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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

DEC 1 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

DEC 3 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
January 2009; NOON

DEC 15 - COUNCIL MEETING

DEC 25 - Christmas Day AND
JAN 1 - New Year's Day, 2009

(Town Office closed; no Bus service)

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. The agenda for Council Meetings will be posted on the Town's website as well as on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall the Friday before each Meeting.

FROM THE MAYOR
JOHN ROGARD TABORI

Holiday Greetings to all and sincere **CONGRATULATIONS** to our new President and Vice President Elect, Barack Obama and Joseph Biden. No matter what your partisan

views, let us wish both gentlemen success in safely leading our great nation over the next four years. A **BIG THANK YOU** also is due the individuals who staffed our precinct and kept it running so smoothly on Election Day. Finally, a tip of the hat to those of you who came out and voted. By doing so, you sustain and nourish our vital democracy.

Many **THANKS** are due Kate Beveridge of 40th Avenue and **UP CERT** who organized the Flu Shot Clinic held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church for the second year. This event is becoming a successful tradition in our community. And a **BIG SINGLE STREAM OF THANKS** to Mickey Beall and all **UP** residents who made the transition to our new single-stream recycling system SO easy.

Congratulations to everyone for a very successful and fun-filled **HALLOWEEN**. I hope also that your **THANKSGIVING** was filled with Family Cheer and Warmth.

As we approach the winter holidays, please remember our dedicated Public Works staff and Police officers who so diligently serve us every day. Many residents like to show their appreciation by contributing to our **HOLIDAY APPRECIATION FUNDS**. See the "Holiday Gifts" notice in this issue that follows the "Holiday Collection Schedule" article.

In spite of the slow down in the economy, the **CAFRTZ PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT** is moving forward. On Saturday, December 13th from 9 AM to 11 AM at

Riverdale Park Elementary School, they plan to hold an additional public meeting to present their latest plans. Afterward, you might consider stopping by the RP Holiday Market being held the same day in the Town Square, a five-minute walk from the School. (There is an article about the Holiday Market in this issue.)

Apologies to all who were affected by the late arrival of the **November NEWS-LETTER**. Because of the Printer's oversight, the completed issue sat for a week on the desk of the wrong Mailer. And finally, a small plea to all in these hard economic times: Please continue to support local and independent establishments. Case in point, Vertigo Books, owned and managed by Van Buren Street residents, is at risk. Unlike chains, independent businesses fully support our local economy while giving our area variety and unique choices. If we want high-end merchants to open additional quality shops and restaurants in our community, we need to demonstrate now that we will support them.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a safe New Year's Eve and Day.



FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

HOLIDAYS CAN BE CHAOTIC TIMES:

Normal work routines are disrupted by seasonal functions; college kids are back home but still living on a college schedule. Primary and secondary schools are in a festive mood while preparing for the upcoming holidays; and, some of us will travel; many of us will shop; most of us will eat too much and, unfortunately, others may drink too much. The chaos seems to start on the Thanksgiving weekend and continue through New Year's Day. We encourage each other to have a joyous holiday season but often find it difficult, at best, to enjoy this time of year.

The turmoil surrounding our holiday activities can be very stressful, but each of us

deals with our emotions individually and somehow we get through the holidays and try to remember the most joyous parts of them. However, with so much on our minds, it is easy to become careless in our driving, in our home security, and in the physical safety of ourselves and our loved ones. Nothing adds to an already troublesome situation like an injury or illness. Please take the extra steps necessary to make things safe: drive carefully; shop carefully; and focus on keeping the others around you safe.

SAFE SHOPPING TIPS: As you prepare for the holidays, remember these basic tips:

- ◆ Shop during the day OR park in well-lighted areas.
- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings when you park, walk, and are in stores.
- ◆ Lock your purchases in the trunk before driving to another store.
- ◆ Remember where you parked. Have keys ready when approaching your vehicle; request a security escort if you shop alone.
- ◆ Know which credit cards you have with you when you shop. If possible, only take one; it's safer/easier to remember just one card.
- ◆ Shop with a friend; the more the merrier...and safer.

"Make this holiday season the safest one ever -- even when things are in total chaos."

DRINKING AND DRIVING: December is "National Drunk Driving Awareness Month." **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!** Be sure your teenagers always follow this rule. **NOTE:** Sobriety check-points, extra patrols, cooperative efforts with adjoining jurisdictions -- these enforcement activities are in effect. **Don't let anyone drive after drinking; you might save a life.**

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 1st to Oct 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Oct 3-4	Theft from Auto	4400 E-W Hwy
Oct 6th	Theft	3900 Underwd
Oct 6-7	Theft from Auto	6700 44th Ave
Oct 7th	Theft from Auto	4300 Clagett
Oct 7th	Assault	6300 Balt Ave
Oct 15th	B & E	4300 Sheridan
Oct 15th	Assault	6300 E-W Hwy
Oct 15th	Stolen Auto	4100 CH Drive
Oct 17-18	Theft from Auto	4300 Underwd
Oct 17-18	Theft from Auto	6600 44th Ave
Oct 17-18	Theft from Auto	4200 Tuckrnm
Oct 19th	B & E	6800 40th Ave
Oct 26th	Theft	6700 41st Ave
Oct 31st	Attmp Armd Robry	4300 Tuckrnm

Theft From Auto --Between 7 PM and NOON, suspect/s stole the rear tag from a 2006 Honda Civic. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft - At 8 PM, suspect/s stole a Huffy bicycle from the rear yard of the residence. The area was checked with negative results.

Theft From Auto – Between 10:45 PM on the 6th and 6:15 PM on the 7th, suspect/s entered an unlocked 2002 Chrysler mini-van and stole a Tom Tom GPS unit that was attached to the windshield. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto – At 10 AM, suspect/s entered an unlocked 1999 Lexus Truck and stole a small black change purse containing a drivers license and medication. No suspect/s were located. Investigation is ongoing.

Assault - At 7:25 PM, an adult male struck another adult male in the face with his hand. Both the suspect and victim are residents of the same location. The victim was advised he could obtain a warrant but did not want to press charges. Situation was settled.

Breaking and Entering - Between 12:30 and 6:30 PM, residents arrived home from work to find their front door open. The UPPD responded and checked the home. Suspect/s had entered the residence by breaking a side basement door. The interior of the residence had been ransacked but the only item taken was a small gold bracelet. The crime scene was processed for fingerprints. The home and immediate area was searched extensively; no suspect/s located; investigation is ongoing.

Assault - At 2 PM, an adult female struck another adult female and pushed her down the stairs. Both the suspect and victim were residents of the same location. The victim obtained a warrant and the suspect was arrested without incident by the UPPD on October 16, 2008. Case Closed.

Stolen Auto - At MIDNIGHT, suspect/s stole a 2000 Dodge Stratus. The vehicle was recovered by the PGCPD in the 1800 block of Metzert Road, after having been discovered burning. The vehicle was recovered prior to being reported stolen. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto – Between 6 PM and 9 AM, suspect/s entered an unlocked 1999 Honda van and stole a Sony digital camera, a credit card, and some cash. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto – Between 7:30 PM on the 17th and 10 PM on the 18th, suspect/s entered an unlocked 2008 Subaru Outback and stole an MP3 player and a backpack. No suspect/s located. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto – Between 8:30 PM on the 17th and 10 PM on the 18th, suspect/s entered an unlocked 2005 Toyota Highlander

and stole a Garmin GPS unit and Apple I-Pod. No suspect/s located; investigation is on-going.

Breaking and Entering - The homeowner reported that between October 5th and 8th, suspect/s had entered the residence and stolen jewelry and tools. There were **no signs of forced entry**. The home had been purchased recently and no locks had been changed. A list of people who could have had keys was provided. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft - Between 3 AM and NOON, suspect/s stole a Next-Power men's bicycle from the rear yard of the residence. The area was checked with negative results. (NOTE: Anyone with tips regarding crimes committed in UP is encouraged to contact the UPPD. All information will be confidential. The UPPD is working in conjunction with the Prince George's County Police Department to identify and apprehend suspect/s involved in the recent increase in thefts from auto occurring in and around our community.)

Attempt Armed Robbery - At 10:10 PM, two adult males were talking on the sidewalk in front of their homes when a dark colored sedan approached and stopped a short distance from them. Two adult male suspects exited the vehicle and pointed dark colored handguns at the victims demanding, "everything you have." The victims replied that they didn't have anything. The suspects returned to their vehicles and last were seen driving east on Tuckerman Street. No property was taken and the victims were not injured. The UPPD and other area jurisdictions searched the area. Possible suspects were arrested for a similar incident in Chillum on same night. The investigation is ongoing.

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.

ITEMS TO NOTE

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

❖ **NOTICE TO UP RENTERS:** A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease any residence in University Park. Owners who reside in their house and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from this requirement. The rental license cost is \$250.00 per year. Rental license fees are used to pay for an annual inspection program for every licensed rental property in the Town. If you have questions about this law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

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

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

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers." ~Tennyson

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOLIDAY GIFTS OF APPRECIATION

Please consider donating to University Park's "Holiday Funds." These Funds offer a way for Town residents to express their appreciation to our wonderful Public Works Department and Police Department for the exemplary work done by both Departments' dedicated employees throughout the year.

Many of the University Park Public Works Department's members have worked for our Town for more than TEN years, and some for more than THIRTY! The winter holidays afford a chance for residents to show their appreciation and give some concrete "heartfelt thanks" for the continued conscientious service to our community that was given by these very dedicated Town employees. The total amount donated to the Fund is divided equally among all UPPWD personnel as a holiday bonus from Town residents.

Residents may show their appreciation to our Town Police Department also by contributing to the "UPPD Benevolence Fund for Town Officers." This Fund is used when the Police Department wishes to recognize an officer for a life event such as his/her marriage, or the birth or death of a loved one.

Checks for both Funds should be made payable to "Town of University Park." Indicate "UPPD Benevolence Fund" and/or "UPPWD Holiday Gift Fund," and the respective amounts you wish to donate to each, on the memo line. Checks need to be delivered to the Town Hall by **December 12th**.

UPPWD NOTICE: If you would like to have an extra bin to use with your new BLUE recycling cart, please contact Mickey Beall, the Public Works Director (mbeall@upmd.org/ 301-927-4262x200), by December 31st. You also may contact Mr. Beall any time you need a replacement for a broken trash or recycling cart.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 25th (Christmas Day) and Thursday, January 1st (New Year's Day) are legal Town holidays. The Town Office will be closed and there will be **NO bus service** or **Public Works collections**.

For the weeks of both Christmas Day and New Year's Day: There will be no change to the collection schedule for Monday, Tuesday, or Friday. Recycling will be collected on **Wednesdays, December 24th and December 31st**. There will be no change to the usual trash collections on Tuesdays and Fridays.



REMINDER: On the upcoming Town holidays, Christmas Day (December 25th) and New Year's Day (January 1st), there will be no UP shuttle or bus service.

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days between 10 AM and 1:30 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NOTE:** Please try to make bus reservations one week in advance so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, destinations should be within about 5 miles of University Park.

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

A UP Metro shuttle service runs on the half hour each weekday morning and

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

PLEASE BE AWARE!!

Residents may **NOT** trim Town trees. Doing so will incur a fine of \$200 and a municipal infraction. Instead, residents should report any trees needing trimming to the UP Public Works Department, preferably through the Town website: Click on Town Info, then Contact us, where there is a box to write about the problem. (Mark the Subject: Tree Trimming; the Category: Service Request; the Recipient: PWD; a picture may be attached to the message as well. Residents without Internet access may contact Director Beall (301-927-4262x200).



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

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

ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR SECTOR PLANNING MEETINGS

Project Manager Chad Williams (301-952-3171) has announced a **Design and Development Charrette** (i.e. a group of collaborative sessions) planned to come up with realistic implementable solutions to the major issues along the US Route 1 Corridor in College Park. More information may be found on the project's website (www.mncppc.org/cpd/Central_US1) and on the community blog (route1growth.com).

A Kick-Off Presentation and Charrette Overview will be held on Friday, **December 5th** from 6:30-8 PM in the UM School of Architecture Auditorium.

A Hands-on Design Session will be held on Saturday, **December 6th** from 8:30 AM-2 PM at the Paint Branch Elementary School (5101 Pierce Avenue, CP).

The Charrette Working-Studio Open House to View the Work-in-Progress will be held on Monday, **December 8th**, from 5:30-7 PM in the Parks and Recreation Auditorium (6600 Kenilworth Avenue, RP).

Open Design Studio Times also will be held in the Parks and Recreation Auditorium on Sunday, **December 7th** from 1-5 PM; on Monday and Tuesday, **December 8th & 9th** from 9 AM-7 PM; and on Wednesday, **December 10th** from 9 AM-12 NOON.

The Work-in-Progress Presentation and Wrap-Up will be held on Wednesday, **December 10th**, from 6:30-9 PM at the UM School of Architecture Auditorium.

UPPWD NOTICE: To dispose of your blue & yellow bins, set them out "empty" beside your recycling tote on any Thursday, and they will be collected.

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 OCTOBER 6th COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) DeSaussure, Dudinsky, Fischer (left after Department reports), Lucas, McPherson, and Winton; Chief Wynnyk and UPPWD Director Beall.

A Motion was approved unanimously for installation of a 12'x10' shed at 6905 40th Avenue. (*The details of the materials and true dimensions must be provided to Town Hall for review before construction begins.*)

Under Public Comment, a Beechwood Road resident requested the Town repaint the yellow line on the curbing across from his driveway as increasingly congested parking is limiting his ability to exit his driveway. Discussion noted that the property across the street had relocated its driveway, creating the alignment problem.

A Woodberry Street resident requested road closures during the Trick-or-Treat hours on Woodberry, Van Buren, and Underwood. It was noted that closures would necessitate considering the consequences of traffic redirection. There also was discussion on the time frame for painting crosswalks and the need for other road lines. In reply to a suggestion to sidestep getting estimates for a professional crosswalk painting and have it done by the UPPWD Crew, much appreciation for Director Beall's more meticulous approach to his responsibilities and his interest in ensuring that all work in UP be done in a professional, aesthetically appropriate manner, was expressed to the Council by CM McPherson.

Mayor Tabori reported that (1) the work of the State Highway Administration (SHA at the) E-W Highway/Route 1 intersection may not be to standard; (2) SHA funding for sidewalk replacement and repair along Route 1 (from Town Hall to E-W Highway) may take 1-2 years to obtain. Mayor Tabori will make a formal written request to District Engineer Mobley. There was discussion about also improving the UP sidewalk along E-W Highway (from Route 1 to Adelphi Road); (3) The Ca. fritz developers appear to be moving forward with their project. An important point is that theirs is a self-funded project and does not depend on bank financing; and (4) The UTC development is running behind projections and their plans to build a Safeway are on hold.

Chief Wynnyk reported that the UPPD continues to focus on resolving the vandalism issue. The Department now is fully staffed and the most-recently-hired officer is completing final training. There are plans for using some of the cable money for two replacement computers which will be connected to the Internet. And for those interested, the Chief said www.crimestats.com was a good source for information about crimes in nearby areas.

Director Beall reported that, as of October 1st, the UPPWD has taken over all the recycling collection duties. As single-stream recycling carts are distributed, the blue and yellow bins will be collected. Canceling the Sharps Recycling contract saved the Town \$1,200 in October. The high-quality wheeled blue recycling bins cost \$48.85 each.

Mr. Beall added that Attorney Ferguson was in contract negotiation to obtain a vehicle maintenance bay for UP. It will be used to store overflow trash carts, trailers, leaf machines, and possibly two vehicles. At present, UP vehicles are stored variously at Shankle Body (paid for month-to-month) and Hyattsville Nursery. Mr. Beall also announced that stumps in and around the Tot Lot have been ground out and all 4 swings replaced. Soon, the mulch will be freshened where needed.

A motion was passed (with Dudinsky abstaining) approving the SHA plan to modify and upgrade the Route 410/Adelphi Road intersection by widening 410, creating a right-turn lane onto Adelphi Road going north, creating a left-turn lane going south, and improving all four pedestrian crossings. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 20th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) DeSaussure, Dudinsky, Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, and McPherson; Attorney Ferguson, Chief Wynnyk, Treasurer Baden, Director Beall, and guest speaker Mr. Rick Reeves of DeMatha Catholic High School.

Mr. Reeves is the Chair of DeMatha's Science Department and an environmental toxicologist. He reported on the stream project DeMatha started in January 2008. Four test sites (located in the stream near RPC, near UPES, in the NW Branch, and at Toledo Road) have been monitored by students and Dr. Susan Bright, a recent retiree from AFIS. The sites were tested twice weekly and sampled once weekly. Testing measures included water temperature, ph, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, nitrates, phosphorus, e.coli, and bacterial tests indicative of the presence of sewage/animal waste. Rainfall also was recorded.

He said that on February 28, 2008, there was a massive reading of bacteria that exceeded the count threshold. Typically this occurs after a period of drought followed by rain, which washes pollutants into the stream. Once the study is completed, in April 2009, a copy of the data will be provided to the Town and the students will make a presentation to the Council and residents. UP contributed \$1,000 of the project's \$7,000 total cost.

A motion was approved unanimously for installation of two PVC drainpipes (20' long, 8" diameter) set in concrete at 6706 Baltimore Avenue. (A "Stop Work" order was issued after pipes were installed to direct water onto Town property and possibly a neighbor's property. The resident needed to provide Town Hall with plans showing how and where the pipes would be installed, get a County permit, and pay a \$100 review fee. Resident came into full compliance and applied for the permit.)

Mayor Tabori reported that: (1) A serious issue facing UP is that there are no plans to widen or modify Route 1 to alleviate traffic. Consequently, local public transportation agencies are looking for ways to improve bus service; (2) Re the sinkhole problem at 7108 Wells Parkway, the County considers the ditch to be a separate issue from the storm drain. Director Beall said PGC applied a temporary patch and has assumed responsibility for applying a permanent patch to areas affected by the sinkholes. PGC may need to run an inspection camera through the drain to determine the extent of the problem.

Chief Wynnyk reported that he felt the safest approach for Halloween was NOT to close any roads, to keep children on the sidewalks, and to place traffic cones and barrels in intersections to encourage drivers to proceed more slowly. He added that UPES was holding a Monster Mash event. The Chief also stressed that residents should lock their cars; several unlocked cars have had items stolen.

Director Beall reported that: (1) The County will apply a permanent repair to the sinkhole at 7108 Wells Parkway in spring '09; (2) UP has been getting very good response from Pepco on resident-reported street light outages. To date all reported outages have been repaired; and (3) **The October 18th eCycling Event was a HUGE success!** The Town collected enough items to fill a 26' box truck. Also, Town residents paid \$8 per TV to turn in seventeen televisions. It has been **recommended eCycling Events be conducted twice a year, in October and April.**

One Consent Agenda item was approved unanimously to repair the front steps at 4309 Sheridan Street.

A Motion was approved unanimously to transfer up to \$3,600 from Unreserved Funds to Public Works/Recycling W5, to meet additional expenses associated with the delay in implementing single-stream recycling.

One on-street parking waiver for six months, for a rental property, was approved unanimously for up to 3 vehicles at 4429 Underwood Street. (At the July 21st meeting, this waiver was granted for three months at CM McPherson's request so she could investigate the current parking conditions.)

A Motion was approved unanimously to declare a shotgun held by the UPPD as surplus and to authorize the Chief to dispose of it by any legal means.

A Motion was approved unanimously to introduce the transfer of \$1,600 from Cable Capital Equipment Reserved-Designated Funds to A/C 6305-03 Computer to purchase a new computer linked to the Internet for the UPPD. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

♦ **FOUND:** A digital camera was found in the middle of the 4200 block of Sheridan Street around October 20th. It is damaged, and possibly slightly crushed, but the digital chip still may be readable (and some memories saved). Please call the Town Hall (301-927-4262) to identify and claim the camera.

♦ The **GEMS Program** (Girls Excelling in Math & Science) at Hyattsville Middle School **wishes to raise additional funds** to use for materials, field trips, and the ability to serve even more girls. Currently, sixty girls are enrolled in GEMS programs at both Hyattsville and William Wirt Middle schools. This dynamic after-school program emphasizes hands-on

inquiry-based learning, offers trips to math & science educational/research centers, and encourages middle-school-age girls to consider STEM careers (in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). **All day Tuesday, December 16th, Franklin's Store** (5121 Baltimore Avenue, HY; 301-927-2740) will donate 20% of your purchases to GEMS. Just let your hostess/cashier know you want to support the Program. For more information, contact Karina Vilarrubi (*kvilarru@umd.edu*).



OBITUARY

WILLIAM ELMER BENNINGTON, JR. (REDS), 80, a Town resident for ten years, died on September 16, 2008, at his home in Waldorf, Maryland. Mr. Bennington was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on June 26, 1928, the first son and second child of the late William Elmer Bennington, Sr. and Mary Terasowich Bennington. And although William was his given name, he had remained Reds Bennington to family and friends throughout his life, a nickname he'd had since childhood. In 1943, the Benningtons moved from Rogers Heights to 6501 41st Avenue, where they became friends and neighbors of Mickey Lucas, current Ward 2 CM. In 1953, the family relocated to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

When he was only seventeen years old, Reds began what would become a lifelong career in military service. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, retiring in 1990 from civilian federal service after forty years with the U.S. Air Force.

Reds was predeceased by his first wife Marsha Bennington, from whom he had been divorced, and by his younger brother Robert William "Sonny" Bennington who died in 1950 in service to his country in Korea.

Survivors include his second wife, Shirley Staples Bennington of Waldorf, MD;

children Deborah Sonny Bennington of Waldorf, MD; Robert Bennington (and Patricia) of Beaver Creek, OH; and William Curtis (and Amy) of Waldorf, MD; step-daughters Robin Owen and Nancy Staples; sisters Georgia Bennington Mikkelsen, Anna Bennington Witten, and Joan "Sugar" Bennington Weaver, all of Las Vegas, NV; granddaughters Kelly, Katherine, and Kerry Bennington of Beaver Creek, OH; and Madison and Haley Curtis of Waldorf, MD; five step-granddaughters; and many loving nieces, nephews, and other family members, all who loved and will miss their Uncle Reds very much.

Niece Robin Summerfruit, who lives in California, continued to maintain a close and loving cross-country relationship with her Uncle Reds and said his favorite topic during many of their long-distance conversations "was the Redskins -- he loved that team!"

A beautiful inspiring military service was held for William E. (Reds) Bennington, Jr. at Arlington National Cemetery on October 27, 2008. Just as he had wished, he was laid to rest there with his parents, Mary and William Bennington, and his younger brother Sonny.



UPWC'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The University Park Woman's Club will meet in Custis Hall at Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Monday, **December 1st**. A special luncheon and beautiful holiday program have been planned beginning with a "Meet & Greet" at 11:30 AM, followed by a light lunch at NOON. The 12:30 PM program will feature holiday musical entertainment to welcome winter's seasonal celebrations. UPWC Education Chair Peggy Misback of CP has arranged for a choral program by the **Hyattsville Middle School Music Department**. These talented students love having the opportunity to present the results of their hours of practice and it always is a pleasure to bask in their success. A brief business meeting will follow

at 1 PM. Please call Club President Helen Andreno (301-572-5761) for more information or questions.

All Club members are looking forward to greeting many Town residents and their friends at the **Candlelight Tour of Holiday Homes** being held **December 12th** this year. The \$12 tickets may be purchased from any Club member or by calling Jean Pirovic (301-520-8420). See the article and flyer in this NEWSLETTER for details. Looking ahead to 2009, mark your calendars now for the Club's annual **White Elephant Auction** to be held at their January 7th meeting; the proceeds help support local charities. Save your best "unwanted" gifts to enliven the White Elephant table and prepare for an afternoon of pure fun!



PG PLAZA RECREATION CENTER

During December, the **Prince George's Plaza Recreation Center** (6600 Adelphi Road, by the Library, 301-864-1611/TTY 301-445-4512) will host an art exhibit and offer two seasonal craft classes for children.

❖ The Center's FREE Art Gallery will feature works of art ranging from collages to photography that were created by local artists and focus on the use of color for conveying rhythm, motion, and emotion. All ages are welcome to view "**Colorful Beginnings**." The exhibit may be seen Monday-Saturday throughout December, during the Center's daily hours of operation.

❖ Two craft sessions are being offered for children ages 5-12: On Saturday, **December 13th** from 10-11 AM, get the holiday spirit by making **Greeting Cards** with thumbprint Reindeer and handprint Santas. Reserve your place by December 10th. On Wednesday, **December 17th** from 6-7:30 PM, create your very own **Holiday Cookies** with a variety of icing colors and delicious decorations. Reserve your place by December 12th. (PG Fee: \$1)

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."

Mason Conley

❖ **Vertigo Book Store** (301-779-9300 or www.vertigo-books.com), owned by **Todd Stewart** and **Bridget Warren** of Van Buren Street, is located in the College Park Shopping Center. UP residents are just a stroll away from the chance to meet NPR commentator Tsing Loh. On Thursday, **December 4th** at 7 PM, Sandra Tsing Loh will discuss her book, "**Mother on Fire: A True Motherf%#\$@ Story About Parenting!**" Tsing Loh is a regular on NPR's *Morning Edition*, *Marketplace*, and *This American Life*. The original stage version of "**Mother on Fire**" ran for seven months in LA!

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

The Morning Book Discussion Group has decided to begin meeting from **January** to **November** on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, and NOT skip all three winter months! So, their meetings will resume on January 21, 2009. They'll start the new year with one of Joann Trollop's many novels, "**Second Honeymoon**."

• For all ages and levels, the **Chess Club** only will meet on the second Thursday at 7 PM (**December 11th**) with instructor Ted Fagan. It was an easy decision not to reschedule the December 25th meeting date due to an already busy holiday season.

❖ **The After-Eight Book Club**, a group open to all University Park adults (men, women & couples) will continue their 2008-09 Club year on **December 16th** at 8 PM to discuss their fiction choice by Alan Bennett, "**The Uncommon Reader**." Please call Margaret Callaghan (301-864-1031) to RSVP. Their travel selection for January 13th will be "**City of Falling Angels**" by John Berendt.



❖ The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club (info@cpac.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly on the third Friday from 7:30-9 PM at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) to continue their discussions of non-fiction by women authors. Guests always are welcome! For **December 19th**, their selection is **"Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life"** by Barbara Kingsolver. (*Kingsolver describes a year of her family's life in rural Virginia after they decided only to grow or buy locally all of their family's food.*) The Club's selection for January 16th will be **"Yellow Woman and a Beauty of the Spirit"** by Leslie Marmon Silko.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

❖ The Publick Playhouse in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road, 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) offers their regular seniors' movie and kids' movie+ as well as two classic holiday plays for all ages. (\$5 each)

◆ On Friday, **December 5th** at 10:15 AM & at NOON, American Family Theatre will present **"Babes in Toyland,"** Victor Herbert's ageless musical about toys coming to life. Period costumes, beautiful music, and dance production numbers are the highlights of this holiday classic appropriate for all ages.

On Monday, **December 8th** at 11 AM, the **Platinum Movie for Seniors** will be **"This Christmas."** (*Loretta Devine portrays the matriarchal head of a Los Angeles home where everyone gathers for Christmas and their first family reunion in four years.*) The next Senior movie will be on January 12th.

◆ **"Saturday Morning at the Movies"** (Movie+), created especially for ages 7 to 12, recalls the charm of yesteryear's weekly movie matinee: a half-hour of live entertainment and a feature-length family movie. On **December 13th** at 10 AM, the live pre-show

will be **"Luv 2 Dants"** (hip hop dancing with audience participation) and the feature film will be **"Kung Fu Panda,"** an animated (PG) film. (*Big clumsy Po finally becomes the Kung Fu Panda Master of his dreams when the city needs rescuing from a lethal snow leopard.*) The next Movie+ will be on January 10th.

◆ On **December 17th and 18th** at 10:15 AM & NOON, Theatre IV will present **"'Twas the Night Before Christmas,"** a hilarious musical version of everyone's favorite Christmas poem. This production may be enjoyed by all ages.

❖ The **UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** continues to offer a wide range of free and ticketed world-class performances. For more information, reservations, or a copy of the 2008-2009 catalog, please contact the Center (301-405-2787 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu).

◆ **"Project Petrushka"** on **December 5th** at 8 PM in the Dekelbom Concert Hall - Guest artist Douglas Fitch partners with the UM SO to present a collaboration of puppets, movement, and live videography to the music of Stravinsky's **"Petrushka,"** the tale of a carnival puppet who suffers a distinctly human fate. Also features the UM Chamber Singers performing Vaughan Williams' **"Flos Campi."**

◆ **"The Annual Holiday Concerts"** on **December 6th** at 8 PM and **December 7th** at 3 PM in the Dekelbom Concert Hall - The acclaimed 100-voice UM Chorus will close the year with stirring seasonal works from many traditions and languages. Surprises include special guest artists and audience sing-alongs.

"Honors Chamber Music Concert" on **December 7th** at 2 PM in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall - Enjoy a showcase for exceptional ensembles of the UM's chamber music program, as selected by faculty. **FREE**

◆ **"The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"** on **December 12th** at 8 PM in the UMCP Memorial Chapel - This 7th annual

Festival will use the original format of the 1918 King's College Cambridge service. It will feature the UM Men's and Women's Chorus, The Maryland Boy Choir, readers from the University and surrounding communities, and audience participation. (NOTE: On the day of the performance, tickets only will be available in the Chapel lobby, beginning at 7 PM.)

♦ "500 Clowns"* on December 11th & 12th at 8 PM, December 13th at 3 PM & 8 PM, and December 14th at 3 PM in Kogod Theatre - "500 Clowns and the Elephant Deal" will feature current and former favorite UM Department of Theatre students in a musical inspired by Rudyard Kipling's "Kim," Brecht's "A Man's A Man," the musical "Hair," and writings on the gap between civilian and military life in the United States. *(Show contains adult themes & language. "Talk Backs" with the artists will follow every performance.)

♦ "The Annual Kaleidoscope of Bands" on December 12th at 8 PM in the Dekelbourn Concert Hall - In this special Kaleidoscope, Marching Band alumni return to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of UM Bands. Enjoy former Drum Majors leading the "Mighty Sound of Maryland" and witness the "Alumni Band," anticipated to be the largest ensemble ever to perform on a UM stage! Band Director is former Wells Parkway resident L.R. Sparks.

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

♦ On Saturday, December 13th at 11 AM, TheatreworksUSA will present "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" & other story books. The themes and issues of the seven delightful musical stories will appeal to a broad and diverse audience as young as children ages 4 years and older. All the tales are from popular children's literature.

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter
from the human face." -Victor Hugo

EVERYTHING ON ICE IS NICE!

Wells Ice Rink (5211 Paint Branch Parkway, 301-277-3717/TTY 301-445-4512) offers many activities and classes for all ages.

♦ CALLING ALL PARENTS: How can you treat yourself to a night out on the town, or get a little holiday shopping done, or see a movie or go out to dinner or maybe just enjoy a few quiet hours at home? From 7-10 PM on three Fridays in December, Wells Rink will host "Parents Night Out" evenings for children ages 6-12 years old. So... PLAN NOW to let your children enjoy a few evenings of ice skating, crafts, and games on **December 5th, December 12th, and December 19th**, while under the supervision of the kid-friendly crew at Wells Rink. (\$7 for PG County residents)

♦ On Saturday, **December 6th** from 9 AM to 1:30 PM, Wells Rink will host a **Holiday Craft Show**. Get prepared for the holidays by picking up a last minute present or finding a few special gifts for your family and friends.

♦ For some warm fuzzy fun, come to "Pajama Night" at Wells Rink on Friday, **December 12th** from 8-10 PM. Wear your pajamas and skate under the lights while listening to the music of the Wells Rink DJ. (\$3)



2008 UPCB HOLIDAY SHARING FAIR

The annual "For All Good Causes Holiday Market and Sharing Fair" will be held at the University Park Church of the Brethren (corner of Route 1 and Tuckerman Street) from 9:30 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, **December 6th**. Your purchases will support worthwhile causes that link all the world's people. Come and see the creative gifts and ideas that are being offered by a variety of nonprofit organizations, all working toward a better world. Stunning crafts, unique gifts, homemade baked goods, a luscious lunch, and activities for the kids -- it's all there. For more information, please call 301-864-4328.



UP HOLIDAY PARTY AND POT LUCK

The 2008 University Park Holiday Party and Pot Luck Supper will be held December 6th from 5-7 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church (6513 Queens Chapel Road). All residents are invited and encouraged to attend and help celebrate the season. For the supper, please bring a generous portion of an entree, side, or dessert sufficient for at least 6-8 people. Special events for children will include a crafts table, a Chanukah table for the driedel game, and some wonderful entertainment performed by the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre, sure to be enjoyed by all ages.

Items again will be collected for Saint Ann's Infant and Maternity Home (where there is a great need for all sizes of diapers/pull-ups, infant formula, twin sheets & blankets, and books for boys & girls ages 10- 14). At 7 PM, Party attendees are invited to walk as a group two blocks for UP's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. For more information or to lend a helping hand, please contact Party Chair Cathy Allen of the UP Civic Association (calfilene@hotmail.com) OR Supper Chair Chris Garcia of the UP Historic Preservation Association (urbanipm@verizon.net).



TOWN TREE LIGHTING

The countdown to University Park's 61st annual "Holiday Tree Lighting" will begin at 7 PM. (The Town Tree is located on the triangle of land at Sheridan Street and Queens Chapel Road.) Enjoy some informal carolling while you wait for the grand illumination and, afterward, there just may be a visit from everyone's favorite "Mr. C" that includes a treat for all good girls and boys. So be on your best behavior, don your mittens and earmuffs, join your friends and neighbors, and be a part of a Town tradition that began in 1947!

UCC FAMILY GAME NIGHT

University Christian Church (6800 Adelphi Road, 301-864-1520) hosts an assortment of FREE Saturday-night entertainment each month, alternating between Family Game Night, Family Movie Night (G/PG movies), and Older Teen/Adult Movie Night (more mature-themed quality movies). A Family Game Night will be held on December 6th from 7 to 9 PM. Join old friends and meet new ones for a night of chance or strategy. Although an assortment of board games will be available, you are welcome to bring your own favorite game and/or a snack to share, if you would like. Beverages will be provided. On January 24th, UCC will host an Older Teen/Adult Movie Night.



SOARING INTO DECEMBER

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer a movie for adults, a holiday train display... and SANTA! Museum hours are daily from 10 AM to 5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. NOTE: The Museum will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, please phone 301-864-6029 or TTY 301-864-4765 or contact www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

◆ The 2008 annual Santa Fly-In will take place on Saturday, December 6th from NOON to 4 PM, FREE with regular admission. Come and watch Santa fly into the historic College Park Airport, and have your picture taken with him after he arrives at the Museum. (NOTE: His reindeer are at the North Pole resting up for the big night.) While waiting for Santa's arrival, Museum visitors are invited to enjoy a variety of holiday arts and crafts that will be offered in the gallery.

◆ Hollywood Flyers - Plan now for a Sunday afternoon at the movies! CPAM's famous films series features Hollywood block-

busters, classics, and documentaries with a flight theme. All movies start at 2 PM and are FREE with your Museum admission... lemonade and popcorn included, of course!

The movie for December 7th will be "Tora! Tora! Tora!," rated (G). *(Ed.NOTE: This film was based on the work of former Sheridan Street resident Gordon W. Prange who had lived in Japan for six years and had the opportunity to talk with many of the persons directly involved in the attack. Some of these persons were guests in his home as he was compiling literally volumes of research for the book, "At Dawn We Slept," the basis for Tora! Tora! Tora!)* Next month, the movie will be "Iron Man" on January 4th.

❖ **Holiday Planes and Trains** - On December 13th through 20th, the Museum will be decked out in Yuletide spirit, complete with an encore visit of the National Capital Trackers' exhibit. Their constantly-moving fascinating display of model railroad circuits features a miniature world of trains, villages, tunnels, and depots! Spark your imagination and see history brought to life at this multi-generational holiday tradition that is not to be missed. FREE with regular admission.



DECEMBER FUN AT CPAE

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

❖ An Arts Workshop on Evergreen Wreath Making will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 1-3 PM. Materials will be provided to make either a wreath or evergreen swags for your home. This fun, hands-on activity is appropriate for the whole family. Please pre-register by December 1st to hold

your place. (A \$5 materials fee will be collected at the door.)

❖ On Friday, December 12th at 7:30 PM, a fun and funny one-woman cabaret, "The Blondes of Broadway" will be presented by Samantha Fitschen. This accomplished music-theater actress and lifelong brunette will visit her favorite Broadway musicals and ask, "Why do I always get cast as a blonde?" (Some may recognize Ms. Fitschen as director of the Greenbelt Dance Studio.) Pay-as-you-can donations will be accepted for this FREE quality event.

❖ CPAE invites children and parents to experience an ancient European ritual and "Celebrate the Winter With Light," on Sunday, December 14th at 3 PM. Joan Almon, a former Waldorf kindergarten teacher and Director of the Alliance for Childhood, will lead children in walking through a spiral of winter greenery by candlelight and learning about the star that's in an apple through a puppet show based on an old European folktale. This FREE high-quality event is ideal for ages 3 and older. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is highly recommended for this extremely popular calm and joyful afternoon during the hectic holiday season.

❖ Print your own wrapping paper for the holidays at the December 21st Kids' Arts Drop-in program from 2-4 PM. Arts Specialist Aaron Springer leads CPAE's FREE monthly creative arts workshops for ages 3-8 and their parents.



DECEMBER AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the early-Federal Riversdale House Museum (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on the quarter hour, Fridays and Sundays from 12:15 to 3:15 PM; group tours are available by appointment. No charge to visit Gift Shop during tour hours. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information on any of

the monthly events or to make a reservation, please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544.

❖ **Sint Niklaas Day: A Winter Afternoon for Children** - On Saturday, December 6th from 2:30-4 PM, children ages 3-10 may visit the Belgian forerunner of the modern-day Santa Claus. They will receive a gift bag from Sint Niklaas, make a craft to take home, and enjoy refreshments with their parents. Fee: Child \$6 and Adult \$2. Pre-registration by December 1st is recommended. Children also might enjoy visiting the Museum Gift Shop's "Secret Santa" store where children may purchase gifts privately to surprise their family members. All Secret Santa items cost \$4 or less.

❖ **The Calverts By Candlelight** - On Saturday, December 27th from 6-9 PM, you are invited to pay an evening call on the Calverts. As you tour the Mansion's rooms, lighted with candles and decorated for the holidays, they will come to life, peopled with re-enactors from the early 1800s. Tours will end in the Pink Room, where period refreshments will be served, including Martha Washington cake again. There also will be live music and special children's activities; it's the perfect way for families to "step back through time." Fee: \$5 (Children 12 & U are FREE.)

❖ Plan now to be included in the traditional celebration of the end of the holiday season. Riversdale's annual Regency-style **Twelfth Night Ball** will be held on Saturday, January 10th from 7:30-10 PM. Dressed in period costume or black tie, you'll dance to live music of the era in English country style. And in keeping with Twelfth Night tradition, a king and queen will be chosen to lead the dancing. All dances will be selected from the late 18th and early 19th centuries. From 7:30 to 8 PM, instruction will be offered for those who are unfamiliar with the dances... so no experience is necessary! Traditional light refreshments will be served. (**NOTE:** Because the capacity is limited, **reservations must be made by January 2nd** for this very popular event; tickets are \$25 per guest.)

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN GREENBELT

❖ On Saturday, December 6th from 10 AM to 5 PM, and on Sunday, December 7th from 11 AM to 4 PM, the 36th annual City of Greenbelt "Festival of Lights" Arts & Craft Show will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. This marvelous juried fair includes professional crafters of artistic merit and does not include kit crafts, imports, or commercially-produced items. At the Festival, the Greenbelt Museum will sell their historic Gift Shop items; there will be a paper craft workshop on Saturday from 11 AM to 1 PM; and delicious refreshments will be provided by Chef Lou. And... from 1-3 PM on Sunday, Greenbelt's **Artful Afternoon** program invites you to make a wreath.

❖ If you were born between the late 30s and early 50s and would like to show your kids (or grandkids) what life was like when you were a little kid, **plan a visit to the Greenbelt Museum's Historic Home, which now is trimmed for the holidays with period decorations from the 30s and 40s.** The Museum opened its doors in 1987 as part of Greenbelt's 50th anniversary celebration, allowing visitors to experience this famous New Deal-planned community through tours of its "historic house," a restored original Greenbelt row house purchased by the City to be a museum. The Greenbelt Museum House is located at 10-B Crescent Road; free tours are given on Sundays from 1-5 PM. For more information, please call 301-507-6582.

❖ If you're looking for a place where the whole family can ring in the new year together, Greenbelt's annual **New Year's Eve Celebration** will treat you to a host of activities for all ages from 7 PM to 12 MIDNIGHT. The fun begins in the Community Center (15 Crescent Road) with arts & crafts and a variety of entertainment for all ages; tasty food and drink will be available for purchase. Teen activities will be focused in the Rec Center with a DJ, pizza, and high adventure games. Additional activities, food, and entertainment also will be waiting in the

New Deal Café and at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The cost of an entry wristband is \$5, \$7 at the door, 5 & U's free, and covers all venues and activities. For questions, please contact www.greenbeltmd.gov/301-397-2208.



YEAR ROUND FARMERS MARKET

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



UPWC CANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOUR

On Friday, December 12th, the annual **Holiday Candlelight House Tour** sponsored by the **University Park Woman's Club** will converge on six uniquely-decorated, holiday-focused homes presenting a variety of styles, sizes, and renovations to explore. All the proceeds raised during this festive evening will benefit UP's three deserving local schools: University Park Elementary School, Hyattsville Middle School, and Northwestern High School.

From 7-10 PM on the 2008 Tour, you will be welcomed into the beautifully-decorated University Park homes of: **Alex and Sarah Heitkemper** (4308 Woodberry Street); **Anna Kobbe** (4312 Woodberry Street); **Raymond and Melanie Nix** (4411 Sheridan Street); **Kathleen Quinn** (6409 Queens Chapel Road); **Joel Schwartz and Susan Bernard** (4402 Beechwood Road); and **Anthony Zahn and Maby Palmisano** (6715 44th Avenue). As they look forward to another outstanding Tour promoting community and good will, the Club would like to thank all their 2008 hosts and hostesses for their generous participation!

ALSO, this year, **Joe Schultz and Dawn Nichols** (7002 College Heights Drive, CHE), who were 2007 Tour participants, will be hosting a **Holiday Craft Fair** from 6:30-10:30 PM to allow all visitors to begin or complete their Tour with some quality holiday shopping! Local artisans will be featured and 10% of their proceeds will be donated to the UPWC's school fund.

Tour tickets and maps are available now for \$12 from Jean Pirovic (301-520-8420) and Helen Andreno (301-572-5761) and on December 1st at the monthly UPWC meeting, **OR** on **December 12th** for \$15 from 6:30-9 PM at the Craft Sale home or from 7-9 PM during the Tour at any of the Tour homes.

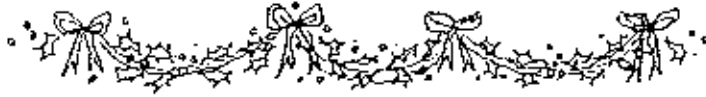


RIVERDALE PARK HOLIDAY MARKET

Riverdale Park's 5th annual **Festival of Lights and Holiday Market** will be held on Saturday, **December 13th** from 2-8 PM and Sunday, **December 14th** from 12-6 PM at the Town Center, 4650 Queensbury Road (where the Farmers Market was held). Donations of canned food will be gathered both days to give to area families. On Saturday evening, **Festival of Lights Trolley Rides** are FREE with the donation of a non-perishable food item. The Rides tour local RP holiday decorations, including the Riversdale Mansion, while a sing-along is led by jolly elves. On Sunday, there will be a competitive Bake-Off for the best holiday dessert. Please call if you would like to compete or judge or get more info.

Many artisans and food vendors will be selling a wide array of unique holiday gifts, crafts, art, greenery (including wreaths and trees), entrees, and desserts. Hot cocoa and cider will be available, as well as freshly prepared local food by Chef Lou of Greenbelt. There also will be continuous live holiday music from many favorite local bands and musicians. **AND..** you're invited to take **FREE** pictures with Santa! (Ed.NOTE: A helper Santa

is needed for Sunday's Market!) Questions? More details? Please contact 301-332-6258 or <http://www.rpholidaymarket.com/index.html>.



DON'T HESITATE... DECORATE!

The judging for UP's annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest will take place on Sunday, December 14th from 7:30-9:30 PM. All registered homes should be sure to have their lights on by 7 PM. First, second, and third-place winners will be chosen for three categories: "Best Decorated Door," "Best Decorated Whole House," and "Best Religious Theme Decoration." Special recognition signs will be placed in the yards of all winners and they will be announced in the January 2009 UP NEWSLETTER.

The aim of the contest is to encourage and acknowledge the most creative, pleasing, totally awesome results of University Park residents decorating their homes to enhance the beauty and enjoyment of the winter season and/or its many holiday celebrations. For more information or **TO REGISTER** your home for the contest, please call Helen Andreno (301-572-5761). NOTE: All Council Members may request that specific homes in their Wards be considered for the contest by contacting the home's residents to make sure they are registered.

This year's contest is being sponsored jointly by the **UP Woman's Club** and the **UP Historic Preservation Association**. They ask that all participants keep their decorations up for at least a week after the results have been published in the January 2009 UP NEWSLETTER so everyone will have a chance to enjoy the variety of creativity and hours of labor as they seek out the winning addresses.



UPHPA'S HOLIDAY EVENT

This month, the **Historic Preservation Association's** program will be helping organize (and attending) the covered dish supper at the

UP Civic Association's **Town Holiday Party**. Everyone is asked to bring a generous amount of their favorite entree, side, or dessert (sufficient for at least 6-8 people) and join in the fun from 5-7 PM on **December 6th** at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. If you'd like to help with the supper, please contact Chris Garcia (urbanipm@verizon.net).

	INFORMATION FOR NEW UP RESIDENTS Contact Jenni Mooney jtracundfoek@aol.com
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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.



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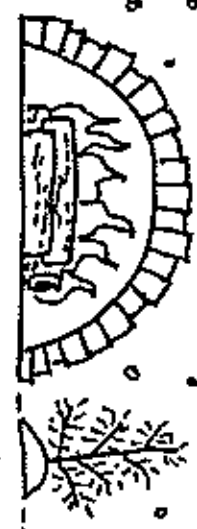
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>7 CPAN Fest, Total Total '08 UM Holiday Concert - 5p GB Arts&Crafts Show, 11:30-2p GBCC Library Open House <i>Grand Starbox Day</i> 12-24-08 10a-2p UM Housing Chamber Concert 2p</p>	<p>1 UPRC Holiday Program 8PC 11:30 AM 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>2 JOY TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>3 12:00 NOON Deadline for January 2009 NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>4 VB Training Lab 7 PM College Park Center SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>5 UM "Project Penetrate" 2 PM PE 10:15 AM & NOON "Bakes in Toyland" "Parents Night Out" 7-10p Welds Rink (12-25-08) TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>6 SANTA AT 2PM - NOON-1 PM UPRC Starting Fair 9:30a-3p GB Arts&Crafts Show 10a-5p GBCC 8th St. Market 250-4-999 5-7 UP HOLIDAY POTLUCK UM Holiday Concert 8 PM K&N 25th Anniversary 5-9 PM CPAN Wonders 12:00-1:30</p>
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<p>14 (12-24-08) 10a-5:00C 3p 7:30-9 UP Holiday Home Decorating Contest Judging 12-6 PM 8P Housing Market and Decors Bake-Off CPAN 4:30P 3 PM K&N 25th Anniversary</p>	<p>15 Gift of Rights Day 7:30 PM UPES GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>16 After 8 Book Group "The Uncommon Reader" GEM'S Fund Raiser Franklin's Store TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>17 10-15 AM & NOON "...Night Before Christmas" P&CC Card Craft 6-7:30p "Wagtail Show, 1st Stage - 1968 YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>18 10-15 AM & NOON "...Night Before Christmas" SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>19 (12-25-08) CPAN Books OPEN 7:30-9p "National Vegetable Market" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>20 PEACE</p>
<p>21 (12-24-08) <i>Chanukkah begins</i> CPAN Kids' Art Drop-In "Wrapping Paper" 2-4 PM</p>	<p>22 <i>Sixth Day of Winter (Winter Solstice)</i> YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>23 LIGHT TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>24 SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i> SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>26 <i>Kwanzaa</i> TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>27 RUDOLPH 6-9 PM "Calverts by Candlelight"</p>
<p>28 (12-24-08) LAUGH</p>	<p>29 YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>30 TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>31 GB's Family New Year's Eve Celebration multiple venues 7-Midnight <i>New Year's Eve</i> SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>Jan 1, 2009 <i>New Year's Day</i> TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>2 Last day to register for RSD's "Twelfth Night Ball" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>3</p>

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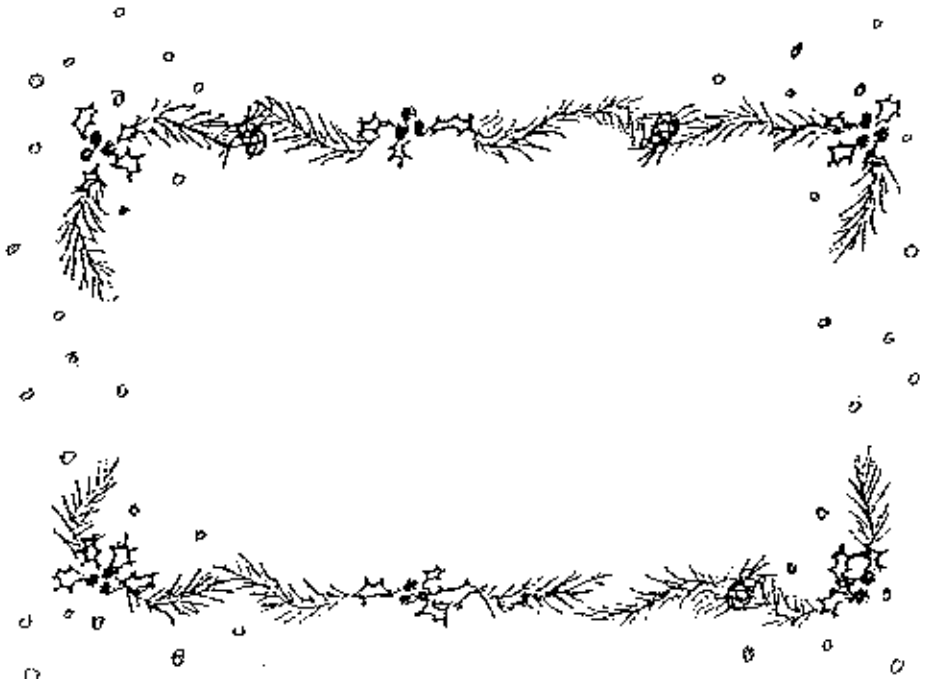
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LESSONS LEARNED

As the old year ends and the new one begins, take a minute to think about what new things you may have learned in 2008. Then read these gems that Gary Meyers, a member of UP Church of the Brethren, discovered to be his "pearls of wisdom" ten years ago in 1998:

"No matter how much I care, some people just don't care back.

You can get by on charm for about fifteen minutes. After that, you'd better know something.

No matter how thin you slice it, there always are two sides.


You always should leave your loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

No matter how you try to protect your children, eventually they will get hurt, and you will hurt in the process.

It's hard to determine where to draw the line between being nice and not hurting people's feelings...and standing up for what you believe."

DON'T FORGET THE BIRDS

On dental floss, string your choice of day-old air-popped popcorn, peanuts in their shells, cranberries, apple cubes, and/or cubed crusts of bread. Then use the garland to decorate a tree for the birds. Choose a tree you can see from a window. Here's an added bonus: In spring, snip the garland in short strips & the birds will use the empty floss in their nests.



If no one likes to eat crusts of bread in your house, cut them into shapes with cookie cutters, and punch a hole through the top with a pencil; let the shapes dry slightly and tie a hanging yarn through the hole. Spread the shape with nut butter, and press the shape in bird seed.

Now -- you've made 2 neat treats for your birds' winter tree!