Seniors' Movie** (Rated PG-13; 110 minutes). NOTE: Sr. movies are FREE, but advance registration is required. *In a modern day rendition of "The Prodigal Son," a daughter discovers life on the road is tough when she joins a traveling gospel show. However, she fears going home with nothing to show for herself to a father who no longer loves her.* (There will be no senior movie in December.)

• **Tiny Tots Thursdays** will present a funny, engaging, musical puppet show on **November 18th** at 10:15 AM & 12 NOON. Jim West's **"Dinosaurs!"** turns boxes, cardboard, and newspapers into a Tyrannosaurus, a Brachiosaurus, and an Apatosaurus right before your eyes. Such creativity often inspires wee ones to make their own puppets at home. (Best for Pre-K to 2nd Grade) (\$3)

• **Midweek Matinees** will present a classic holiday play from Theatreworks USA on Monday, **November 22nd** at 10:15 AM & 12 NOON. **"A Christmas Carol"** is the classic

story of a man whose cold heart is warmed after a Christmas Eve encounter with the supernatural. (A perfect family play) (\$5)



PGAS/PBC FREE BIRD WALKS

The **Prince George's Audubon Society** and **Patuxent Bird Club** is hosting mid-week Bird Walks every 1st and 3rd Thursday at the newly-dedicated Luther Goldman Birding Trail in the Lake Artemesia's Natural Area Park. Both beginners and experts are welcome and bird checklists are available. No reservations are needed; just meet at the parking lot located at Berwyn Road and Ballew Avenue in Berwyn Heights at 3 PM. A map and directions can be seen at www.pgaudubon.org. In the spring and summer months (April-August), the walks are at 6 PM. The next three walks will be held at 3 PM on **November 4th, November 18th, and December 2nd**. For more info, call 301-459-3375.



BAZAARS & A SHARING FAIR

❖ On **November 5th** from 4-9 PM and on **November 6th** from 9 AM to 4 PM, Hyattsville Mennonite Church (4217 East-West Highway; 301-927-7327) will host their **25th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CRAFT SALE**. It will feature hand-crafted items from around the world: Nicaragua, India, Vietnam, Kenya, South Africa, and Peru. The event is conducted **in partnership with "Ten Thousand Villages,"** a project that provides high quality Fair Trade items whose sale gives vital and fair income to artisans in developing countries who otherwise would be unemployed or under-employed. The Sale is run entirely by volunteers and does not benefit Hyattsville Mennonite Church. You are sure to be charmed by the unique items that include jewelry, weavings, pottery, carved wood items, children's toys, & holiday decorations!

❖ Holy Redeemer Catholic Church (4902 Berwyn Road) announces its **38th**

ANNUAL HARVEST BAZAAR on Saturday, **November 13th**. Everyone is welcome to check out: the yard sale items overflowing the Parish Hall across the street (8 AM to 3 PM) and in the Church Hall, a white elephant sale (8 AM to 7 PM), a traditional Christmas crafts sale, and fun & game booths (NOON to 7 PM). Enjoy lunch items at NOON and a full "Taste of Italy" Dinner from 5-7 PM. The Bazaar's Grand Finale will be a Live Auction with exciting Raffle Drawings from 8-11 PM. For more information, please contact Becky or Tim Kropp (timandbeckykropp@gmail.com/202-577-4485) or www.holy-redeemer.org/parish.

❖ The **UPCB's 2010 HOLIDAY MARKET & SHARING FAIR** will be held on the lower level of the University Park Church of the Brethren (corner of Route 1 and Tuckerman Street; 301-864-4328) on Saturday, **December 4th** from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or simply the change of seasons, your visit to the Sharing Fair will HELP SUPPORT GOOD CAUSES that link all the world's people.

This anticipated alternative bazaar offers the opportunity to buy unique gifts from a diverse assortment of nonprofit and Fair Trade organizations that support a variety of good causes: Equal Exchange (Fair Trade tea, coffee, and chocolate); Heifer International (meeting needs of hungry families); Koinonia Partners' pecans (supports ongoing efforts to build a more just community); and SERRV: A Greater Gift (handcrafts from artisans around the world); as well as creative gifts and toys from a variety of nonprofit groups working toward a better world.

Plan to **LUNCH & MUNCH** at the Fair on your choice of a veggie burger, buffalo burger, or bratwurst, hot off the grill. Just save room for a delicious treat from the traditional Brethren Bake Sale Bonanza that tantalizes shoppers with its fresh homemade goodies.

New this year: Children will be invited to shop for family members in their own "**Secret Santa Shop**" where prices are low &

the selection is varied! Volunteers will help wrap gifts for kids to take home and give later.

Also new: Up to three tables are being reserved for local resident artisans who would like to apply to sell items and agree to donate 40% or more of their profits to a mutually-agreed-upon program or agency that promotes justice and peace. Please call UPCB (301-864-4328) if you like this idea. Remember, the perfect way to celebrate the season is to choose gifts that give twice!



SOARING INTO NOVEMBER

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer a workshop, a film, travel fun, and special days for home-school kids and Scouts! Museum hours are daily, from 10 AM to 5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Questions? Just phone 301-864-6029/TTY301-864-4765 or visit the web site: www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

❖ On the first Saturday of every month, kids and adults are invited to travel **"Around the World with Wilbur Wright"** from NOON to 4 PM. Without leaving the Museum, you can create a passport, visit foreign sites, and learn a little bit about aviation history. On **November 6th**, you can start your trip around the world at the CPAM's front desk. **FREE with Museum admission** →→→→ **FWMA**

❖ **Wilbur's Workshop** - On **November 6th** at 1 PM, visitors are invited to learn about the work and craftsmanship that went into making early aircraft by watching a rib making demonstration in Wilbur's Hangar. After a 1909 Wright wing rib is constructed, one lucky person will win a drawing for the rib and get to take it home. **FWMA**

❖ **Hollywood Flyers** - Plan now for a monthly weekend movie at 1 PM! This series of famous films features Hollywood blockbusters, classics, and documentaries with a

flight theme. Lemonade and popcorn are included. On Sunday, **November 7th**, see **"Around the World in 80 Days"** (PG). A *British inventor, a Chinese thief, and a French artist set off on a worldwide adventure to win a bet that they can circle the globe in 80 days.* (NOTE: The next Hollywood Flyers movie will be *"The Nightmare Before Christmas"* on December 12th.) **FWMA**

❖ **Home-School Day** - On Monday, **November 8th** from 11 AM to 2 PM, home-schooled students of all ages and their parents/educators are invited to the Museum for a day of learning and adventure. Aviation themed activities and crafts will address learning in the areas of language, science, math, and art. **Pre-registration required (\$4).**

❖ **Scout Wings Day** - On Sunday, **November 21st** from NOON-4 PM, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of all levels may explore the history of aviation and the science of flight through a variety of fun and educational activities. **Pre-registration required (\$4).**

❖ **Santa Fly-In** - Save Saturday, **December 4th** from NOON-4 PM, to watch Santa fly into historic College Park Airport and then have your picture taken with him! While you're waiting, enjoy making some holiday arts and crafts projects. **FWMA**



COLLEGE PARK BLUES FESTIVAL

A **3rd Annual CP Blues Festival** will be held at Ritchie Coliseum (UM, Route 1, CP) on Saturday, **November 6th** from 7-11 PM. This free event is being sponsored by the City of College Park, M-NC Park & Planning Commission, the University of Maryland, CP Arts Exchange (CPAE), and the DC Blues Society (DCBS). CPAE will sponsor a craft table for fashioning artsy buttons.

This year's entertainment will include Anthony "Swampdog" Clark and the **Blues Allstars** (winner of the DCBS Battle of the

Bands), Waverly Millor and the **DC Blues Society Band** (8-8:50p), and the great guitar Blues Legend **Bobby Parker** (9-11p). The festival is a fund raiser to send the Battle of the Bands winner (Blues Allstars) to compete at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN on February 1-5, 2011. It will be emceed by **Ida Campbel**.

Although the event's entrance and parking (behind Ritchie) are FREE, there also will be food, soft drinks, beer & wine, and vendors' wares for purchase. To date, 13 delicious raffles will be awarded totaling more than \$850! The Festival will be held rain or shine, so save the date for some live music, good food, and lots of fun. For questions or more information, contact the sponsors or visit www.dcblues.org.



NOVEMBER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

❖ Saint Anselm's Abbey School will be holding its **Fall Open House** on Sunday, **November 7th** from 11 AM to 3 PM. Saint Anselm's is an independent, Roman Catholic school for boys in grades 6-12 who demonstrate academic ability. It is located just a short drive from University Park in a quiet residential neighborhood in NE Washington. The Open House provides an opportunity to visit the school, speak with teachers, parents, and students, and learn about what Saint Anselm's has to offer academically motivated young men. It also offers a strong academic program and has a solid record of producing well-rounded, college-bound students. This academic year, 22 of the 35 seniors at Saint Anselm's have been honored by the National Merit Scholarship Program and the College Board in their annual scholarship competitions.

Saint Anselm's also offers competitive athletic programs for all students. During the 2009-2010 school year, their success in the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference included conference or regional titles in baseball, track & field, fencing, soccer, and basket-

ball. Athletic Director Jose Padilla and his staff will be available to speak with potential students at the Open House. For more information, please contact Director of Admissions E.V. Downey at admissions@saintanselms.org or visit www.saintanselms.org.

❖ Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School invites prospective parents to its **Fall Open House** on Thursday, **November 11th**, and/or to its Winter Open House on Monday, January 10, 2011. Both events will be held from 9:30-11:30 AM. The Annapolis Road campus, which houses grades 1-4, is located at 13106 Annapolis Road, Bowie. The preschool & kindergarten classes and grades 5-8 are located at 11902 Daisy Lane, Glenn Dale. For additional information, please contact 301-262-5355 or visit www.htrinity.org.

❖ University Park Elementary School is hosting an **Open House** for parents of prospective students. Parents will be welcomed by Principal Nancy Schickner, PTA Board members, teachers, and hosting parents. A tour of the school will follow. Save Friday, **November 19th** from **8:30 AM sharp** until 10 AM, for your visit -- a time to see UP's excellent elementary school and all the great things that are happening there! For more information, please call Becky (301-779-0848) or the University Park Elementary School Office (301-985-1898).



NOVEMBER AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the lovely early-Federal Riversdale House Museum (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available Fridays and Sundays on the quarter hour, from 12:15 to 3:15 PM; group tours are available by appointment. No charge for Gift Shop visits during tour hours. Free 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). **NOTE:** All fees listed are for P.G. County residents.

❖ **A Cornucopia of Cooking** - With November comes two *Seasonal Selections* programs featuring Thanksgiving and all its trimmings! Join the Riversdale Kitchen Guild as they celebrate the foods of the season on Sunday, **November 7th** with a "**Harvest Feast**" demonstration. Then, on Sunday, **November 21st**, watch as members make sausage and pickle vegetables as they "**Prepare for Winter**" in the 19th Century style. Viewing the demonstrations is FREE or they may be part of the House Museum tour that day.

❖ **Riversdale's Fall Scholarly Lecture** will be held on Tuesday, **November 16th** at 7:30 PM. Dr. Aneta Georgievska-Shine, art historian and University of Maryland (UM) professor, will present "**Rubens and the Archeology of Myth**," based on the premise of her book of the same name; copies of her book will be available for signing. Ms. Georgievska-Shine is an independent scholar specializing in Northern Baroque and Renaissance art. In addition to being a part-time UM faculty member, she is also a frequent guest lecturer for museums and art institutions in the Washington area, including the Smithsonian Resident Associates Program. Her academic training in the artistic culture of the Low Lands has been enriched by several museum fellowships at prestigious institutions. In 2007, she was the co-organizer of the international conference of the Historians of Netherlandish Art. Her publications include numerous articles in U.S. and international journals, essays in exhibition catalogs, and a book on Peter Paul Rubens. This is a walk-in program and reservations are not required; proceeds from the lecture fees (\$5/adults and \$2.50/students with valid ID) will benefit the Riversdale Historical Society.

❖ **A Girl Scout Program: Our Patriotic Past** - Scouts of all ages can enjoy a trip back in time on Saturday, **November 6th** at 10 AM, as they learn about our country's history. Activities will include learning the proper way to fold the American flag, taking

an interactive tour of the Museum House, making a craft, participating in an interpretive garden activity, and more! Though specially designed for Girl Scouts, all children are welcome. Participating **Brownies** will earn their "Wave the Flag" Try-It, **Juniors** will earn their "Local Lore" Badge, and **Cadettes/Seniors** will complete their "American Patriotism" Interest Project. Custom-made Riversdale patches will be available to all, for purchase. **Pre-registration & payment** (\$10/Scouts/children & \$2/accompanying adults) **required ASAP**; call for availability. (Registration accepted individually or by troop.)



NOVEMBER FUN IN GREENBELT

❖ The next **Artful Afternoon** will be held from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday, **November 7th**. During this time, visitors are welcome to tour the Community Center's nine artists' studios. From 1 to 2:30 PM, Artist-in-Residence Kathy Karlson will lead **free "word art" projects** that combine visual and verbal expression! At 2:30 PM, see "**Speechless**," a major original work commissioned by the Kennedy Center from Greenbelt choreographer Angella Foster and her "alight dance theatre." The work was inspired by the experiences of parents of special needs children who were striving to understand their silent children in a noisy world. After the show, enjoy dance activities for all ages!



NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES AT CPAE

All **College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE)** events are **FREE** and are held at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox Road and Dartmouth Avenue) unless otherwise noted. For more information, to register, or to remit fees for classes/special activities, please contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013; or visit www.cpae.org for more info.

❖ On Friday, **November 12th** at 7:30 PM, University of Maryland Professor and

leading Blues scholar Barry Pearson will introduce "**Classic Appalachian Blues**," his wonderful new release from Smithsonian Folkways. Come enjoy a range of the Piedmont blues style heard from the 1950s to date, a sound "born at the cultural cross-roads of railroad camps, mines, and rural settlements." This is a CPAE "Cultural Connections" event, which offers free lectures and performances involving cultural exploration, music, art, literature, and history.

❖ "**Silk Painting**," an arts workshop with Diane Tuckman will be held on Saturday, **November 13th** from 10 AM-2 PM (bring a lunch). Explore your creative powers and learn silk-painting techniques with an experienced teacher while you create a beautiful wall hanging. If interested in this class, please **contact CPAE with your intent to register.**

❖ **St. Martin's Lantern Festival** - On Sunday, **November 14th** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (4512 College Avenue, CP), local volunteer Birgit Meade will lead the **traditional German celebration** of making a beautiful paper lantern to carry during an outdoor walk at twilight. The construction activity will begin at 3:30 PM; the lantern walk will be held at twilight. Many families have been making this festival an annual tradition. (All children must be accompanied by an adult.) **Registration is advised** for this popular event, as space is limited.

❖ On **November 28th**, ages 3-8 (with a parent) can make a fun silvery spaceship or UFO out of three dimensional materials at the "**Kid's Arts Drop-in**" program. From 2-4 PM on each month's "last Sunday," arts specialist Aaron Springer leads a creative, fun...and free! arts workshop.

❖ On Saturday, **December 4th** from 3-5 PM, adults and teens can learn to "**Make a Wreath**." CPAE will provide all the basic wreath-making materials; participants should check www.cpae.org for suggestions of items to bring from home that can make your wreath unique. **Please pre-register** with

your contact info/check (\$10 to PO Box 784, CP, MD 20741) or call for availability.

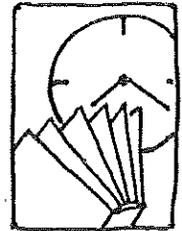


BOOKS AND AUTHORS

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

Charles De Secondat

❖ **The After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all interested men, women, and couples, continues its 2010-2011 Club year on **November 16th** at 8 PM to discuss "**People of the Book**" by Geraldine Brooks. The group welcomes new members. If you have questions or would like directions to attend this month's discussion, please call Molly Huitema (301-927-5836). On December 14th, their selection will be "*Three Cups of Tea...*" by Greg Mortenson.



❖ **The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly on Fridays from 7:30-9 PM at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox & Dartmouth) for lively conversation in a fun, casual setting. Their on-going theme is mostly literary non-fiction by women. Guests are welcome to drop in on a meeting any time! Their selection for **November 19th** will be "**On Rue Tatin: Living and Cooking in a French Town**" by Susan Herrmann Loomis. *(After buying a dilapidated monastery for her home, the author learns to cook the food of Normandy and become part of the local way of life.)* On December 17th, the Club will be discussing "*The Language of Baklava: A Memoir*" by Diana Abu-Jaber.

❖ The Hyattsville Branch Library (6530 Adelphi Road; 301-985-4690) sponsors their **HY-LI Book Discussion Group** monthly on the third Saturday at 3 PM. On **November 20th**, they will discuss "**Testimony**" by Anita Shreve. The Group skips the winter holiday season, but their selection for January 16, 2011, will be "*My Life in France*" by Julia Child.

"HISTORIC HYATTSVILLE" MEETING

On **November 18th** from 7:30-9 PM, the **University Park Historic Preservation Association (UPHPA)** is pleased to announce that author, historian, and preservationist Andra Damron will present the group's first program of the 2010-2011 year. Ms. Damron wrote "**Hyattsville (Images of America: Maryland)**," a pictorial history published in 2008 by Arcadia. At the meeting, she will share highlights and photographs from her book and discuss how valuable the project has been to the Hyattsville community. As a past officer of the Hyattsville Preservation Association (HPA), Ms. Damron was instrumental in developing the group's digital photograph and oral history preservation program.

HPA members have been invited to join UPHPA for the program in what will be the two groups' second joint meeting of 2010. All interested guests are encouraged to attend and help welcome the HPA members and featured speaker. Ms. Damron will have copies of her book available for signing. The UPHPA meets in Custis Hall at Riverdale Presbyterian Church (6513 Queens Chapel Road). For more information, please phone Chris Garcia (301-699-9124).



FINAL 2010 FARMERS MARKETS !

The final Riverdale Park Farmers Market, located adjacent to the MARC Station on Queensbury Road, will be **Thursday** from **3-7 PM** on November 18th.

The final College Park Farmers Market, in the Wells Rink parking lot, will be **Saturday** from **7 AM to NOON** on November 20th.

The final Greenbelt Farmers Market, in the Greenbelt Aquatic Center parking lot, will be **Sunday** from **10 AM to 2 PM** on November 21st.

You can eat locally YEAR-ROUND by shopping at the **Takoma Park Farmers Mar-**

ket (6900 block of Laurel Avenue). It is open every Sunday from **10 AM to 2 PM**. For their 27th year, this producers-only market is offering produce grown locally within a 125-mile radius. To see what is available at the 23 stalls, visit www.takomaparkmarket.com.



UP HOME DECORATING CONTEST!

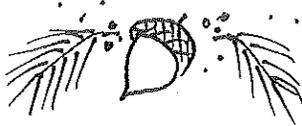
The University Park Woman's Club will hold the **UP Holiday Home Decorating Contest** on **Sunday, December 12th**. All homes should have their lights on by 7 PM; judging will take place between 7:30-9:30 PM. This year there will be FOUR categories for the outside decorating contest: "**Best Decorated Door**," "**Best Decorated Whole House**," "**Best Religious Theme Decoration**," and "**Best Children's Delight**." First, second, and third-place winners will be chosen for each category and recognized with their names printed in the UP NEWSLETTER and posted on the Town web site.

So...think about participating; there is plenty of time to MAKE YOUR HOME A SEASONAL TREAT for the eyes if you start planning now. Just remember, "seasonal" has m-a-n-y meanings. For more information or questions, call Co-Chairs Sallie Holder (301-864-9264) or Rene McDonald (301-779-1643).



*The leaves fall, the wind blows,
and the farm country slowly changes
from the summer cottons
into its winter wools.*

Henry Beston



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

December calendars fill up so quickly! Save these dates now to **avoid missing any of our traditional Town holiday festivities.** Details will be in the December NEWSLETTER.

December 4th - Do all your holiday shopping while you support many non-profit organizations and third-world countries at **UPCB's *HOLIDAY MARKET & SHARING FAIR.** To participate, call UPCB (301-864-4328).

December 4th will be the date for the **Town Holiday Pot Luck Party.** Please check the Town web site and the December NEWSLETTER for all the details.

December 4th at 7:15 PM - Join your neighbors for **University Park's 63rd Annual LIGHTING OF THE TOWN TREE** at the intersection of Sheridan Street and Queens Chapel Road. Check the Town web site and the December NEWSLETTER for more details.

December 10th is the date to save for the UPWC's ***HOLIDAY HOME CANDLELIGHT TOUR**, an event you will not want to miss. **CALL** Co-Chairs Anna-Mae Kobbe (301-277-0414) or Sallie Holder (301-864-9264) **NOW** if you'd like to open your decorated home or would like more information.

December 12th is the evening when University Park's traditional exterior ***HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST** will be judged. The UPWC will be awarding 1st-3rd-place prizes for the Best Door, Best Whole House, Best Religious, and Best Children's Delight decoration. EACH home in University Park is considered by the judges.

*[Ed.NOTE: More details on

*starred events are in this NEWSLETTER.]

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

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

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LOST PET DATABASE

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



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

Inquire at the Town Hall:
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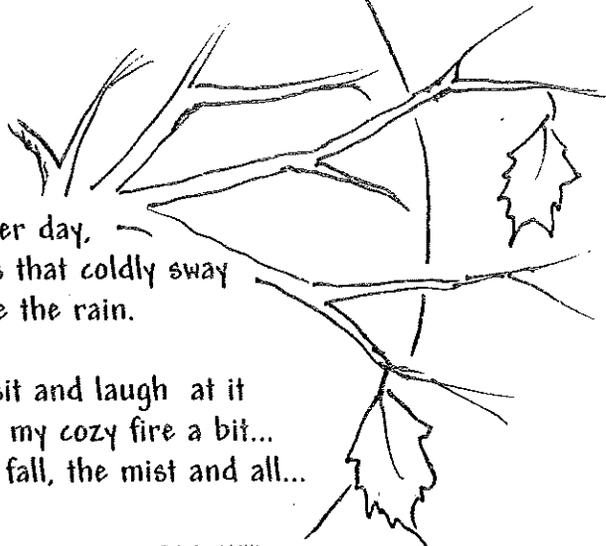


 **UPCA**
INFORMATION
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Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

I like the fall, the mist and all.
 I like the night owl's lonely call...
 And wailing sound of wind around.

I like the gray November day,
 And bare, dead boughs that coldly sway
 Against my pane. I like the rain.

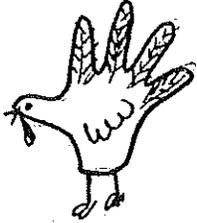
I like to sit and laugh at it
 And tend my cozy fire a bit...
 I like the fall, the mist and all...



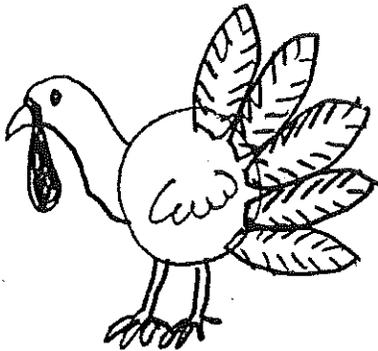
Dixie Willson

JUST FOR KIDS

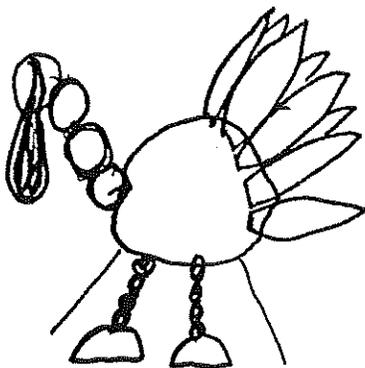
NOVEMBER MEANS TURKEYS, SO...HERE ARE SOME CRAFTY WAYS TO ENJOY MR. TURKEY!



1 - MAKE A TURKEY PICTURE USING YOUR HAND AS THE PATTERN



2 - MAKE A PAPER PLATE TURKEY - Color all over the bottom side of a small or large white paper plate. Cut out 7 or 8 construction-paper feathers and fringe the edges. Cut a head-and-neck and a wing from brown paper, and cut two legs with feet from orange paper. Cut a red wattle. Glue your turkey together. If you string a loop of yarn through the top of the plate, you can hang up your turkey for a Thanksgiving decoration.



3 - MAKE AN APPLE TURKEY - Glue or tape different colored construction-paper feathers to toothpicks (or you could color feathers cut from 3x5 cards or white paper plates if you don't have colored paper). Stick the feathers around the bottom of a red delicious apple. String some uncooked cranberries on a bend hairpin or a pipe cleaner to make the neck and head. Glue a red paper wattle on the head. Thread large raisins on two round toothpicks for the legs and stick them into two orange gumdrops for the feet. To make your apple turkey stand up, you will need to stick in 1-2 more toothpicks for balance. You could make an apple turkey for all your school-age brothers and sisters and cousins.

4 - MAKE A HAND TURKEY FOR A PRE-SCHOOL FRIEND

One hand will be the turkey's tail feathers; the other hand will be the turkey's body and head.

Wiggle your thumb "head" and say:

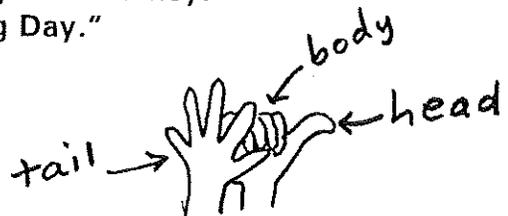
"Gobble, gobble, gobble says Mr. Turkey.
Soon it will be Thanksgiving Day."

Now make the head look at you and say:

"How will you treat me?
Will you EAT me?"

Hide your hands behind your back and say:

"Think I'll run away!"

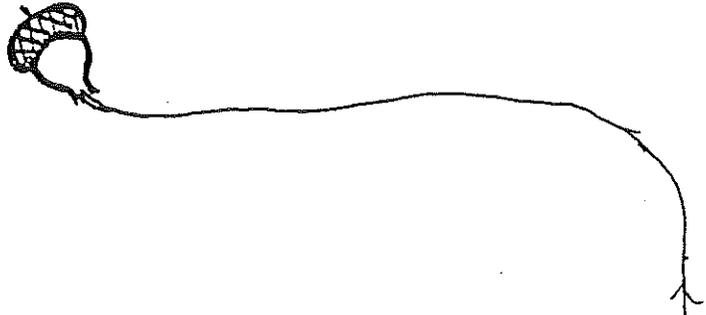




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