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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

NOV 1 - (Sunday) NEWSLETTER Deadline
for the December issue, 12 NOON
AND...*Daylight Savings Time ends!*

NOV 2 - COUNCIL MEETING (NOTE: All
Meetings now are legislative meetings)

NOV 11 - Veterans' Day holiday
(Town Hall closed; no Bus service)

NOV 16 - COUNCIL MEETING

NOV 26 - Thanksgiving Day AND
NOV 27 - Employee Appreciation Day
(Town Hall 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. **Agenda for Council Meetings is posted on the Town's website as well as on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall on the Friday before each Meeting.**

FROM THE MAYOR JOHN ROGARD TABORI

The past month has been filled with interesting news and events and a pleasant start to the fall. Particularly **FUN** were the

Chili Cook-Off on October 10th and the PTA Fund Raiser on October 24th. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the organizers (and the winners) of these great community events.

WSSC finally awarded the contracts for **WATER MAIN REPLACEMENTS** in significant portions of the town. Work probably will begin in spring 2010 and be completed in 2011, with the affected streets being resurfaced in fall 2011 or spring 2012. To prepare for this, the Town has begun developing a long-term street maintenance plan that includes sidewalk repair, curb and gutter maintenance, street tree maintenance, and road surface maintenance (which includes patching, milling, and overlay work). Because we need to wait for WSSC to finish their work before we begin some of this maintenance (which may not be until 2011-2012), the Town will use temporary patches in a number of places. This will reduce the likelihood of having to make major and costly subsurface repairs at a later date and will ensure the safety of pedestrians and vehicles traveling over the repaired areas.

As a first step in the process of developing A "**STREETScape**" **MAINTENANCE PLAN**, the Town has engaged forestry students and staff from the University of Maryland to carry out a **street tree inventory**. You may have noticed the group walking the streets of UP during the Columbus Day weekend. They were measuring the girth of street trees and entering other data on electronic tablets. Simultaneously, Town

Engineer Sidhu was creating an **inventory of Town sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and streets** where possible maintenance and repair might be needed. These efforts should be completed and presented to the Town Council by the end of November. As we move forward with this comprehensive look at our streetscape, we also will be examining **street lighting**. We are aware that this topic has been broached publicly on at least one of the Town-wide list serves. Like many of our sister municipalities in Prince George's County, we have been in discussions with Pepco since 2005 over the issue of maintenance and replacement of Town street lights. These discussions have been quite lengthy and have not yielded any comprehensive results so far. We will make renewed efforts to engage Pepco on this issue. Because energy costs can be expected to rise, it is critical to ensure that more efficient light fixtures are put into place, and done so without destroying the visual character of our streets.

The Town has been engaged actively in discussions with **THE BELCREST PLAZA DEVELOPMENT TEAM (BPDT)** and has participated systematically in discussions between BPDT and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). **The Town continues to press the case for reconsidering the impact of the proposed project on storm water management, traffic, and UP's viewshed.** *[Ed.NOTE: This is an area or environmental element that's visible to the human eye from a fixed vantage point.]* So far, we have been successful in bringing the first two issues to the forefront of the discussion. We expect to be able to address the issue of the proposed 33-story "tower" in the near future. Thanks to the **TIRELESS WORK** of CM **Mickey Lucas** (Ward 2), UP residents **Tom Stickles** (Town Stream Committee Chair), and **Ed Lee**, we have developed a comprehensive understanding of the watershed and storm water management system that feeds the Town Stream. As we discuss (with BPDT, M-NCPPC, and the PG Department of Public Works and Transportation) the

issues that storm water management poses for us, this comprehensive understanding is proving to be very helpful and critical in making our case. **The Town owes the dedicated individuals a huge THANKS for their foresight in this matter and for their volunteered hours acting on it.**

As the various studies, inventories, and plans are completed they will be posted on the Town website. Because these "plans" can be expected to have an impact on future Town budgets, we will incorporate them into our **FIVE-YEAR BUDGET PLAN**. UP continues to be committed to keeping property taxes at their current level through 2014. Admittedly, the national economic and State budget crises will not make this easy; however, many of the cost-saving procedures that have been put into place over the past three years have reduced our operating costs significantly. This past fiscal year, we recorded a \$300,000 surplus, which makes up for the loss of revenue from the State Highway User Tax and the Police Support Fund, at least through fiscal year 2011. **We expect that these efficiency gains, as well as the other savings on which we are working, will keep our operating budget in the black through fiscal year 2014 (if not beyond) without increasing taxes.**

Finally, in order to make the budgetary and financial planning process that we go through more comprehensible to those who are interested, **Town Treasurer Dan Baden** and I will conduct **AN OPEN FORUM** (to be held on a weekday evening between November and the end of January) on how to read the budget and how UP conducts budget planning. We also will post this presentation on line for those who are interested but unable to attend. Please keep an eye on the NEWSLETTER, the Town website, and other community information networks for the date of the Forum.

"My best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy your families, keep safe, and I hope to see you around Town."

FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

CRIME SOLVING - When a crime is committed in University Park, a UPPD officer responds to take the report. These reports are reviewed, approved, and forwarded to a secure records facility. Copies are maintained for use in crime alerts, data gathering, crime analysis, and comparison to similar crimes in our Town as well as in surrounding jurisdictions. The Prince George's County Police host a weekly conference call to inform and compare criminal activity and share intelligence with all municipal agencies, the Metropolitan PD, and State and Federal agencies.

UPPD officers prepare cases for court presentation (traffic and criminal) and do follow up contacts with crime victims when additional information becomes available. Strategies are developed to determine the most effective deployment of officers to address a problem area. One of the most important aspects of an Officer's job is community involvement. Your assistance as a part of the community is paramount to the safety of this great Town. Although I have repeated the following safety tips in the past, their redundancy is intentional; reinforcement of safe behavior can become a habit. Every incident that occurs in Town is important to the UPPD. UPPD Officers are working actively to make your Town safe.

ROBBERY is a serious crime that violates a person's sense of self. After someone is robbed, a feeling of helplessness is inevitable and the resulting fear can have lasting effects. If you ever are confronted with a robbery situation, be prepared to make the only appropriate decision: **whatever will result in the SAFEST outcome is the best decision.** Your safety and well-being are critical, whereas your property could be replaced. University Park continues to be a safe place for one to be active outdoors. Many Town residents routinely walk, bike, use public transportation, and drive. But regardless of your reason to be out and about, you always must maintain your basic street sense:

1. Be calm, be confident, and know where you are. Really know your neighborhood.

2. Stay alert and "tuned in" to your surroundings. (If you listen to music with ear-plugs, try using them on just one ear.)

3. Trust your instincts. If someone or something makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave the area. When something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't right.

4. Walk with friends whenever you can.

5. Carry a cell phone. With it turned off, practice calling 911 and repeating what you would say in an emergency. Without practice, you may freeze up in an extreme situation. **Being safe is a learned behavior that can become second nature when practiced.**

BREAKING & ENTERING is a violation of your private space and personal property. Crime prevention is the initiation of an action to remove or reduce the crime potential. Three basic concepts should be applied:

1. The appearance that a resident is living in a home and is attentive to the condition of the property is, in itself, a potent deterrent to would-be criminals. So fix any broken windows, shutters, railings, etc.

2. All physical security equipment is absolutely worthless unless it's used. So lock your doors, use your dead bolts, and don't forget to turn on your alarms.

a. Replacement windows usually have a device to keep them from being opened beyond six inches. Please use this option. All first-floor windows should be kept closed at night (unless retrofit to open only about six inches).

b. Secure any ladders left outside with a lock so they can not be used to enter upper-floor windows.

c. Check your exterior lighting to make sure it is working and use motion-sensor lights if possible.

3. The one component most likely to fail in any security system is the human one. Theft is the stealing of someone's property. To avoid theft, keep your valuables secured:

a. Record the serial numbers of your most valuable items or etch an identifying mark onto them.

b. Safety deposit boxes are the best option for preserving family heirlooms and important documents.

c. Use car alarms and steering-wheel locks if you have them. Always keep any valuables out of sight that you are leaving in your vehicle. A better choice is to remove the valuables from the vehicle instead.

d. Call the police when you observe a stranger behaving in a suspicious manner: loitering & observing, approaching multiple residences without apparent business, or removing property from a neighbor's residence.

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

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 (Sep 1st to Sep 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREE
Sep 2-3	Theft	6800 Balt Ave
Sep 2nd	Theft	6700 41st Ave
Sep 7-8	Stolen Auto	4000 Beechwd
Sep 9th	Assault	6500 Adelphi
Sep14th	B&E/Stolen Auto	6400 40th Ave
Sep 20th	Attempt B&E	4000 Beechwd
Sep20-21	Theft	6700 40th Ave
Sep 23rd	B & E	4000 Beechwd
Sep 30th	Theft from Auto	6800 Pineway

Theft (Between 7 PM-9 AM): Suspect/s stole a motorized purple scooter **from the back yard** of the residence. The owner could not provide the scooter's make or model. No suspect/s were located.

Theft (At 3:40 PM): Suspect/s stole three bicycles **from the front yard** of the residence. The mailman for the area advised that he observed three teenagers walk into the front yard and steal the bicycles. **Two of the bicycles were recovered** later near the Library, on Adelphi Road. A mountain-style Schwinn bicycle still is missing. The suspects (described as three teenage males wearing white shirts and blue pants) were not located.

Stolen Auto (Between 10 PM-6:15 AM): Suspect/s stole a 1996 Dodge Intrepid **from the driveway** of the residence. **The vehicle was recovered** in southeast Washington, DC on September 10th. No suspect/s located.

Assault (At 12:05 AM): An adult male was walking south on Adelphi Road when he felt something strike his right hip. It was determined that the victim had been struck by a paintball, leaving a bruise on his right side. The only thing the victim recalled was a dark-colored SUV-type vehicle driving away northbound on Adelphi Road. The victim did not seek medical treatment. **There have been several incidents of paintball assaults** **Riverdale Park, Hyattsville, and Berwyn Heights**. No suspects have been located. The surrounding jurisdictions are working together to locate the suspect/s in these incidents.

Breaking & Entering/ Stolen Auto (Between 6:30-10:45 PM): UP residents returned home to their children and an adult female babysitter. The babysitter was preparing to leave and was unable to locate her purse. She also determined that her vehicle, a 2002 VW Golf, was missing from the road in front of the residence. The UPPD was notified and responded to the location. The babysitter advised that she had left her purse on a small table near the front door and was upstairs in the residence for most of the evening. She also advised that the doors and windows were locked. The homeowner inspected the interior of the home and indicated that a Marshall amplifier valued at \$100 was missing from the den area. **No sign of forced entry was evident** and the sitter advised that she did not hear or see anyone in the residence while she was babysitting. **The stolen vehicle was recovered** in Mt. Rainier on September 15th. No suspect/s located; the investigation is ongoing.

Attempt Breaking & Entering (At 8:45 M): An unknown person had opened an **unlocked screen window** on the side of the home and attempted to enter the residence. He only had stuck his head in the window when the homeowner entered the kitchen. The suspect fled. 911 was called immediately and officers responded. No suspect description was available. The area was canvassed with nothing found. Nothing was taken. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft (Between 10 AM on September 20th and 10 AM on the 21st): Suspect/s stole a mountain bike **from the back yard** of the residence. **The bicycle was recovered** the next day from a subject arrested in a Breaking & Entering. The subject also was to be charged for the bicycle theft. **Case closed.**

Breaking & Entering Between 10-11 AM): Suspect/s entered the residence **through side porch door** and stole a Sony camcorder, a Canon digital camera, and cash and coins from two "piggy banks." The UPPD observed two individuals on bicycles riding east on 41st Avenue toward Tuckerman Street; when

approached to be questioned, they ran away. One of the suspects was caught and found to be in possession of the stolen property. The second suspect eluded apprehension. The person arrested and charged for the Breaking & Entering was Mr. Travis Isreal, a 19-year-old adult male from Seat Pleasant. **All of the property taken was recovered** and returned to the owner. **Case closed with arrest.**

Theft from Auto (Between 12-7 AM): Suspect/s stole four tires and rims from a 2007 Chevy Corvette while the vehicle was parked in front of the home. No suspect/s were located. 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.



FROM THE UPPWD DIRECTOR
MICHAEL BEALL

◆ Another ***FREE* E-CYCLING DAY** has been planned for University Park residents on Saturday, **November 7th** from 9 AM until 1 PM. As before, the collection site will be in the UPES parking circle. **NEW services** will be offered at this E-Day collection -- **tire disposal** and **paper shredding!** For all the important details, please consult the full-page notice in the October NEWSLETTER or the information on the Town website under PUBLIC WORKS or DOCUMENTS (NEWSLETTER ISSUES).



To cherish what remains of the Earth
and to foster its Renewal
is our only legitimate hope of Survival.

Wendell Berry

FROM THE STREAM COMMITTEE

TOM STICKLES

Efforts to determine the problems with our Town stream (Wells Run) have been the primary focus of the Stream Committee. **Our survey of Wells Run discovered a broken sewer pipe in the streambed near Toledo Road.** The break has been repaired. Test results downstream of the area were extremely high before the repair; test results since the repairs will measure the results. It is our hope that reductions in nitrate and phosphate levels will be dramatic.

Of major concern is the impact that construction of the Belcrest Plaza site will have on our community; specifically, the ability of University Park to absorb water above its present capacity. Increased storm water runoff and increased velocity of that runoff will result from the loss of green space in the drainage zone. Currently, the Committee is formulating a position statement in defense of our Stream and Park area/s. **It is clear that increased flooding will damage our tennis courts, increase erosion from the stream bank, increase pressure on our bridges, result in increased sediment piling, and most likely will increase pollution.** The Committee is concerned with each and all of these issues.

A series of tests was made during early October. The aim was to establish a base date for nitrate and phosphate. Working with Hyattsville and Riverdale Park, the testing took place at 20 sites along the Stream. The results will be available in mid November.

In one test, noted environmentalist Dr. Harriet Phelps **implanted a colony of clams in the streambed.** During a two-week stay, these bivalves absorbed what was contained in the water, storing it as part of their body tissue -- a highly productive method for determining the types of toxic chemicals in the water. **Additional trials to determine heavy metals in the streambed and biological conditions necessary for life to exist in the water are being**

conducted through the University of Maryland. All these projects will add to the overall profile of our Stream and give a better understanding of its health. Once completed, the test results will ascertain our course of action as we attempt to solve Wells Run's problems.

UPPWD Director Beall and his crew **have been busy removing invasive plants** from the stream banks. Meetings with professional invasive plant reduction groups have indicated a course of action but, unfortunately, it would be very expensive to implement. So for the present, the goal is to control the growth, pending decisions for future action.

In meetings with the National Capitol Park & Planning Commission, the Anacostia River Restoration Committee, the Army Corp of Engineers, and anyone else interested to talk about the Stream's condition, we have been pleasantly surprised by the interest and support received for our efforts. The Committee feels we have welcome partnerships with many others who also are concerned with the health of Wells Run. Mayor Tabori meets monthly with the mayors of Hyattsville and Riverdale Park to discuss cooperative efforts for addressing issues related to the entire Northeast Branch. Their meetings demonstrate a concerned willingness to find both short-term and long-range active solutions for the Stream's problems. This is a positive relationship in all ways and establishes the group as a valid part of the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan. Through these efforts, **we are assured that Wells Run is a designated wetland and that it will remain so in the future.**

Everyone is welcome to be a part of the preservation and restoration of Wells Run. Work continues and will continue for many years to come. **Wells Run always has been and will remain a defining attribute of our Town, adding beauty, harmony, and life to our community.** Please join the Committee in its efforts; watch for meetings to attend; make a difference in University Park!

ITEMS TO NOTE

➤ ❖ PLEASE note that the Town is sponsoring another **E-CYCLING DAY** for UP residents; your driver's license may be used for proof of residency. Mark your calendar for **November 7th**, 9 AM to 1 PM. **NEW** this time will be **PAPER SHREDDING & TIRE DISPOSAL!** All "acceptable plastics" items must be clean and empty. Acceptable electronic and electric items either have cords or use batteries. For more details or a list of the kinds of items that will be accepted, please refer to the full-page notice that was in the October NEWSLETTER or check on the Town website (under PUBLIC WORKS or under DOCUMENTS).

➤ ❖ **BATTERY RECYCLING UPDATE:** The U.S. Department of Transportation established new regulations for the handling, shipping, and transportation of dry cell batteries. So now, **ONLY dry cell batteries weighing less than two (2) pounds** will be recycled by UP.

Also, all recyclers now need to **pad the positive (+) end of each battery with a criss-cross of tape**. Although a bit of extra effort is required, by keeping a roll of electrical tape and small scissors near one's collection receptacle, it should not be too much of a hassle to secure the (+) end to ensure an uneventful journey to the recycling plant.

This action was brought about because, in the last ten years, over 800 documented cases of "battery incidents" occurred during the transportation of used dry cell batteries -- including leaking, breaking, and even catching on fire (all usually due to improper packaging or lack of insulation) -- and just a criss-cross of tape seems to provide enough insulation!

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

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

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

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

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

❖ **YARD WASTE** is collected each Monday in UP. Since yard waste is **composted** rather than taken to the landfill, it is important to **keep it free of trash, rocks, and other debris** that might damage the machinery. And **NOTE: bamboo and vines (including ivy) are considered trash.** Please bag and include with your Tuesday/Friday trash collections. To keep our Town looking beautiful, **put yard waste out only the evening before collection.**

❖ **BULK TRASH:** Visit www.upmd.org and click on "Town Info" and "Contact Us" to arrange for your Tuesday or Friday pick-up. Please wait to put items at the curb until your

designated day. **NOTE:** A \$20 fee is assessed on each item that contains Freon, i.e. refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers...

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

The bright blue wheeled tote for single-stream recycling is for collecting: ◆ **MIXED PAPER:** [Telephone books, Magazines, Boxes, Rinsed aseptic milk/juice cartons, Envelopes, Newspapers, etc.]; ◆ **SOME METAL:** [Aerosol cans, Aluminum foil, and Food & beverage containers of aluminum-bimetal-ferrous & iron-steel]; ◆ **MANY PLASTICS:** [Grocery bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap & stretch film (all collected into one "bag ball"), Plastic glasses, cups, & tableware, Wide-mouth containers & narrow-neck containers #1-7, Flower pots, and Rx containers]; ◆ **ALL GLASS** [except: mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass, and windowpanes]; and ◆ **ALL CLOTHES HANGERS.**

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

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

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

UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

➤ **REMINDER:** There will be no UP Bus service on **Veterans Day, November 11th** and **Thanksgiving Day & Employee Appreciation Day, November 26th-27th.**

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, Library or Community Center visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days between 10 AM-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 Town.

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

A **UP Metro shuttle service** runs on the half hour each weekday morning and afternoon from numerous stops in Town to and from the PG Plaza Metro Station. There are **seven morning runs from 6-9 AM** and **eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM.** Get a map (showing the stops) at the Town Hall or at www.upmd.org under "Other Documents."

*" I always wanted a Happy ending...
Now I've Learned, the hard way,
That some poems don't rhyme, and
Some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, end.
Life is about not knowing, having to change,
Taking the moment and making the best of it—
Without knowing what's going to happen next:
Delicious Ambiguity! "*

Gilda Radner

[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 SEPTEMBER 14th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members (CMs); and Lieutenant McCully.

CMs discussed a rat control issue in Ward 6 (and possibly in Ward 1) and some methods for encouraging residents to mitigate the problem, as laid out in the Town Charter.

Mayor Tabori reported that: (1) At a meeting on September 4th with M-NCPPC and the Contee Corporation (CC) team (attended by the Mayor, CMs Lucas, Toscano, and Mallino, and Engineer Sidhu), it was felt that **CC was not prepared to submit a Detailed Site Plan**. No properly-drawn plats were available, and no agreement had been made with PGP owners on joint use of Toledo Road. M-NCPPC expressed serious doubts about the 33-story building as well as those under 6 stories. Plus, **CC is requesting zoning to be an MTX zone (one that has few development restrictions)**, which does NOT match well with a Transit District Overlay Zone (TDOZ). More concerns were expressed over CC's lack of ANY economic analyses, transportation studies, or public facilities.

Mayor Tabori said **CC's storm water management plan had two significant errors**: water flow was shown as running from lower to higher topography! and the new total for impermeable surfaces was not shown, nor was the percentage of coverages shown. UP must bring any water management concerns to the County storm water management group, which is completely separate from M-NCPPC. Also, **doubt was expressed about CC's school-child projections** since the target

pricing of CC's apartment rent is in a range for young families with children. The **utilities group** (Pepco, Verizon, and Washington Gas/Light) **was frustrated by the lack of details** and needed to know where utility easements will be routed. A fourth utility, WSSC, did not attend the meeting; their review fee had not been paid.

(2) Mayor Tabori said he would present UP's position at the US 1 Sector Plan hearing on September 15th. There is concern that the site of the Executive Office building at Pine-way and Route 1 is to be rezoned MTX (heavy commercial development and up to a 10-story building on the property). The Town will have 15 days after the meeting to provide a written response stating the Town's position. Mention was made that the accumulation of these "adjacent-area projects" could have a significant combined impact on UP's quality of life. CM Mallino said most of the developments being discussed today have been in the planning stages for many years. **The M-NCPPC web site has a link to the Commission 2000 report, which lays out 10 years of planning vision.**

(3) The Mayor took a walk along Wells Run with Director Beall, CMs Lucas & Mallino, Chief Wynnyk, former UP Mayor Brunner, UP resident Ed Lee, and PGC Senior Planner Kate Fritz. Mayor Tabori was pleased at the level of involvement and engagement developing around the Wells Run watershed; and (4) The Mayor said WSSC had awarded the first portion of UP's water line replacement contract, which raised the issue of addressing the potholes that are developing in the areas to be torn up by WSSC. The Mayor is working with Engineer Sidhu to develop a repair strategy. He said the Town Budget originally had built in a \$128,000 surplus. And although \$106,000 would be lost from declines in tax revenue and State contributions, \$150,00 would be regained by an unexpected FY 2009 Budget surplus (example: the street tree inventory will cost only half of what was budgeted).

Re the "Town Clock": UPES received their permit and were preparing to install it.

➤➤ CM Lucas stressed the **URGENT NEED** for more participation by Town residents at the various hearings and meetings before the County Council and M-NCPPC. Without a visible presence of citizens, planners and legislators are left to conclude that their proposals are acceptable!

Lt. McCully reported that the third phase of traffic enforcement was underway (using State grant funds). It is the "Smooth Operator" program targeting drunken driving.

Three **Consent Agenda** items were approved unanimously to (1) close the **4400 block of Sheridan Street** for a block party from 3-9 PM on October 17th; (2) close the **4300 block of Clagett Road** for a block party from 3-8 PM on October 17th; and (3) close the **4300 block of Woodberry Street** for a wine and cheese party fund raiser for UPES from 3-8 PM on October 24th.

A motion was passed unanimously to construct a two-story addition at 4404 Underwood Street. (*The walkway along the garage would be removed when construction has been completed.*)

A motion was passed unanimously for a six-month parking waiver for up to five vehicles at 6704 40th Avenue.

Mayor Tabori said that the Mayor and two Council Members from each of four towns (Hyattsville, Riverdale, Riverdale Park (RP), and UP) plan to hold meetings at the RP Council chambers that will be open to the public, starting in September. A motion was passed unanimously to approve the appointment of CMs Mickey Lucas and Len Carey to represent UP at the September 22nd Inter-Town Stream Committee meeting and subsequent meetings through June 30, 2010.

A motion was passed unanimously to introduce Resolution 09-R-11 (Adoption of a Town debt policy).

Re the College Heights Historic District: UP residents/Historic Preservation Association members Ms. Chris Garcia (Chair, UPHPA), Ms. Maxie Phillips, and Mr. John Brunne spoke to Council. Mr. Brunner distributed a map of the current historic district boundaries in UP and explained the rules for defining and naming historic districts. He stressed the importance of maintaining UP's municipal identity. Enough time has passed that properties originally not included in the UP Historic District may now meet the minimum-age requirement of fifty years. A motion was passed (with CMs DeSaussure, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Toscano voting yea; CM O' Connor abstaining; and CM Carey voting nay) to disapprove support of the application for the College Heights Estates Historic District (CHEHD) and to send a letter to the County Historic Commission with a request to withdraw all properties within the municipal boundaries of University Park from inclusion in a CHEHD, and to set forth the Council's reasons for the request as well.

A motion was passed unanimously to approve the surplus of **Marked Police Vehicle #14**, 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN # 2FAFP 71W3XX170887, Mileage 84300, and dispose of or sell if possible. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 21st COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; all Council Members; Treasurer Baden, Chief Wynnyk, and Director Beall.

Treasurer Baden reported that the field work for the audit had begun. He discussed several areas which had significant reductions in revenues. *[Ed.NOTE: Treasurer Baden's complete 13-page report may be viewed online at the end of the September 21st minutes.]* After more discussion, CM Mallino suggested that the Town Budget not be adjus-

ted, but remain as a working document with commentary tracking any approved changes.

Mayor Tabori reported that all Council Meetings going forward would be legislative sessions to allow voting on permits. [Ed.NOTE: Therefore, all NEWSLETTER Highlights of Minutes will be titled Council Meetings. Council no longer will hold any Work Sessions.] The Mayor added that Council always has the right to suspend the rules of a legislative session if there is a need to have a working discussion on a particular topic.

Chief Wynnyk reported that although all local PD's are making arrests, break-ins still are occurring. UP participates in a Wednesday conference call with surrounding municipalities and federal authorities in order to understand and respond better to area crimes. Activities at UP Elementary School have been running smoothly, aside from a few traffic snarls.

PWD Director Beall reported that: (1) The PWD is using Wednesdays to better manage invasive plant species and carry out necessary pruning and trimming. The worst invasive plant the Town faces along the Stream areas is porcelain berry; (2) Single-stream recycling (S-SR) continues to exceed all expectations. S-SR's projected increase (in the recyclable waste stream) was 10%; the actual increase has been 19%. Plus, trash tonnage that must be hauled to the dump has decreased by 15%. **University Park now recycles 56% of its total waste, by weight! Mr. Beall explained that part of the tonnage reduction was from the PWD's vigilance in keeping electronics, construction waste, and large tree debris OUT of the waste stream; (3) Director Beall said 435 tons of leaves were collected last year. **Those ten weeks of leaf collection equaled ALL the trash tonnage collected the rest of the year!** (4) In response to CM DeSaussure's fear that large numbers of Town oak trees were starting to die, and his statement that an Adirondack Tree Service worker had said one of CM DeSaussure's trees had died from sudden oak death, Mr.**

Beall replied that sudden oak death was being watched for very closely throughout Maryland and the entire US East coast. He assured Council there had not been any confirmed cases of sudden oak death in Maryland to date; and (5) Mr. Beall said that although the Tree Inventory program was a bit behind schedule, it was progressing: Data had been received from M-NCPPC, and several UM professors had been willing to engage their students in assisting UP with the Inventory.

One **Consent Agenda** item was approved unanimously to **replace a gate at 6805 40th Avenue.**

A motion was passed unanimously to **approve Legislative Resolution 09-CR-09 (amending the Charter to allow for issuance of bonds through private sale).**

A motion was passed unanimously to **approve Legislative Resolution 09-O-10 (authorizing Council to adopt a filing fee for vending licenses, by resolution).** Mayor Tabori said enforcement would be through a combination of Town Hall and UPPD actions. CM O'Connor added that residents could ask to see a vendor's license; CM Carey suggested using multiple methods for publicizing the regulation and making sure that new residents received the information as well.

A motion was passed unanimously to **approve Legislative Resolution 09-R-11 (Adoption of a Town debt policy).**

So that Mayor Tabori could represent a permit applicant who was unable to attend the meeting, he stepped down as Mayor during the following motion, and CM Toscano stood in as Mayor Pro-Tem. **Two motions** were passed unanimously to: (1) **appoint CM Toscano as Mayor Pro-Tem;** and (2) **Approve the repair of an existing retaining wall at 6400 Baltimore Avenue.**

Two motions were passed unanimously for **6-month parking waivers** for: (1) up to 3

vehicles at 4429 Underwood Street; and (2) up to 2 vehicles at 6713 Queens Chapel Road.

Re zoning for the property at Route 1 and Pineway: Testifying before the joint committee of the Planning Board and District Council, on behalf of UP, Mayor Tabori requested that the height restriction not be increased above six stories and that the property not be rezoned to an MUI category. The current zoning for the property is R18. After discussion with Attorney Ferguson, the Mayor believes the wording in the Sector Plan is inconsistent on what the height restrictions would be. A letter stating UP's position was returned to the joint committee by September 30th. Council expressed more concern about lot coverage and parking on the property and deficiencies in the plan's traffic studies.

Re the CHEHD update: At a meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), Mayor Tabori read the UP Council-approved letter stating UP's position (that UP homes could not be included in the proposed "College Heights Estates" historic district). The Mayor had a sense that HPC was taken aback by the UP position, and HPC pressed the Mayor quite vigorously about it.

CM Mallino emphasized that HPC would be designating a new historic district in 30 days. She also mentioned that the CHE Association (CHEA) had held four meetings (May 27th, September 10th, and December 11th in 2007, and September 17th in 2008) to discuss becoming a historic district...as was documented in official CHEA minutes. *[Ed. NOTE: Many of the homes CHEA wants to include in their CHEHD are UP properties in CM De Saussure's Ward 7 (across Wells Parkway from CHE)].* CM DeSaussure confirmed that there had been no communication by CHEA with Ward 7 residents during the time frame of those meetings. CM Mallino noted that October 29th and November 7th in 2008 were the first times CHEA approached UP on CHEHD. Council continued discussing the issue at length, including the implications of CHEA claiming UP properties to be part of a

CHEHD, and UP's possible recourses should an attempt be made to impose a College Heights Estates historic district on University Park. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



OBITUARY

RICHARD LEE WHELTON, M.D., 87, a longtime resident of University Park, died peacefully surrounded by his family on September 28, 2009, at Arden Courts Nursing Home in Silver Spring. In 1956, Dr. Whelton and his wife, Jacqueline Taylor Whelton, had purchased a newly-built house at 4116 Woodberry Street. They moved in with four children and soon added two more. Dr. and Mrs. Whelton enjoyed 45 happy years raising their family in University Park, before selling their home and moving to Riderwood Village in 2001.

Dr. Whelton was born on November 15, 1921, and was raised in Washington, D.C. by his mother, Frederica Harding Whelton, and his devoted uncle, Dr. Richard Lee Spire. He attended St. Martin's Grade School, McKinley Tech High School, and the University of Maryland. While in medical school, he met Jacqueline Taylor, a student nurse at Gallinger Hospital, which became D.C. General in 1953. Their first date was on her 20th birthday when he took her out to dinner at the Willard Hotel. They married two years later.

During World War II, Dr. Whelton served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1946, stationed briefly at Camp Grant, Illinois. He then returned to medical school and in 1947, he received his M.D. from George Washington University Medical School. Following his internship at Gallinger Hospital, he served in the Air Force Medical Corp from 1951-1952, stationed at Sampson Air Force Base in Syracuse, New York, during the Korean War. While in the Air Force, he was awarded a fellowship to study preventive medicine at Tulane University in New Orleans. Dr. Whelton was a decorated veteran. He was a Private



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 <i>Tadoma²/Greenbelt Farmers Mkt</i> 10 AM-2 PM (7P/9PM) <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> GB Artful Afternoon 1-3: Tile Workshop 3p: Shark Ensemble 12:00 NOON Deadline for December NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>2 UPWC Meeting NOON "Slovakia" Program RPC 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING ← PP "Moosehoe" 10:15a & 12p YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>3 <i>November is Quilian Skitsouy Month</i> TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>4 PP 10:15a & 12 NOON "Harold & the Purple Crayon"</p>	<p>5 <i>Riverdale Park Farmers Mkt</i> 3-7p (RP*FM) UP FLU CLINIC RPC 4 to 6:30 SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>6 GAC weekends thru Nov 28th "Little Shop of Horrors" CPAE-OPH, 7:30p (CPAE-4C) Active Cultures Reads New Play UM 8 PM (UM-AITT) "Anna in the Tropics" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>7 <i>College Park Farmers Market</i> 7-NOON (CP*FM) UPES 9a - 1p RECYCLING DAY (UM-AITT, 2+8p) (CPAE-4C 5+7:30)</p>
<p>8 (GTP*FM) CPAM 2 PM "Flying Leathemecks?"</p>	<p>9 CPAM 11a-2p Home-School Day YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>10 PP Sr. Movie 11 AM "The Family That Preys" UM 5:30 PM "Mother and Son" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>11 (UM-AITT, 7:30 PM) <i>Veterans Day</i> (Town Office closed; no Bus) UM 7:30 PM Area High School Choirs</p>	<p>12 (RP*FM) HY-11 Chess - 7 PM (UM-AITT, 7:30 PM) SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>13 (UM-AITT, 8PM) <i>World Kindness Day</i> CPAE-OPH 7:30p Spelanslag! TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>14 CPAE "Get a Hair" 10-3:30 RHM Ladies' Rerency Day 10a (CP*FM) RGPCC Thinkgyng Wkshop 11a HRCC Harvest Bazaar 8a -7p</p>
<p>15 (GTP*FM) (UM-AITT, 2 PM) RHM 12:30-30 PM KG-Seasonal Selections Program</p>	<p>16 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>17 GB Museum 7p GCC "N.J. Architecture Lecture" UPHRA 7/7:30-9 "UM Prange Exhibit" UP After 8 Book Club "The Magician's Assistant" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>18 HY-11 Books 10:30 AM "Middle Passage" 31st Great American Smoke Out SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>19 (RP*FM) UPES Open House 8:30-10 AM UM 8 PM "The Point" SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>20 UM 8p "The Point" <i>Universal Childrens Day</i> CPAE Book Club 7:30-9p "Ida: A Sword Among Lions" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>21 CPAM Scout Day 12-4p (CP*FM) UMISO Concerto Finals 7p</p>
<p>22 (GTP*FM) RAKE NO LEAVES IN GUTTERS OR STREETS</p>	<p>23 <i>November is American Indian Skitsouy Month</i> YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>24 CPAM 3 PM Wright Wing Rib Workshop UPCA MEETING RPC 7 PM TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>25 GET YOUR FREE UP CAR STICKER AT THE TOWN HALL SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>26 <i>Thanksgiving</i> (Town Office closed; no Bus Service)</p>	<p>27 RGPCC 1-3 PM "Turkey Shoot-out" Basketball Competition <i>Employee Appreciation Day</i> (Town Office closed; no Bus Service)</p>	<p>28 <i>November is Good Nutrition Month</i></p>
<p>29 CPAM 2-4 PM Kids' Art - Space Craft</p>	<p>30 YARD WASTE RECYCLING</p>	<p>Dec 1 TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>2 12:00 NOON Deadline for January 2010 NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>3 SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING</p>	<p>4 TOWN TRASH COLLECTION</p>	<p>5 UPCEB 9:30 AM-3 PM SHARING FAIR RHM 10-11:30 AM <i>Breakfast with Siri Niklaas</i> CPAM NOON to 4 PM 2009 Santa Fly-In</p>

COMMUNITY WISH LIST POST SCRIPT

◆ **NEW DOG PARK!** A 40th Avenue resident reports that **Hyattsville now has a FREE dog park** that is open to the public with no membership involved. It is located in Heurich Park on Ager Road (across from Denchfield Nursery at approximately 5950 Ager Road) near the intersection with Nicholson Street. It is reported to be a very nice large facility. There are rules posted outside the fence. It has benches, gravel running areas, a large grassy area, and a good-sized "small dog" section fenced off at one end. A fair number of people and dogs seem to be using it happily.



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



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

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.

First Class officer during his medical school years and was promoted to Lieutenant after his graduation. In 1971, Dr. Whelton was honored with a Meritorious Service Award from the District of Columbia government.

Dr. Whelton became a family practitioner in 1955 and had offices in Washington, DC, Silver Spring, and College Park. He was a beloved doctor who took care of over 800 families, many of whom had multiple generations of family members who were his patients. Until his retirement in 1988, "Doc Whelton," as he was known affectionately to everyone, continued to make house calls and regularly visit his patients who had moved into nursing homes. He was much admired for his insightful diagnoses, his constant concern for his patients, and his gentle bedside manner. Even after his retirement, he maintained his medical license so that he could continue to care for his family and a close circle of friends in University Park. One of his pet delights during retirement was surprising his UP friends and neighbors with a personal delivery of Ledo's pizza or soup...just what the doctor ordered!

From 1959 to 1973, Dr. Whelton also held the office of D.C. Coroner, and from 1973 to 1988, he was the Deputy Medical Examiner for Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and Washington, DC. He had medical privileges at Providence Hospital, Holy Cross Hospital, and Washington Adventist Hospital. Dr. Whelton was a member of the Maryland State Medical Society, the University of Maryland Terrapin Club and M-Club, and the St. John's High School Father's Club. One of his favorite pastimes was gardening, especially cultivating beautiful roses, his favorite flower. He also loved creating planters to catch your eye with their amazing mixtures of annuals. Whether he was called Doc or dad or granddad, Dr. Whelton especially was adored by his kids and grandchildren. They dearly will miss his warm hugs, his engaging conversations and charming wit, his love of animals, and his genuine concern for the well-being of others.

Dr. Whelton was predeceased by his mother, Frederica Whelton, and his uncle, Dr. Richard Spire. Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Jacqueline Taylor Whelton of Riderwood Village, Silver Spring; six children and their spouses: Paul (and Barbara) Whelton of Rutland, VT; Mary-Louise (and Stuart Raynor) of Arlington, VA; Stephen (and Nina) Whelton of Baltimore; Elizabeth-Ann (and Warren Mouledoux) of New Orleans, LA; Suzanne Whelton (and Christian Hochuli) of College Heights Estates; and Richard, Jr. (and Terry) Whelton of University Park; and ten grandchildren: Clinton Raynor and Kimberly Raynor Wren; Warren III, Sara, Pierre, and Alexis Mouledoux; Richard Lee III, Mary, and Patrick Whelton; and Jakob Hochuli. Friends who wish may make a donation "In memory of Richard Lee Whelton, M.D." to Montgomery Hospice (www.montgomeryhospice.org) or the Alzheimer's Association of Maryland (www.alz.org/maryland).



A MESSAGE FROM UP-CERT

Fall is here, winter is near, and flu season has begun! Lots of conflicting information seems to be floating around the nation with resulting uncertainty for many people. "Should you get the shot or not get the shot?" "Should you get one but not the other?" "Don't do anything; just wait and see." And, the big one is, "Let's just get it, get over it, and move on!" The advice of the **UP Community Emergency Response Team (UP-CERT)** is:

www.Ready.gov
Make A Plan
Be Ready
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UP-CERT believes that the best source of information can be accessed at www.ready.gov. If you have confidence in the Government and in their health authorities (the CDC, FEMA, and DHS), this site's detailed information is complete and up-to-date on a

daily basis. So follow their advice and don't allow panic, misinformation, and hearsay to influence your response. Care for yourself. Care for your family. Care for your neighbors.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

◆ **CORRECTION:** In the October 2009 NEWSLETTER, an incorrect phone number was listed for Robin Richmond, the yoga teacher for a Thursday-evening class being held at the UP Church of the Brethren. So...for more info, please call Robin at 301-608-0771.

◆ **OUCH!** - Don't forget...a **Community Flu-shot Clinic** will be offered at Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Thursday, **November 5th**, from 4 to 6:30 PM. Flu Shots at this clinic will be available to adults 18 years or older at a cost of \$27 (cash or check) per person, or free for seniors with a Medicare Part B card in hand. Similarly, pneumonia shots will be available for \$35. This opportunity is sponsored by Adventist Health Care Ministry, partnering with the **University Park Community Emergency Response Team (UP-CERT)**, the **University Park Woman's Club**, and Riverdale Presbyterian Church. (*Persons who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever, should NOT get a flu shot.*)

◆ **UP PLAYGROUP:** Attention Parents and Caregivers! You are invited to join the "UPplaygroup," an online community specifically for residents in University Park. It affords an easy way to organize play groups, share information and events of interest, and discuss parenting issues. To join or for more information, please visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UPplaygroup>. Any questions may be sent to Michelle Wedge of 40th Avenue (prairiegirlindc@gmail.com).

CONGRATULATIONS

◆ To UP resident **Alexandria Lippincott** for her Blue Ribbon entries in the 2009 Prince George's County Fair. Alexandria submitted entries in three different baked goods categories and took home a First Prize for each -- and it was her first time entering! Her scrumptious winning recipes will make your mouth water: Dark-Chocolate-Iced Cupcakes, a delicious Apple Cake, and Butterscotch Brownies (always a huge hit at her office). Her family hopes she will try for the coveted "Best-in-Show" award next year, but when they suggest this to her, Alexandria only will say that she just hopes "to see more UP residents represented in the baking category next year!"

◆ To **Steve and Becky Hittle** of Van Buren Street on the birth of their first child on September 8, 2009 at George Washington University Hospital. Their daughter **Frances Maria Elena Hittle** arrived at 10:12 PM weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces and measuring 20. inches in length. Already little Franny has been on many strolls through the neighborhood and on the Park trails...and with her full head of curly brown hair and dark blue-gray eyes, it's a sure bet she's been captivating many admirers, like her paternal grandmother **Lupe Hittle-Durante**. "Lita," (short for abuelita, the Spanish word for grandmother) will be moving to UP this month from Gainesville, VA, especially to be Franny's primary caregiver -- a win-win situation for the whole family!

◆ To the approximately **24 chefs**, and to the **8 winners** who fine-tuned their secret recipes to enter the **UP Civic Association's 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off** held at the UPES Gazebo on October 10th. SO, with delicious appreciation...**THIS YEAR'S WINNERS ARE:**

In the **5-ALARM (HOT) CHILLI** category:
1st = Robert Bourque of 40th Avenue for his *Louisiana Not Too Hot Chili*; **2nd = Timmy Morrison** of CP for his *"Mo" Scary Chili*; and

3rd = Patrick Hussman of 43rd Avenue for his *I'm Your Huckleberry Chili* (a recipe that has been handed down for 3 generations!)

In the VEGETARIAN CHILI category:

1st = Michelle Williams of Tennyson Road for her *Cornucopia Chili*; and **2nd = Kate Beveridge** of 40th Avenue for her *Moderate Spice Chili*.

In the MILD CHILI category: **1st = Judith Cayo Cotter** of Van Buren Street for her *Cow-girl Chili*; **2nd = Parker Krueger** of HY and **Jack Leonardi** of Queens Chapel Road for *South of Dayton Chili*; and **3rd = Mary Heitkemper** of Woodberry Street for her *SW Chicken Chili*.

ALSO, high commendations went to the entrants in the KIDS (17 & U) Participatory Category: **Annie-Jewel Foxworth** of Woodberry Street and **Abbe Miller** of Tennyson Road were one team; and **Mikaela, Aidan, and Nolan Mooney** of CHE were a second team.



GB'S NIFTY NOVEMBER EVENTS

◆ The Greenbelt Community Center's *FREE* **November 1st ARTFUL AFTERNOON** (1-5 PM) will feature: making an amazing mural (1-3 PM), watching a silent explosion of musical fun (3 PM), and visiting artists' open studios and the open Art Gallery and Historical Gallery exhibits (1-4 PM). The Greenbelt Museum House offers tours (\$3) from 1-5 PM.

◆ From 1 PM to 3 PM, all ages are invited to collaborate with Artist-in-Residence Mary Gawlik at her **FREE WORKSHOP** to help **make a ceramic tile mural for public display**. Participants will create faces on the tiles using a variety of techniques. If assistance is needed, samples will be available, demonstrations will be provided, and individual help will be near. When mounted together, the mural will become a great crowd of lively people!

All the tile makers will be invited to an optional glazing session after the tiles have

been dried and bisque-fired; the special glazing technique for the tiles will serve to unify the mural. Those interested also may help mount the mural! Ms. Gawlik has been a County resident for 30 years and worked with ceramic art tiles since 2003. In addition to making tiles, she is a freelance book editor...who enjoys sailing with her husband. See more of her creations at Greenbelt's Festival of Lights, (a juried art sale) the first weekend in December.

◆ At 3 PM, you will not want to miss a performance by the amazing multi instrumentalists, **THE SNARK ENSEMBLE** (www.snarkensemble.org). All ages will be delighted by the zippy original scores they perform in synchronization with the classic silent movie/s being screened. According to David Winkler of the *DC Theatre Scene*, "After only a few minutes of admiring the quality of the music and snickering at the antics in the films, you'll find that the two combine together seamlessly to make something greater than the component parts..."

◆ **The GREENBELT MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES**: On Tuesday, **November 17th** at 7 PM, you are invited to a screening of "**Jersey Homesteads: In the Architectural Vanguard**" and a conversation with the filmmaker, Ben Johnson, a 62-year-old retiree interested in art and architecture. This fascinating documentary focuses on a central New Jersey town's 200 housing units (built between 1936-1938) that utilized a number of innovative variations on twelve base model homes, and established the town (now named Roosevelt) as being on the leading edge of residential architecture for its time. The New Deal homes featured Bauhaus-inspired style elements (developed in 1920's Germany): flat roofs, unadorned facades, and horizontal orientations. The community also incorporated the late-19th-Century British "Garden City" concept of superblocks of housing and green spaces surrounded by a green belt.

The 68-minute video includes archival and current photographs, video footage, inter-

views with descendants of the town's first settlers, and expert commentary on architecture and town planning. The original town was built to house Jewish garment workers from New York City who would work and farm the rural cooperative. This final presentation of the Greenbelt Museum Lecture Series will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center (15 Crescent Road). For more information, please visit www.greenbeltmuseum.org or contact (301-507-6582/museum@greenbeltmd.gov).



UPWC's PROGRAM ON SLOVAKIA!

On Monday, **November 2nd** at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, the **University Park Woman's Club (UPWC)** invites everyone interested to a sure-to-be-eye-opener **program on Slovakia** presented by Club member **Rene McDonald** of Woodberry Street. After a **NOON** luncheon, which will include Slovakia's traditional national dish, haluska, as well as other tasty cultural foods, and a short business meeting, the Club's International Department Chair, **Marilyn Majeska** of Tennyson Road, will introduce Rene who will share her experiences from a recent trip. For questions or more information, please contact UPWC President Helen Andreno (301-572-5761).

This year, the Club's annual Candlelight House Tour will be held on Friday, December 11th. This lovely event, which has become a University Park tradition, will be the major fund raiser for their 2009-2010 Club year. All Tour 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 Senior High School. The scholarship program began in 1955 and provides scholarships for two high school seniors -- one who resides in University Park and one who attends Northwestern.

The Club is accepting offers from volunteers in the immediate area who might

like to (or be willing to) open one or more floors of their holiday-decorated homes for this worthwhile fund raiser and worthy tradition. **If you might like to hear more detail, about what's involved in volunteering your home, or suggest another's home, please call either Candlelight Tour Co-Chair, Anna-Mae Kobbe (301-277-0414) or Sallie Holder (301-864-9264).** Besides, being a tour home is fun!



LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

◆ You can eat locally YEAR-ROUND by shopping at the **Takoma Park Farmers Market** (6900 block of Laurel Avenue). For their 27th year, this producers-only market is offering produce grown locally within a 125-mile radius. It is open **every Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM**. To see what is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.com.

◆ The **Greenbelt Farmers Market** is open **each Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM through November 22nd**. It is held in the Greenbelt Aquatic Center parking lot (behind the Roosevelt Center & Theatre). For a list of vendors, produce in season, or more details, visit www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.

◆ The **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** is open **each Thursday from 3-7 PM through November 19th**. It is located adjacent to the MARC Station on Queensbury Road. For the 12th year, shoppers may purchase fresh veggies, fruits, eggs, jams, cut flowers, bedding plants, herbs, baked goods, crafts, and more! Contact: Jim (301-332-6258)

◆ For their 30th year, the **College Park Farmers Market** in the Wells Rink parking lot will be open **Saturdays from 7 AM to NOON through November 21st**. Shop for a wide range of fresh fruits, veggies, bakery items, plants, and...two new vendors! The contact person is Donna Almquist (301-345-2583).

ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

◆ **The Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road 301-277-1710; TTY: 301-277-0312) is offering a movie for Seniors and a play & a musical for children. (\$6) (\$6)

◆ On Wednesday, **November 4th** at 10:15 AM & NOON, Enchantment Theatre will present **"The Adventures of Harold & the Purple Crayon,"** based on the 7 delightful picture books by Crockett Johnson. Watch Harold jet to Mars, join a circus, and meet a king in an enchanted garden as he draws with his purple crayon. Recommended for grades Pre-K-3rd.

◆ On Tuesday, **November 10th** at 11 AM, the Platinum Senior Movie will show **"Tyler Perry's The Family that Preys."** *When matriarchs from two sides of the tracks (Kathy Bates and Alfre Woodard) find their families torn apart by greed and scandal, they escape together on a cross-country road trip to rediscover themselves and start righting wrongs!* **FREE**, but advance registration is required.

◆ On **December 1st-2nd** at 10:15 AM & NOON, all ages will love **"Mooseltoe"** and his friends, 12-foot-tall costumed characters who sing and dance through a story about Mooseltoe's plan to fly with Santa's reindeer.

◆ **The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** is offering two ticketed plays, and...a Take Five Tuesday, high school choirs, UMSO concerto finals, and two plays -- all **FREE!** For more information, reservations, or a copy of the exciting new 2009-2010 catalog, please contact (www.clarice.smithcenter.umd.edu or 301-405-2787).

◆ **"Disfarmer"** on **November 5th-6th** at 8 PM in Kay Theatre - This amazing puppet theatre performance examines the life of the hermit Disfarmer through: "table-top puppetry," magic lantern slides, 8mm home movies, Edison wax disks, and haunting Ozark music. Mike Disfarmer, himself, is portrayed by a series of puppets, each 2" smaller, shrinking like rural America until he's gone. **NOTE: See a**

FREE digital exhibit of portrait photographer Mike Disfarmer's work on 11/5 at 7 PM in Room 2200 ◆ *Stay for a Talk Back each night.*

◆ **"Anna in the Tropics"** on **November 6th & 13th** at 8 PM; **November 7th** at 2 & 8 PM; **November 11th-12th** at 7:30 PM; and **November 15th** at 2 PM in Kogod Theatre - This 2003 Pulitzer Drama winner focuses on family members in a cigar factory who are presented with unfamiliar ideas by a new arrival who likes to read *Anna Karenina* aloud as they work. **NOTE: Teens/adults only** ◆ *The show's director will give a FREE lecture on 11/7 at 7 PM in room 2200 on: the 'escape' theme, Cuban culture, FL immigration, and cigar factories in author Nilo Cruz's plays.*

◆ Take Five Tuesday's **"Mother/Son"** on **November 10th** at 5:30 PM in the Laboratory Theatre - Writer Jeffrey Solomon plays both mother & son in a hilarious and heartfelt show tracing mom's rejection and acceptance of son's sexual orientation. **NOTE: Each "Take Five Tuesday" is part of an interactive and informal series offering an opportunity to explore a wide range of performing arts. FREE**

◆ The **2009 High School Choir Invitational** on **November 11th** at 7:30 PM in Dekelbom Concert Hall - The UM School of Music hosts its 8th annual concert of talented high school choirs from across the state of Maryland, including: Atholton and River Hill (Howard County); Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery, Sherwood, and Walt Whitman (Montgomery County); Herndon (Fairfax County); and Suitland (Prince George's County). **FREE**

◆ **"The Point"** on **November 19th & 20th** at 8 PM in the Laboratory Theatre - An original student-created puppet show with live music to compliment the variety of eccentric characters from the 1971 children's album of a little boy trying to find the 'point' of it all. **FREE**

◆ **"UMSO Concerto Competition Finals"** on **November 21st** at 7 PM in Dekelbom Concert Hall - Watch the 7-10 finalists sing their 15-20-minute selections as they vie to

become the featured soloist with this year's UM Symphony Orchestra. Following jury deliberation, a winner, a runner-up, and a 2nd runner-up will be announced on stage. **FREE**

◆ CPAE is presenting the "**Diving Board Reading Series**" from Active Cultures Theatre. On **November 6th and 7th**, triple your fun by planning on hearing these three new plays by local authors. For more about the authors, visit www.cpae.org. For more information, contact (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013). There will be a "Talk Back with the Actors" after each reading. **FREE**

◆ On Friday, **November 6th** at 7:30 PM, it's Stephen Spotswood's "**The Sisters of Ellery Hollow: A Tall Tale.**" (*In a cabin in Ellery Hollow, sisters Abby and Elsie, orphans and outcasts, weave the events of their colorful past into a fantastical tapestry of stories.*)

◆ On Saturday, **November 7th** at 5 PM, it's Ben Kingsland's "**Whitehill.**" (*Everything was going fine until the cavemen showed up -- This off-beat comedy about overprotective fathers, suburban hunter-gatherers, philosophy, and geese is set in suburban Maryland.*)

◆ On Saturday, **November 7th** at 7:30 PM, it's Kristin de Wolf's "**Foolish Fire.**" (*In suburban Northern Virginia, a realtor peddles an abandoned house & the American dream.*)

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

On weekends, from **November 6th through November 28th**, enjoy "**Little Shop of Horrors,**" GAC's rock musical version of the long-running off-Broadway play. (*Poor young Seymour Krelborn is a florist's assistant living on skid row. He becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant (with a mysterious craving for fresh blood). Soon "Audrey II" grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore who offers*

him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite. Then..Seymour discovers it's really an alien bent on global domination!



NOVEMBER EVENTS AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the lovely early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on the quarter hour, Fridays and Sundays from 12:15 to 3:15 PM; group tours are available by appointment. No charge for Gift Shop visits during tour hours. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544. Sign up for classes and activities at www.pgparcs.com or 301-583-BOOK (w/touch-tone phone). *All fees listed are for P.G. County residents.

◆ Feminine fans of the early 19th Century are invited to the home of Rosalie Stier Calvert and her husband, George Calvert, on Saturday, **November 14th** from 10 AM 4:30 PM, to take part in the second annual living-history program, "**Regency (Ladies) Day in the Country.**" Participants will enjoy a variety of pastimes and amusements as well as a 19th-Century lunch together and, later, an afternoon tea. Workshops will include: creating a "period commonplace" (or scrap-book), gathering inspiration from the garden for some floral-based activities, blending perfumes, using natural dyes to make icings, and even more! In addition, a presentation on Regency Hairstyles has been arranged. The afternoon will end with a tea service accompanied by a reading about Rosalie Stier Calvert, Mistress of Riversdale, and her gardens. Period costumes would be fun but are optional. **Advance registration is required by November 6th**; please contact the Museum to register *(\$50).

◆ Those who tour the House Museum on Sunday, **November 15th** (12-3:30 PM) may see the **Kitchen Guild's FREE Seasonal Selections** program, "**Preparing for Winter: Sausages and Mincemeat.**" Each Seasonal

Selections program focuses on a different topic. Holidays, the schedule of fresh produce, or traditional cycles of early 19th-century farm life inspire each month's theme. The programs are included as part of the regular Museum tour fee. The Guild will demonstrate how the items were made using open hearth cooking and visitors may take home recipes to create their own mincemeat for holiday pies!

◆ **"Breakfast With Sint Niklaas:"** On Saturday, **December 5th** from 10-11:30 AM, children ages 3-10 and their parents can visit the saintly Bishop (the Flemish forerunner of the modern-day Santa) to enjoy a Belgian-inspired breakfast. The fee* is \$8/child and \$5/adult (children receive a gift bag). After the program, families might like to include a visit to the Museum Gift Shop. During the holiday season, RHM creates a **"Secret Santa" store** where **children may purchase gifts privately** (at \$4 or less) to surprise their families.



SOARING INTO NOVEMBER

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer two films, a workshop, special days for Scouts/students, and Santa! Museum hours are daily, 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com, 301-864-6029, or TTY 301-864-4765.

◆ At 1:00 PM **each Friday through December 2009**, in honor of the Airport's **100th anniversary year**, the new film, **"College Park Airport: The Early Years,"** is being shown **FREE with Museum admission (FWMA)**.

◆ **Hollywood Flyers** - Plan now for a Sunday afternoon at the movies! CPAM's famous films series features Hollywood blockbusters, classics, and documentaries with a flight theme. All movies begin at 2 PM; lemonade, popcorn, and the movie are FWMA!

On **November 8th**, the featured film will be **"Flying Leathernecks."** *In this 1951 film, Major Kirby (John Wayne) leads The Wildcats squadron into the historic WWII battle of Guadalcanal.* Next month, there will be no movie as the Museum will be preparing for the arrival of a North Pole visitor at the same time!

◆ **Home-School Day** - On Monday, **November 9th** from 11 AM to 2 PM, home-schooled students ages 7 and older and their parent-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 Saturday, **November 21st** from NOON-4 PM, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of all levels may explore the history of aviation and science of flight through a variety of fun and educational activities. Pre-registration required (\$4).

◆ **Wilbur's 1909 Wright Wing Rib Workshop** - On the last Tuesday of each month at 3 PM (**November 24th**), visitors are invited to learn about the work and craftsmanship that went into making early aircraft by watching a rib-making demo in Wilbur's Hangar. After it is constructed, one lucky name will be drawn to get to take Wilbur's Wing Rib home. (FWMA)

◆ **Santa Fly-In** - Saturday, **December 5th** from NOON-4 PM, come and 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)

◆ **Part-time Staff Needed** - CPAM would like to hire staff to manage the Museum Gift Shop. Persons must be dependable, enjoy assisting visitors of all ages and working with merchandise vendors, have good computer skills, and...be able to place orders, develop displays and financial records, stock shelves, and organize storage -- i.e. be true multi-taskers! The position averages 16-20 hours/

week between 9 AM-1 PM, 4 days/week, plus 1-2 weekends/month. Please fax 301-927-6472 or email aviationmuseum@pgparks.com.



COLLEGE PARK BLUES FESTIVAL

A Blues Festival will be held at Ritchie Coliseum (UM, Route 1, CP) on Saturday, **November 7th** from 7-11:30 PM. This free event is being sponsored by the City of College Park and the DC Blues Society with support from the University of Maryland, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and College Park Arts Exchange. This year's entertainment will be provided by Homemade Jamz Blues Band, the DC Blues Society Band, and the winner of the DCBS "Battle of the Bands." CPAE will sponsor a craft table for fashioning artsy buttons.

Although the event and parking (behind Ritchie) are free, there also will be food and beverages for purchase. 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, please contact ericamarrari@yahoo.com or ads@dcblues.org.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"A good book has no ending."

R. D. Cumming.

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

◆ For all ages and levels, the **Chess Club** only will meet on the second Thursday at 7 PM (**November 12th**) with instructor Ted Fagan -- due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

◆ The Morning Book Discussion Group meets at 10:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday. On **November 18th**, they will discuss "**Middle**

Passage" by Charles Johnson. (*This exciting sea narrative provides an unusual historical look at a horrifying experience and offers a rare perspective of slave trade and its consequences for American blacks.*) New members always are welcome. The next meeting will be on January 21st; during December, the group takes a winter break.

◆ **The After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all interested men, women, and couples, will continue its 2009-10 Club year on **November 17th** at 8:00 PM to discuss "**The Magician's Assistant**" by Ann Patchett. If you have questions or would like to join this month's discussion, please call Leila Steiner (301-779-7295). For December 8th, their selection will be *Rabbit, Run* by John Updike.

◆ **The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) meets monthly on Fridays from 7:30-9 PM (except in August) at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) to discuss their ongoing theme of non-fiction works by women authors. Their selection for **November 20th** is "**Ida: A Sword Among Lions -- Ida B. Wells and the Campaign Against Lynching**," by Paula J. Giddings. *This historian of American black-women activists discusses great 20th-century progressives, black and white, who worked alongside Wells on her campaign.* On December 18th, they will discuss "*Check-out: A Life on the Tills*" by Anna Sam.



PG PLAZA COMMUNITY CENTER

The **Prince George's Plaza Community Center** (6600 Adelphi Road, by the Library, 301-864-1611/TTY 301-445-4512) offers seasonal specials each month, like a coat drive, craft workshop, and basketball competition. ID cards are FREE for ages 17 younger and seniors 60 & older. Plan now for some close-to-home fun with your friends. (Fees shown are for PG County residents.)

❖ From **November 1st-20th**, the Center is holding a **"Coat Drive."** Readers are asked to donate their outgrown gently-worn coats so others may stay warm this winter. Coats for men, women, or children will be accepted anytime during operating hours. Donated coats should be in a clean and wearable condition.

❖ On Saturday, **November 14th** from 11 AM-12:30 PM, children ages 8-14 may participate in a **Thanksgiving Craft Workshop** to make a holiday table centerpiece. (\$1)

❖ On Friday, **November 27th** from 1-3 PM, come join Mr. Gobbler's favorite kind of **"Turkey Shootout"** -- the Center's holiday basketball skills competition. Organized especially for ages 8-17, a variety of games has been planned, with prizes for the various age-group winners. **FREE** with your Center ID.



NOVEMBER 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; or, you may visit www.cpae.org for more information.

❖ On Friday, **November 13th** at 7:30 PM, the Scandinavian fiddle group **"Washington Spelmanslag"** will bring to life some wonderful old tunes you will be sure to enjoy. CPAE's Cultural Connections series offers free lectures and performances focused on cultural exploration, music, art, literature, and history.

❖ **"Felt a Hat"** on Saturday, **November 14th** from 10 AM to 3:30 PM (bring lunch). Local fiber artist Bonnie Korr will help teens & adults create a beautiful, colorful, hand-made hat at this workshop. Please call to see if space still is available.

❖ Make a fun silvery spaceship or UFO out of three-dimensional materials at the **November 29th "Kid's Arts Drop-in"** program. From 2-4 PM, Arts Specialist Aaron Springer will lead a free, fun, and creative arts workshop for ages 3-8 with their parents.



A HARVEST BAZAAR & A SHARING FAIR

❖ Holy Redeemer Catholic Church (4902 Berwyn Road) will hold its annual **Harvest Bazaar** on Saturday, **November 14th.** Come and check out the: yard sale items in the Hall across the street (8 AM to 3 PM), a white elephant sale (8 AM to 7 PM), and their traditional Christmas crafts sale and game booths (NOON to 7 PM). They also will be offering lunch at NOON and a "Taste of Italy" dinner beginning at 5 PM. The Bazaar will end with a Live Auction and raffle drawings from 7 to 11 PM. For more information, please contact Michelle or Paul Boling (301-474-8433 or michellerb@gmail.com).

❖ Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, a visit to the University Park Church of the Brethren on Saturday, **December 5th** from 9:30 AM to 3 PM will support causes that link all the world's people. The **2009 "For All Good Causes Holiday Market and Sharing Fair"** will be held on the lower level of the Church (corner of Route 1 and Tuckerman Street). For more information, please call 301-864-4328.

This alternative bazaar will offer the opportunity to buy unique gifts from an assortment of non-profit organizations supporting a variety of good causes: "SERRV: A Greater Gift" (handcrafts from artisans around the world); Chesapeake Bay Foundation (working to restore and protect the bay); Bead For Life (supporting women's micro industry); Heifer International (helping meet the needs of hungry families); "Koinonia Partners" pecans (supporting ongoing efforts to build a more

just community); "Equal Exchange" (Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate); and creative gifts and toys from a variety of other nonprofits which are working toward a better world. Maine balsam wreaths may be ordered by calling the church; they will be available for pickup at the Fair. (A limited number of wreaths also will be available for those who didn't pre-order, as long as the supply lasts.)

Plan now for your choice of a feast from the grill (bratwurst? veggie? buffalo burger?). Save room for a delicious treat from the traditional UPCB Bake Sale that always tantalizes shoppers with its fresh homemade goodies; and allow some time for your children to decorate a few cookies to take home with them.



VISIT UM'S PRANGE EXHIBIT!

The University of Maryland Library is hosting a special exhibit of the Gordon W. Prange Collection, "Voices of the Vanquished: Censored Print Publications from Postwar Japan, 1945-1949." All Town residents are invited to attend a curator-led after-hours tour of the exhibit with members of the **University Park Historic Preservation Association** on Tuesday, **November 17th** from 7:30-9 PM.

Gordon W. Prange, a longtime resident of University Park, assembled the world's largest collection of Japanese-language materials published during the immediate post-World War II period. The collection includes newspapers, magazines, maps, posters, and personal papers. After the American Occupation of Japan ended, he oversaw the transportation of the collection to his UP home on Sheridan Street where he began to organize and archive the materials. In 1937, Dr. Prange began his career as a professor of history at the University of Maryland. In 1942, he was granted a leave of absence to embark on a wartime career as an officer in the United States Navy, and in 1945, he was sent to

Japan as a member of the American Occupation Forces. After completing his Navy service, he remained in Japan from 1946-1951 as chief of General Douglas MacArthur's 100-person historical staff. Once back in Maryland, he returned to teaching in the University's History Department.

The entire Prange Collection is held in the University of Maryland Library's Special Collections, but "Voices of the Vanquished" will be on display through December 22nd in the Maryland Room Gallery on the first floor of Hornbake Library. **Town residents may carpool by meeting at the Town Hall parking lot no later than 7 PM.** Free parking near Hornbake is available in the Regents Drive parking garage in Lot 5 (upper levels only) after 4 PM. For more information about the exhibit and the Collection, visit www.lib.umd.edu/prange; for more info about the **November 17th** tour, please call Chris Garcia (301-699-9124).



PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN HOUSE - MEET THE NEW UPES PRINCIPAL

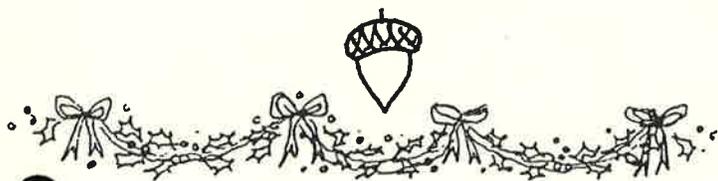
◆ University Park Elementary School is hosting an Open House Visit for parents of prospective students. Parents will be delighted to meet new Principal Nancy Schickner, PTA board members, teachers, and hosting parents, followed by a tour of the school. Come and see all the great things happening at UPES! Please save Thursday, **November 19th** from **8:30 AM sharp** until 10 AM, for your visit. For more information, please call Becky (301-779-0848) or the UPES School Office (301-985-1898).



OPEN UPCA MEETING

The next meeting of the **University Park Civic Association (UPCA)** will be on **November**

24th at 7 PM. Meetings are held monthly on the fourth Tuesday at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Attendance at these meetings is very welcome but not required. The UPCA is a group of Town residents who plan and carry out fun events for children, adults, and families throughout the year. Your \$25.00 annual contribution helps to fund the year's program. In October, the group sponsored their annual Chili Cook-Off and a very successful Town Halloween Party. For more information, please view upcivicasassociation.org, where soon you will be able to make your yearly contribution through PayPal. In the meantime, checks may be mailed to "UP Civic Association, P.O. Box 1655, College Park, MD 20741-1655."



UP HOME DECORATING CONTEST!

The University Park Woman's Club will again sponsor the **UP Holiday Home Decorating Contest** on Sunday, **December 13th**. The registered homes should have their lights on by 7 PM; judging will take place between 7:30-9:30 PM. There will be three categories for the outside decorations: "**Best Decorated Door**," "**Best Decorated Whole House**," and "**Best Religious Theme Decoration**." First, second, and third-place winners are chosen for each category and recognized with their names printed in the UP NEWSLETTER.

So...think about participating this year; there's 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 to register your home for the contest, please call Co-Chairs Sallie Holder (301-864-9264) and Rene McDonald (301-779-1643).

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 5th** - Do your holiday shopping while you support many non-profit organizations and third-world countries at **UPCB's *HOLIDAY MARKET AND SHARING FAIR**. To participate, call UPCB (301-864-4328).

◆ **December 5th** **MAY BE** the date for a **Town Holiday Party/Supper**, check the Town website or the December NEWSLETTER for more details.

◆ **December 5th at 7:15 PM** - Join your neighbors for **University Park's 62nd Annual LIGHTING OF THE TOWN TREE** at the intersection of Sheridan Street and Queens Chapel Road. Check the Town website or the December NEWSLETTER for more details.

◆ **December 12th** is the date to save for the **UPWC's *CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY HOME 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 13th** is the evening when University Park's traditional exterior ***HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST** will be judged. 1st-3rd-place prizes will be awarded for **Best Door**, **Best Whole House**, and **Best Religious** decoration. Any University Park home may register to be judged by calling 301-864-9264 or 301-779-1643.

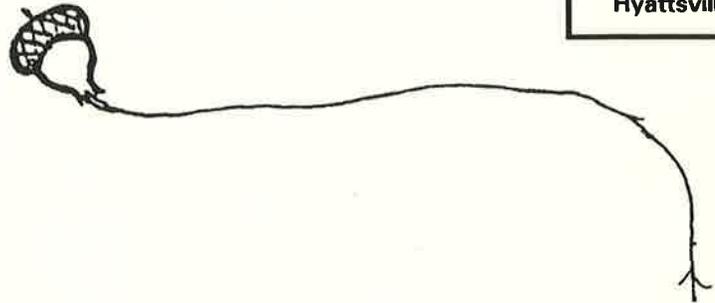
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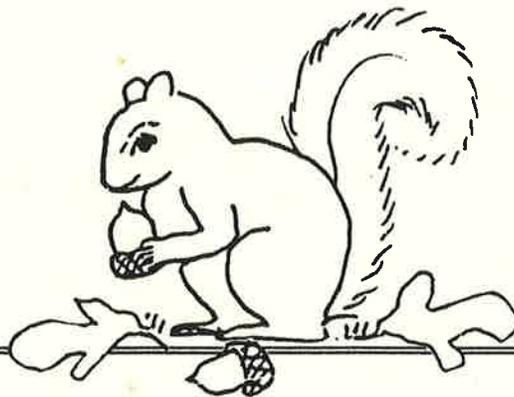
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