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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

DEC 2 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the
January 2010 issue, 12 NOON

DEC 7 - COUNCIL MEETING

DEC 11 - Deadline to file (for Ward 7 CM)

DEC 21 - COUNCIL MEETING

DEC 25 - Friday, Christmas Day AND
JAN 1 - Friday, New Year's Day, 2010
(Town Hall closed; no Bus service)

DEC 29 - Ward 7 Election (RPC, 8a-8p)

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

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

FROM THE MAYOR
JOHN ROGARD TABORI

As we rush toward the end of the first decade in the 21st Century, we might pause

and reflect on **OUR FORTUNE, OUR SUCCESSES, AND OUR TASKS AHEAD.** The Town's fortune lies in its **RESIDENTS**, in their kindness and decency toward each other, and in a group of individuals of the highest quality who serve our community on a daily basis, whether as volunteers or as paid staff. The Town's successes over the last decade have been numerous, but the one of which the Town should be most proud is its dedication to the **CONTINUED DEFENSE OF OUR TOWN PARK AND STREAM.** And while much remains to be done, the restoration of the Stream that began in 1998-2002 continues to be a high priority. Recently, we have succeeded in engaging our neighboring municipalities and the County to begin developing a long-range plan to protect our Stream from its headwaters west of Adelphi Road to its point of entry into the Northeast Branch.

As to tasks ahead, 2009 will end with two beginnings, which are particularly worth noting. The Town will have completed a full **STREET TREE INVENTORY** that will allow us to better plan for future street tree maintenance and plantings. For those of you who are interested, **Mickey Beall**, our Director of Public Works will present a report on the Inventory at the **December 7th** Council Meeting. Thereafter, the report will be posted on the web. The Town expects to conduct an additional inventory of Park trees next fall and also, in a two-stage process, plans to develop long-term maintenance and improvement plans for both our Park and streetscape. Finally, WSSC contractors will begin to **REPLACE UP WATER**

LINES in the Northeast corner of Town around **December 1st** and in the Southeast corner around **January 1st**. Both areas' replacement projects should be completed in approximately a year's time. Undoubtedly, there will be times when the work will be disruptive, but the end result will be much improved water service and a significant reduction in the likelihood of service disruptions due to burst water pipes. As WSSC finishes, the affected streets will be milled and resurfaced. Some street resurfacing may begin as early as next summer, but most likely will not occur until late spring/summer of 2011. In order to manage the street maintenance process, the Town is developing a long-term street maintenance plan using a five-year cycle that matches the five-year budget-planning model that was initiated in spring 2009.

On a more practical note, for those of you who live in Ward 7, **Mr. DeSaussure's** decision to resign from the Council on November 2nd has resulted in the necessity to hold a **SPECIAL ELECTION** on **December 29th** at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. For Ward 7 residents who may be interested in running for this Council office, the deadline for filing is **December 11th**. Please check the announcements in this NEWSLETTER for the qualifications and requirements to get on the ballot, as well as for the articles giving details about the *starred events I mention below.

As I write this, Thanksgiving and the beginning of the Holiday season are less than two weeks away. As you go about your business, please consider saving a few dates to join your neighbors and participate in several **TRADITIONAL TOWN HOLIDAY EVENTS**. The **UP Historic Preservation Association** will be orchestrating the Town's *Holiday Pot Luck Supper at 5 PM on **December 5th**, followed by the *Town Holiday Tree Lighting at 7 PM that's being organized in a new greener way by the **UP Solar Co-op**; and on **December 11th**, the **UP Woman's Club** will brighten the holidays with their *Candlelight House Tour.

And if I might encourage you, **PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING** a donation to the *Town

Holiday Funds as a tip of the hat for both our **Public Works** and **Police Department** employees who help care for our Town throughout the year. Also...please consider giving UP an extra bit of cheeriness by decorating your homes to highlight the season; the **UPWC** will be choosing the winners of the *UP Home Decorating Contest on **December 13th**.

"On a personal note, have a wonderful holiday season; enjoy your families, friends, and neighbors; and as always, keep safe. In the language of my ancestors: God Jul och Ett Gott Nytt År."



FROM THE CHIEF

MICHAEL WYNNYK

NOW IS THE TIME TO FOCUS ON A "SAFE SHOPPING SEASON": As you move into the height of the winter holiday season, please remember these basic tips:

- ◆ Either **shop during the day** or park in near-by well-lighted areas.
- ◆ **Be aware of your surroundings (and your wallet!)** when you park, walk, or are shopping in stores.
- ◆ Lock your purchases in your car's trunk or keep them covered behind darkened-glass windows **before** driving to another store.
- ◆ Remember where you parked. When you finish shopping, have your keys ready and walk directly to your vehicle. **Always request a security escort if you shopped alone.**
- ◆ Know which credit cards you have with you when shopping. If possible, only take one! **It's safer/easier to keep track of just one card.** (There is a theft trend to steal just 1-2 credit cards from a stack of cards and return your wallet, hoping you won't notice the missing cards.)
- ◆ Always try to **shop with a friend** -- the more the merrier...and safer.

DRINKING AND DRIVING: December is "National Drunk Driving Awareness Month." **NEVER DRINK AND DRIVE!** Be sure your teenagers and all your family drivers always

follow this rule. **NOTE:** Sobriety check-points, extra patrols, and cooperative efforts with adjoining jurisdictions are enforcement activities that are in effect. **HELP SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE! Please don't let anyone you know drive after drinking -- it's the best present you could give them.**

"The Department hopes you will make this holiday season the safest one ever!"

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.dpssc.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
9/24-10/4	Theft	6700 Q C Road
Oct 14th	Theft	4200 VanBuren
Oct 14th	Theft	4200 C H Drive
Oct18-20	Theft	4000 Beechwd
Oct23-26	Stolen Auto	6700 Balt Ave
Oct 25th	Armed Robbery	4400 Beechwd
Oct 26th	Recvr'd Stolen Auto	3900 Adelphi

Theft (Between 10 AM on Sep 24th & 7 PM on Oct 4th): Suspect/s stole a red and

silver 20" Razor bicycle from the rear yard of the residence. No suspects were located.

Theft (Between 8:30 AM-12:30 PM): Suspect/s stole a metallic blue Columbia mountain bicycle from the rear yard of the residence. No suspect/s were located.

Theft (Between 8:30 AM-12:30 PM): Suspect/s stole a blue Schwinn mountain bicycle from the rear yard of the residence. No suspects were located.

Theft (Between 2:45 PM on Oct 18th & 9 AM on Oct 20th): Suspect/s cut a bicycle lock and stole a gray mountain bicycle (of unknown make) from the front porch of the residence. No suspects were located.

Stolen Auto (Between 3:30 PM on Oct 23rd and 7:15 AM on Oct 26th): Suspect/s stole a SCAG commercial-style zero-turn-radius riding lawn mower and a Honda trailer from the parking lot of the Town Hall. No suspects located; investigation is ongoing.

Armed Robbery (At 1:17 AM): An adult male (University of Maryland student) was walking home from College Park southbound on Baltimore Avenue. When he turned right onto Beechwood Road, he observed two black males exit a red SUV-type vehicle and approach him. The suspects displayed a silver handgun and demanded his money. The victim complied and surrendered approximately fifty dollars in cash. The suspects fled the area in the vehicle southbound on Baltimore Avenue. The victim was not injured. No suspects were located and the investigation is ongoing.

Recovered Stolen Auto (At 6:30 PM): A University Park Police officer observed an unattended vehicle in the left-turn lane. A check of the vehicle determined that it had been reported stolen in Montgomery County, earlier that day. No suspects were located. The owner of the vehicle was notified.

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

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

FROM THE UPPWD DIRECTOR

MICHAEL BEALL

◆ WSSC WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT SET TO BEGIN ON CLAGETT ROAD -

The tentative date for WSSC work to begin on Phase I of the University Park Water Main Replacement Project is December 2nd. Shummer Inc. is the company that will be working on Clagett Road; construction is expected to continue through March. Residents should begin making plans to avoid the work area during the construction hours. [Ed.NOTE: The exact hours will be available closer to the start date; please check the PWD calendar (located on the Town website: www.upmd.org).] Also, the PWD will be adjusting its collection routes so that Clagett Road collections will be made prior to the beginning of construction each day. SO...during construction...Clagett Road residents must have their carts, etc. at the curb by 7 AM to ensure collection of their yard waste, trash, and recycling on the respective collection days.

◆ UPDATES TO THE ONLINE LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE -

In response to residents' requests for more information about the progress of the leaf-collection trucks through Town, by each Friday, the PWD will begin posting a weekly progress update on the Public Works Calendar (located on the Town website: www.upmd.org). Residents should check the calendar for information about where collection is expected to be done in the ensuing 2-week period. Please understand that the schedule always is subject to change based on weather, leaf volume, and unforeseen factors. Residents again are reminded NOT to rake leaves into the gutters or street.



FROM THE STREAM COMMITTEE

A WELLS RUN REPORT

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

REDUCED POLLUTION - There is good news! The nitrate and phosphate levels in the Town Stream tested well within the normal

range during October. This indicates that the sewer line break, now repaired, was the source of the contaminants measured by the Dematha project in 2007-2008. There should be little or no concern about children playing in or around the Stream at this time. Further monitoring will be conducted on a regular basis. Spring 2010 tests will show any effects of lawn treatments on these pollutants. In the meantime, please consult sources such as the EPA document at www.epa.gov/weatherchannel/stormwater.html or the guide at www.mashpeemec.us/Runoff/ResidentialStormwaterPrimerJuly102008DRAFT%5B1%5D.pdf for pointers on reducing pollutant sources and slowing storm water runoff from your property. It's especially helpful to edge lawns with flowerbeds so that they can trap and use water that could run off lawns into the storm drains.

STORM WATER RUNOFF -

The main factor still affecting the health of the Town Stream is storm water runoff. The amount and speed of this runoff erodes stream bank, scours the streambed, and displaces stream organisms. These factors are evident in the current state of the Town Stream. In some areas, erosion is undercutting streets, and stones laid for stabilization have moved considerable distances. Some streambed areas have washed out to the extent that foul-smelling bacteria now grow there. Flatworms, tadpoles, frogs, and ducks are the few organisms thriving in the Stream.

Much of the excessive runoff comes from the Northwestern High School site as well as from the increasing development around Prince George's Plaza, the Metro station, University Town Center, and other housing developments in this area. The Town Council and Stream Committee members are working to address the problems with surrounding towns and County authorities. Runoff from residential property also is a factor. The websites mentioned above also contain tips for reducing runoff from your own property. Storm water runoff carries a lot of trash into our Stream. The Committee is

investigating the use of trash traps as a way to intercept trash entering our Stream from outside Town.

STREAM STABILIZATION - If you have walked near the Town Stream, you probably have noticed several informational posters describing the Stream stabilization project that was completed in 2004. This work needs restoration and updating. Much new information is available to make said projects more effective. The Committee will develop recommendations and ask the community for help with jobs that can be done now to repair particular areas. Already, **Brownie Girl Scout troop 1507**, led by **Kaye Moss**, has helped with clean-up and water testing.

Committee members have taken responsibility for the following subcommittees: Illicit Discharge Detection & Quality Monitoring: **Bruce Beveridge**; Construction Site Storm Water Runoff: **Ed Lee**; Post Construction Site Storm Water Runoff: **Ed Lee**; Stream Stabilization: **Karen Prestegaard**; Trash Trapping: **Tom Eichbaum**; Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping: **Mickey Beall**. Two subcommittees still need leaders: Public Education & Outreach and Public Involvement & Participation. Please contact Tom Stickles (Tstickle1@verizon.net or 301-864-0533) if you would like to learn more about Wells Run, join the Stream Committee, lead a subcommittee, or would like a detailed report of recent Committee activities, including water-quality testing.



INFORMATION ON TOWN PERMITS

JOHN TABORI and AMY HEADLEY

Over the past six months, the Town has encountered a number of thorny and confusing construction and permit issues. As a consequence, we thought it useful to present some of the do's and don'ts of permit requests.

When Is a Permit Required & by Whom?

There are four different permit scenarios:

Projects requiring only a County permit, both a County and Town permit, only a Town permit, or no permit.

1 - COUNTY ONLY: Utility work may require a County permit. Interior construction that impacts load-bearing supports, trusses, or walls require County permits. Neither utility nor interior work requires a Town permit.

2 - BOTH COUNTY AND TOWN PERMIT REQUIRED: The following projects require both a County and a Town permit: (1) All exterior work to houses, outbuildings, and sheds that involves load-bearing supports, trusses, or walls; (2) erecting a new building or an addition to an existing building; and (3) construction of an above-ground deck or porch.

3 - TOWN ONLY: (1) Fence replacements when the fence does not exceed 6 feet in height (New fences with gates require a County permit in order to ensure that they meet setback rules.); (2) any walkway, sidewalk, or driveway work that intrudes on the Town right-of-way, even if only a minor repair; and (3) any drainage work that redirects water onto Town sidewalks, streets, or properties.

4 - NEITHER COUNTY NOR TOWN PERMIT REQUIRED: (1) Replacement gutters, replacement windows, replacement siding; (2) new roof (as long as no support structures are involved); (3) exterior painting; and (4) cosmetic repairs not involving any of the following exceptions: landscaping (as long as it does not involve significant grading), re-grading, and/or constructing of retaining walls more than two feet in height above the ground.

Controversial Projects: The following **seven projects** do not fit neatly into the four categories and often generate controversy:

1 - Retaining Walls: Any retaining wall that is over 2 feet in height requires both a County and Town permit. This includes structural repairs to retaining walls, the replacement of retaining walls, and the construction of new retaining walls. If the retaining wall is 2 feet or less but will cause water to be redirected onto Town property, right-of-way, or a neighbor's property, then a Town permit is required.

2 - Driveways: If you are doing cosmetic work on your driveway, such as resurfacing, retarring, or patching a small area, no permit is required (as long as the work isn't on the Town right-of-way). For a general driveway replacement, at a minimum, a Town permit is required, and possibly a County permit as well. For a driveway expansion involving an impermeable surface of any size, both a County and Town permit are required. If you are constructing a new driveway, or shifting from pervious to impervious materials for your driveway, both permits are required.

3 - Sidewalks/Walkways: The replacement of old, or the construction of new, sidewalks or walkways on your property that exceed 500 sq. ft., or shifts from pervious to impervious materials requires both County and Town permits. If replacing or creating a new sidewalk of any size, you will require a Town permit. This is a safety check to ensure there won't be any run-off problems. For simple patching or resurfacing, no permits are required. If you are lifting up and pouring concrete or if you are working in the Town right-of-way, a Town permit is required. If you will be pouring concrete into forms, a County permit is required along with a Town permit.

4 - Steps: The County has specific requirements for steps as to both height and width. If either of these will be changed, or you are fully replacing the steps, both permits are necessary.

5 - Sheds: If the shed being installed is 150 sq. ft. or less, only a Town permit is required. Only one shed per property is allowed.

6 - Patios: If 500 sq. ft. or less, only a Town permit is required. If greater than 500 sq. ft., a County permit also is required.

7 - Decks and Porches: Replacements and new structures will require both a County and Town permit.

Projects for Which Permits CANNOT be Issued: There are **five types** of projects for which, by law, neither the County nor the Town can issue a permit:

1 - Projects that encroach on a neighbor's property, even if a replacement. You will

be asked to adjust your plans to ensure the project will be on your property alone.

2 - Driveways or parking "pads" may not be constructed in front of your house. This is a relatively new restriction. Properties that had driveways and parking areas in front of their house prior to the change in the law, may maintain them in place, but may not expand them.

3 - If you are constructing a new garage, a specific formula is used and there is a calculated 15' (foot) height restriction that is not variable.

4 - Outbuildings (sheds, garages, etc.) may not contain living space or be more than one story "tall." Please consult with the County and the Town for the exact interpretations and rules around these requirements.

5 - If you are going to exceed 30% of lot coverage, at a minimum, you will need a variance from both the County and the Town. If you exceed 40%, the County will most likely deny the request, and as a matter of policy, the Town will deny it as well.

Variances Required for Fences from the Town and the County: If you plan to install or replace a fence that is over 4 feet tall, a variance is required from the Town. If the proposed fence will be over 6 feet tall, you also will need a County variance. Houses not on perimeter streets (Adelphi, E-W Highway, and Route 1) are generally not granted a variance by the Town, except under special circumstances specified in the Town Code.

Stop Work Orders: These are issued for violations of the Town construction permit requirements and building code. There is a \$100 fee for all permit applications initiated by a Stop Work Order. The main problems with Stop Work Orders are inconvenience, delay, and the possible extra cost that they can cause. You can avoid Stop Work Orders with a little planning. Call the Town Hall about your project if you have any doubt. We will be glad to identify any permit requirements. **DO NOT** rely solely on your contractor for this information; verify their assertion. Finally, plan ahead! It can take up to two weeks to receive a

Town permit, and longer for a County permit if a variance is involved.



ITEMS TO NOTE

➤➤ ❖ **WARD 7 RESIDENTS** have until **December 11th** to file as a candidate for the vacant Ward 7 Council Member position.

➤➤ ❖ On **December 29th**, an **ELECTION** will be held for a new Ward 7 Council Member.

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

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

❖ **UP LANDLORDS**: A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease a residence in University Park. All owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. Rental licenses cost \$250 per year and provide a yearly inspection

program for all licensed UP rental property. For questions about the license or law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

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

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

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

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

❖ **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 **Christmas Day, December 25th** and **New Year's Day 2010, January 1st**.

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

Center visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on week days before 1:30 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 www.upmd.org under "Other Documents."



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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 5th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carey, DeSaussure, Lucas, McPherson, O'Connor, and Toscano; and Chief Wynnyk.

Mayor Tabori reported that: (1) At a meeting about the Belcrest Plaza project with five representatives from the Contee Corporation (CC) team, that included the attorney, the engineer, and the architect (attended by the

Mayor, CMs Lucas and Toscano, and Attorney Ferguson), **Mayor Tabori raised three points of concern: storm water management, traffic management, and the impacts of the 33-story building.**

CM Lucas said the **County's storm-water management plan was based on one-inch of vertical rainfall** and did not include the effects of rainwater capture by such a massive building structure, which would be significant for a 33-story building.

Although CC said the site plan had been corrected to show the topographic lines, **Mayor Tabori said the CC plan still was inconsistent with the County's topographic map**, and the County map was current for the PG Plaza and Toledo Terrace areas. He also said that **Wells Run was at the saturation point** and the Steam's capacity already had been met or exceeded. He added that the County also had given the Belcrest Plaza project a very poor review on its approach to transportation.

Two reasons for **CC's urgency to move forward on the project** could be their relationship with the current County political leadership (with significant turnover expected in the 2010 elections due to term limits) and their desire to tie into long-term bond funding while interest rates were favorable. It was noted that CC was very resistant to engaging an external storm water management company to independently assess their plan, and comments were made about focusing on school headcounts, attendance issues, and how school children could cross Adelphi safely.

(2) Re the Historic District Designation: It was announced that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff had meetings with the College Heights Estates Association (CHEA) and prepared reports before ever approaching UP. After the initial contact with UP in November of 2008, there were no communications between CHEA and UP prior to CHEA's May 27th meeting. The Mayor expressed three areas of concern: (a) He was greatly concerned that a local historic district

designation could be imposed on a jurisdiction without the municipality's consent, especially one which carried strict zoning law burdens for the homeowner. (b) He wanted to explore further a statement made at the meeting by Howard Berger that **"the Old Town CP Local Advisory Committee had not turned down any building permits."** And finally, (c) because Maryland State Law clearly identifies three entities when dealing with historic district designations (the State, the County, and the Municipality) **the Mayor and Council considered raising UP's concerns to the County Executive and the Governor.**

A motion was passed unanimously to **prepare a letter to the HPC** on behalf of the Town, **expressing UP's position** on the proposed CHE Historic District.

Chief Wynnyk reported that he felt Route 1 traffic had been slowed by the **red-light camera**. He noted that although speed camera legislation had passed at the State level, County legislation was required before the camera could be implemented on a local level. He informed Council that SHA still had no monies for a **pedestrian light at Adelphi Road**, and also that UP was in the process of joining in a **mutual aid agreement** with Edmonston, Hyattsville, and Riverdale Park.

A motion was passed unanimously for **construction of a 24'x36' 2-car garage and storage space at 6902 Wells Parkway. Permit not to be issued until the Town receives a letter explaining how the water will not run off into the adjoining properties, and releasing the Town from any liability regarding that situation. (The lower 4 feet would be brick; the rest would be cement board with architectural style shingles on the roof. Lot side clearances would be set back 3-4 feet more than the 2-foot minimum. Town was concerned with water runoff infringing on neighboring properties.)**

A motion was passed unanimously for a rental property's **six-month parking waiver for up to five vehicles at 6908 40th Avenue.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 19th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carey, DeSaussure, Lucas, Mallino, O'Connor, and Toscano; Attorney Ferguson, Chief Wynnyk, Treasurer Baden, and UPPWD Director Beall; and State District 22 Delegate Tawanna Gaines.

Under public comment, Ms. Gaines said she wanted to speak on several issues. **Re the Highway User Funds (HUF)**, she mentioned the precarious nature of the State Budget in general and spoke specifically about the MD Association of Counties' recommendations for deep budget cuts in the HUFs; \$160 million was suggested which was double the initial proposal. As she had related to the MD Municipal League and to CP, the HUFs contained no formulas to separate funds received by the County from those received by municipalities. She noted that it was important that the State recognize municipalities as separate entities, distinct from Counties and other local governments. Her proposal (supported by CP) was to separate County and municipal funds under the HUFs' funding formulas. Mr. Baden questioned how current revenues of \$11,000 from HUFs could be "increased" back to the original funding level when \$11,000 represents a nearly 95% "decrease" from the previous years' funding. Ms. Gaines also said municipalities could apply for funding under the County program or directly to the State through Program Open Space.

Mayor Tabori reported that: (1) the dollar figure for the 70% service **back funding for the retirement plan** would be \$1,062,000 and that Mr. Baden had found a rate of 4.4% over 15 years from private placement bonds (versus 7.75% over 25 years! through the State bonding authority). This would save the Town between \$900,000-\$1,000,000 over the life of the loan; (2) The Town had received a **\$13,000 energy grant** which would be used to insulate the Town Hall and install a more-

efficient heating system; and (3) The PGC Municipal Association had asked UP to host their **monthly dinner meeting**. Discussion included possibly using UPES or Mulligan Grill and other catering pros and cons.

Chief Wynnyk reported that: (1) He was **working with UPES** to help address the traffic issues during morning drop-offs and evening pick-ups, and to help the school resume their Safety Patrol program; (2) The UPPD was able to respond and **disrupt an attempted break-in** on Clagett Road thanks to a neighbor's quick alert; (3) **Target donated a laptop computer** to the UPPD; and (4) He was investigating the **parking issues** between Pineway and Beechwood Road.

Re the Belcrest Plaza Project (BPP): Mayor Tabori, CMs Lucas and Toscano, and Tom Stickle are attending Tuesday meetings with BPP representatives. Mr. Stickle prepared a detailed report on Wells Run, including the Town Stream portion that runs through UP. The Mayor continued to raise three issues with BPP developers: the viewshed of the 33-story building, traffic, and storm water management. He added that he is trying to find time to investigate a number of economic models that would be helpful to characterize the impact this type of development would have on UP.

Re the CHE Historic District: Attorney Ferguson reported that she'd had extensive discussions with Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff member Howard Berger. Should HPC endorse the CHE proposal (that included UP properties) over UP's objections, then UP would want to express its concerns to the County Executive. Attorney Ferguson recommended a copy of Dr. Sparks' *History of UP* be attached to Council's letter to HPC. Plans were to post the letter by October 20th.

A motion was passed unanimously **approve the letter** prepared by the Town Attorney stating UP's position on the proposed CHE Historic District and instructing the Mayor to send the letter to the HPC.

CM Toscano reported that the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) had received PGC's draft **storm water management plan** from the Department of Public Works and Transportation. CM Toscano felt that the proposed legislation was weak and did not incorporate AWS' viewpoints. The Mayor discovered that UP was the first municipality to raise concern that the storm water management plans were not publicly reviewed and had no public comment period. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

A Special Election for the
Town of University Park
For the Office of
Council Member for Ward Seven
Will be conducted on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2009

Polls will be open from
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at
Riverdale Presbyterian Church
6513 Queens Chapel Road
Side Door Entrance

Deadline for filing as a Candidate is
December 11, 2009

NOTE: Residents wishing to run for the office of Council Member in the upcoming election must be:

- (1) a registered University Park voter,
- (2) twenty-five years of age or older on the date of the election, and
- (3) a resident of Ward 7 for two years.

NEW LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

On November 16, 2009, **Legislative Resolution LR 09-O-12** was introduced. This ordinance would **provide for the issuance and sale of up to One Million Sixty-two Thousand Dollars (\$1,062,000) aggregate par amount of general obligation bond** of the Town of University Park, to be issued and sold pursu-

ant to the authority of sections 615 and 616 of the Municipal Charter of the Town of University Park, as amended, and Sections 31 through 39 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds necessary for funding the past service obligation cost of entering the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland and paying the costs of issuing the bonds and also would provide that the bonds shall be issued upon the full faith and credit of the Town of University Park, and will set the form, tenor, denomination, maturity date, and other provisions of the bond. The meeting set for **December 7, 2009** is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted.



FLORENCE JOSEPHINE WENDORFF PAYNE, 100, a resident of 41st Avenue for 43 years; died on November 7, 2009. She passed away peacefully in her sleep in the home where she had lived almost half her life. Mrs. Payne was born in Tomah, Wisconsin on March 28, 1909, the only daughter of Richard August Edward Wendorff and Martha Gertrude Kleinbauer Wendorff (who lived to be almost 103).

Mrs. Payne worked for the telephone company in Tomah, Wisconsin only one year before deciding to move to Washington, DC, where she enjoyed a full career working for the Veterans Administration, the Department of Agriculture, the Farm Credit Bureau, and the Treasury Department. She retired after 36 years of Federal service. Mrs. Payne was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), St. Mark's Senior Citizens, and Senior Citizens of the Knights of Columbus. She had been a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. She enjoyed knitting, gardening, walking, and swimming.

In an article about her 100th birthday in the April 2009 UP NEWSLETTER, Mrs. Payne attributed her long life to her German-Polish ancestry which she said gave her a strong work ethic. She said that she always had worked hard and didn't resent it, because she felt comfortable with hard work. And she added, "I never felt like I would live (100 years)...but I've had a wonderful life."

Mrs. Payne was predeceased by her husband Howard Brent Payne. Survivors include her four children, all Maryland residents: Richard B. "Dick" Payne of University Park, John F. (and Susan) Payne of Upper Marlboro, Margaret "Peggy" Payne (and Michael) McConnell of Huntingtown, and Thomas J. "Tom" (and Barbara) Payne of Greenbelt; seven grandchildren and their spouses, fifteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandsons. Friends who wish may make a donation "In memory of Florence J.W. Payne" to St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 7501 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20783.



HOLIDAY GIFTS OF APPRECIATION

Please consider donating to University Park's "Holiday Funds." These Funds offer a way for you, as Town residents, to express your appreciation to our wonderful Public Works Department and Police Department for the exemplary work done by both Departments' dedicated employees throughout 2009.

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

Residents may show their appreciation to our Town Police Department by making a contribution 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." On the memo line, please indicate "UPPD Holiday Gift Fund" and/or "UPPD Benevolence Fund" and the respective amounts you wish to donate to each. **All donations should be delivered to the Town Hall by December 18th.**



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

◆ **A HOLIDAY GIFT TO UP FROM THE *TCCP:** Whether you'd like a few tips on perfecting your serve, or you'd like to try hitting with a professional, or you just want to learn the mechanics of the game -- ***The Tennis Center at College Park** (5200 Paint Branch Parkway) is offering a **FREE HALF-HOUR LESSON to all UP residents!** Lessons may be redeemed by friends, families, couples, or individuals. Just call Ashleigh (301-779-8000, x105) to reserve your time!



CONGRATULATIONS

◆ To **Harry Horton** on his 75th birthday! Harry is University Park's much-loved Driver for the Town Shuttle Bus' morning and senior/handicapped routes. For over six years, he's been on the job making life easier for the residents of University Park. Harry also is a professional keyboardist, a composer of music and lyrics, and a soloist. So if you ride the bus with Harry, keep an ear tuned for some very mellow background music...and don't forget to wish him another happy 75 years!



ANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOUR AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Proceeds benefit UPES, Hyattsville Middle School, and Northwestern High School



FRIDAY
DECEMBER 11, 2009

7 TO 10 PM

CANDLELIGHT TOUR

We present our uniquely decorated
Five - Tour Homes:

Judd & Carol Nelson: 4000 Tennyson Road
Kurtis & Leatha Thome: 4108 Van Buren Street
Mike & Sandy Twigg: 7105 Wells Parkway
TBA:
TBA:



6-10:30 PM Craft Sale: 3909 Calverton Drive

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CALL

Anna-Mae Kobbe (301-277-0414) or Sallie Holder (301-864-9264)

"Thanks to the generous folks who are opening their homes, and to all residents who are supporting this educational fund raiser sponsored by the University Park Woman's Club."



If you live in UP, YOU'RE IN the Home Decorating Contest!

1st - 2nd - 3rd place Winners will be chosen for:

★**BEST DOOR** ★ **BEST WHOLE HOUSE** ★ **BEST RELIGIOUS THEME**★

→ **All UP homes automatically are entered** ←

1st Place = Gift Certificate from Will's Decorating Center

(See the article in this NEWSLETTER for all the details.)

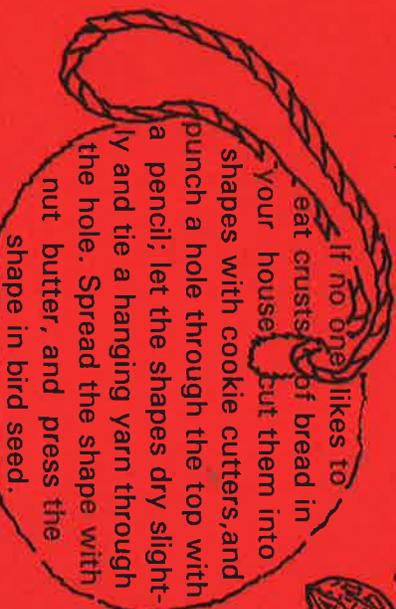
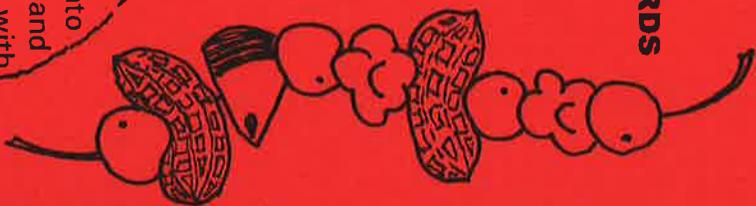
You don't need many strings of lights;

often, 1-2 spotlights on natural decorations

can be even more effective!

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.

- ★Join your neighbors
- ★ Sing in the winter holidays
- ★ Make history
- ★**DON'T MISS** being able to say, "I was there at University Park's first **GREEN Tree lighting with solar-powered lights!**"

(Refer to the articles in this issue for more information on the Town Supper Party, Tree Lighting, and House Decorating Contest.)

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

❖ To **Ed Hosey** on the occasion of his **100th birthday** on November 28th! Ed and his wife **Ellen Hosey** moved to 6507 41st Avenue in 1955, and Ed lived there for 47 years. Ellen passed away in December 2000. Ed and Ellen's four children are: **Gary** (and Marion) **Hosey** of Millersville, MD; **Denny** (and Linda) **Hosey** of Denton, MD; **Judy Hosey** (and Joe) **Kauffman** of Louisa, VA; and **Debbie Hosey** (and Dave) **White** of Greensboro, NC. Denny and Linda report that, after a century of living, Ed still is playing golf with them. Linda said, "He can hit the ball off the tee about 150 yards and, more often than not, it is straight down the fairway!" Therefore, Linda has nicknamed him... "Fairway Eddie!"

When Ed was asked what he wanted to do on his 100th birthday, he said he would like to dance! He'll never be without dancing partners with his eight grandchildren: Anne Hosey, David Hosey, Kevin Hosey, Jimmy Kauffman, Sherry Kauffman Rosson, Laurie Kauffman Mancini, Laura White, and Daniel White; and seven great-grandchildren: Kelly Hosey, Ryan Hosey, Charlie Rosson, Elizabeth Rosson, Ellen Rosson, Grace Ellen Mancini, and Dylan Mancini! We think there must be something really good in the water on 41st Avenue, because Ed actually is the second 41st Avenue resident to record a century of living. His former neighbor and friend **Florence Payne** had turned 100 exactly 8 months earlier, on March 28th! Friends who might like to drop Ed a line, may write to: Ed Hosey, Homestead Manor, 401 Colonial Drive, Denton, Maryland 21629.

❖ To **Barbara Dunn and her family** (of University Hills). For 18 years, Barbara Dunn served as the very helpful secretary of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and for even longer, the entire Dunn family had been active at UPES and with UP Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. Since "retiring" in 2006, Barb has been volunteering for the area church-based shelter and lunch programs, "Safe Haven," "Warm Nights," and "Community Place Cafe." But her most delightful "job" is caring for her 3-year-old granddaughter Mia Claire Thomason once a week.

Barbara's husband Marshall Dunn retired in 2005 after serving as pastor of University Christian Church for 31 years. After his retirement, he has been serving as an interim preacher for several area churches (including Riverdale Presbyterian Church, where he served for three months in 2007 and five months in 2008). Daughter Kristen Dunn Thomason graduated *summa cum laude* from Hiram College in Ohio and received her M.A. degree in Ethics from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 1996. Currently, she is Director of the Training Center for the National Institutes of Health. Kristen now lives in Falls Church with her husband Jon Thomason (whom she has known since they were teenagers at camp) and their daughter Mia.

Son Eric Dunn's wife Jen gave birth to their second daughter on October 25, 2009. Little Phoebe Marshall Dunn joins her big sister, 5-year-old Alison Ruth Dunn. However, Phoebe's birth wasn't the only amazing thing that happened to Eric that week. As reported in the *St. Louis Post*, on October 28th, Eric Dunn was awarded the prestigious Milken National Educator Award, considered to be one of the profession's highest honors. Each year, the Milken Foundation recognizes outstanding teachers with a monetary award of \$25,000.00 given "clear and free"! During the years Eric has been at Webster Groves, the school district has reported rising state math and advanced placement scores.

Eric has taught math (algebra, advanced placement calculus, geometry, and trigonometry) for 12 years at Webster Groves High School in suburban St. Louis. He also leads "A-MEN," the school's a capella men's choir. He was under the impression that A-MEN would be performing the National Anthem for the Missouri Education Commissioner at the Wednesday school assembly, so he completely was unaware of the award until the moment it was announced -- as evidenced by a heartwarming You Tube video of the school's ceremony (www.youtube.com/watch?v=b71_sMXLEGY&feature=player_embedded). At the beginning of the video, viewers will be able to see Eric leading A-MEN in the National Anthem.

On a St. Louis blog, Eric had said that his philosophy was to let kids discover as much as possible on their own. "Math is not about me showing them what to do and them mimicking it; my classroom is not about me." Rather, he prefers to validate real-world applications for the concepts he teaches by taking his classes outside or bringing in everyday examples. He said that he remembered being bored in a lot of math classes when he was a student so, now, he prefers just "to try and have fun with his students." After receiving the award, Eric said that he would celebrate the occasion by taking the whole math department out to dinner; he reasoned that he had played only a small part in the school's test score improvement.



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 two plays & a musical for children.

◆ On **December 1st-2nd** at 10:15 AM & NOON, all ages will love "**Moeseltoe**" and his friends, 12-foot-tall costumed characters who sing and dance through a story about Moeseltoe's plan to fly with Santa's reindeer. (\$6)

◆ On **Tuesday, December 8th** at 11 AM, the Platinum Senior Movie will show "**Dance Party: The Teenarama Story.**" Narrated by Motown recording artist Martha Reeves, this Emmy Award-winning documentary examines television's teen dance phenomenon and the longest running African-American teen dance show during its time (1963-1970). **FREE, but advance registration is required.**

◆ On **Sunday, December 13th** at 4 PM, Theatre IV will present an adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic "**Christmas Carol**" especially for families and young audiences. Recommended for grades K-5th. (\$6)

◆ "**The Shoemaker and the Elves**" - On **Tuesday, December 15th** at 10:15 AM & NOON, Theatre IV will offer a yuletide spin on this classic Grimm's fairy tale. The story of a poor Shoemaker and the magical elves who show him the true meaning of Christmas will be presented as a heartwarming holiday musical! Recommended for grades K-5th. (\$6)

◆ **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 **December 4th-12th**, enjoy "**The Devil's Christmas Carol.**" This is a special GAC event in which the book, lyrics, and music were written by director Penny Martin! *Theater is Hell...or is it? Expect the unexpected in this musical story of lost souls who (for their mistakes) are condemned to perform "A Christmas Carol" in Hell until they get it right. And, if the show is really good; some souls may get out...honestly!*

◆ **The Robert E. Parilla** (Montgomery College, Rockville Campus) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** continues its Saturday Morning Children's series with puppet fun and its Guest Artist series with a holiday duo. Ticket info at 240-567-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

◆ On **Saturday, December 5th** at 11 AM, the Saturday Morning Children's Series will be Rudyard Kipling's "**How the Elephant Got His Trunk & Other Animal Tales.**" Especially for ages 5 and older, Jim West will perform the titled show and "How the Camel Got His Hump" as large-scale puppet extravaganzas followed by a madcap barnyard opera performed with colorful rod puppets to the accompaniment of Mozart, Strauss, Rossini, and more -- a morning of fun!

◆ On **December 11th** at 8 PM, the Guest Artists Series will present "**A Christmas Gift for You from Ronnie Spector and Darlene Love,**" the essence of pop music history's "girl group" sound. Although the two ladies

have recorded more Christmas hits than any other two people on the planet, they never have performed together live on stage for the holidays. Come hear the original voices for Spector's "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" and "Sleigh Ride," and Love's "White Christmas" and "Winter Wonderland."

◆ **The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** is offering a **FREE** concert, the traditional "Festival of Lessons and Carols," and two band concerts. For more info, reservations, or a copy of the 2009-2010 catalog, please contact (www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or 301-405-2787).

◆ **"Honors Chamber Music Concert"** on **December 6th** 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**

◆ **"Big Band Winter Showcase"** on **December 9th** at 7:30 PM in Kay Theatre - Heat up a cold winter night with a swinging concert by the UM Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and UM Jazz Band. Grammy-winner Chris Vadala will direct the bands in classic and contemporary jazz works.

◆ **"The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"** on **December 11th** at 8 PM in the Memorial Chapel - This 8th 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 Choruses, The Maryland Boy Choir, organist Theodore Guerrant, readers from the UM campus, and audience participation. *(NOTE: On the day of the performance, tickets only will be available in the Chapel lobby, beginning at 7 PM.)*

◆ **"The Annual Kaleidoscope of Bands"** on **December 11th** at 8 PM in the Dekelbom Concert Hall - For this special Kaleidoscope, the Wind Ensemble, Wind Orchestra, UM Band, Community Band, and (in their only concert hall appearance) the Marching Band will fill the stage, aisles, and spotlight with a parade of musical styles. Hear a new sax

concerto, excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* and the clever *March of the Wooden Soldier* and much more -- directed by former Wells Parkway resident **L.R. Sparks**.



SOARING INTO DECEMBER

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

◆ **LAST CHANCE:** In honor of CPAM's **100th anniversary year**, each **Friday** at 1 PM through December 18th, the new film **"College Park Airport: The Early Years"** will be shown **FREE with Museum admission (FWMA)**.

◆ The award-winning photographer Carolyn Russo is showcasing her current traveling exhibit **"In Plane View: Abstractions of Flight"** from **December 4th through June 11, 2010**. Within the close-up facets, sculptural forms, and life-like elements, viewers will appreciate the often-overlooked simple elegance of aircraft design in Russo's transformation of technology into art by focusing on the bold colors, textures, shapes, and patterns she saw in some of the National Air & Space Museum's iconic aircraft. On January 31st, Russo will speak about her exhibit at CPAM.

◆ The 2009 annual **"Santa Fly-In"** will take place on Saturday, **December 5th** from NOON to 4 PM. Come and watch Santa fly into 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 their big night.)* While waiting for Santa's arrival, Museum visitors are invited to enjoy an assortment of holiday arts and crafts projects that will be offered in the gallery. (FWMA)

❖ **"Holiday Trains and Planes"** - From **December 19th through 26th**, the Museum will be decked out in Yuletide spirit complete with an encore visit from the National Capital Trackers' exhibit. Their constantly-moving fascinating display of model railroad circuits features a miniature world of trains, villages, tunnels, and depots! Come spark your imagination and see history brought to life at this multi-generational holiday tradition that is not to be missed. (FWMA)

❖ **Hollywood Flyers** - CPAM's famous films series features Hollywood block-busters, classics, and documentaries that have a flight theme. This month, there will be no movie so the Museum may prepare for Santa's flight into historic CP Airport! At the next Hollywood Flyers movie, on January 3rd, the film to be shown will be Walt Disney's *Dumbo*.



TOWN HOLIDAY SUPPER PARTY

On Saturday, **December 5th** at 5 PM, the **UP Historic Preservation Association**, supported by the **UP Civic Association** and individual volunteers, will present UP's joyous **Holiday Pot Luck Supper Party** and later, the 62nd annual **Town Tree Lighting Ceremony**. All residents and friends are invited to dine with their neighbors in Custis Hall at Riverdale Presbyterian Church (6513 Queens Chapel Road) and/or plan to join the group who will celebrate a "historic" lighting of the Town Tree at 7 PM (at the corner of Sheridan Street and Queens Chapel Road).

Participants are asked to bring either a festive entree, side dish, or dessert to share (enough for eight); this year, menu items with a traditional or historic twist are being encouraged. Also, with so many less-fortunate families in economic straits this year, the organizers wish to recognize how meaningful it is to be able to share one's bounty. So in addition to bringing a covered dish, everyone is asked to contribute a non-perishable food

item or a child's new warm clothing item. The local distribution network, Help By Phone, will benefit from our collection.

Families who attend the supper party may wish to bring cameras to capture their children chatting with Santa by the fireplace, creating holiday crafts, and enjoying the live entertainment by UP's renowned **Blue Sky Puppet Theatre**. Residents also may purchase tickets at the supper for the UPWC 2009 Candlelight House Tour (on December 11th) from UP Woman's Club members who will have them available. And finally and most excitedly, watch for the "historic" surprise at this Town Tree-lighting ceremony (apart from the bearded gentleman in red); it will be a fantastic first for UP! (Or, find out now; just read the next article!) Everyone is invited.

If **YOU** might enjoy lending a welcome hand with some of the evening's festivities, please contact Bob Streitmatter (301-779-6910, astrohecr@earthlink.net) or Chris Garcia (301-699-9124, Urbanipm@gmail.com) for details; **many hands make less work more fun!**



I'M DREAMING OF A SOLAR CHRISTMAS

OUR TOWN TREE IS GOING SOLAR and lighting the way for a brighter future for our Town! This year, as we sing in another season, the University Park Town Tree (at the corner of Sheridan Street and Queens Chapel Road) will be greener than ever! Decked out with the Town's new high-efficiency LED lights and powered by portable solar panels, our Tree will be a model for one way to celebrate an environmentally-friendly holiday.

The **University Park Solar Co-op LLC (UPSC)**, in collaboration with Standard Solar, Inc. will provide a portable solar unit for the **December 5th** lighting of the Town Tree holiday decorations. UPSC members will be available to discuss solar energy with students and adults who may be interested in seeing the solar panels up close and understanding

more about how the electricity is generated. (More-in-depth meeting arrangements may be made for after the Tree lighting). UPSC's informative website (www.communitysolarcoop.com) explains the organization's purpose and its plans for the future of solar power in UP (in which all UP residents may participate).

So mark your calendars now for the **2009 Town Tree Lighting** on Saturday, **December 5th** at 7 PM, and plan to celebrate a cleaner, greener holiday season with your neighbors and friends. For other details/questions, please call Sarah (301-927-5091).



DECEMBER FUN WITH CPAE

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

◆ On Saturday, **December 5th** from 2-4 PM, adults and teens can learn to **"Make a Wreath."** CPAE will provide all the basic wreath-making materials; participants should check www.cpae.org for ideas of other items that may be brought from home to make your wreath unique. Please call to register and check availability (\$10 fee).

◆ At 5 PM on Saturday, **December 5th**, start celebrating the holidays by enjoying some informal **"Seasonal Celebrations"** with local musicians and performers. Enjoy a snack and a hot drink while you, or your friends, share your favorite holiday pieces.

◆ Ages 3 and older (accompanied by an adult) are invited to attend **"Science for Kids."** On Sunday, **December 13th** at 3 PM, Amy Hansen, local author of *How Things Work*, will present her new science books for kids. As space is limited, registration is advised for this popular high-quality event.

◆ **Arts Drop-In** - Ages 3-8 and their parents are invited to print their own beautiful wrapping paper for the holidays. On **December 20th** from 2-4 PM, join arts specialist Aaron Springer for this creative arts workshop.



DECEMBER 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.pgparks.com or 301-583-BOOK (w/touch-tone phone). *All fees listed are for P.G. County residents.

◆ **"Breakfast With Sint Niklaas"**: On Saturday, **December 5th** from 10-11:30 AM, children ages 3-10 and their parents may enjoy a Belgian-inspired breakfast while the gift-giving, long-robed, benevolent Bishop (the Flemish forerunner of the modern-day Santa) makes his rounds. 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 special **"Secret Santa" store** where children may purchase gifts privately (at \$4 or less) to surprise their families. NOTE: Advance reservations were required by November 30th for the Breakfast. As capacity is limited, walk-ins cannot be accepted; call to see if space is available.

◆ On **December 27th** from 6 to 9 PM, RHM presents **"The Calverts by Candlelight"** - As the doors of the stately 200-year-old Riversdale mansion open, George Calvert and his wife, Rosalie Stier Calvert, will welcome you into their home as the smells of gingerbread, spices, and pine, and the sounds of festive music waft through the air. Enter a home festooned with seasonal greens and filled with period music as you prepare to

interact with the costumed interpreters representing the Calverts' family, friends, and servants during your self-guided tour of the illuminated mansion. Cooking over an open hearth fire, activities to entertain the children, and delicious warming refreshments capture the spirit of the evening. Fee \$5; FREE for ages 12 & younger. Reservations unnecessary.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN GREENBELT

◆ On Saturday, **December 5th** from 10 AM to 5 PM, and on Sunday, **December 6th** from 11 AM to 4 PM, the 37th annual City of Greenbelt's "**Festival of Lights**" **Arts & Crafts Show** will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. This marvelous juried fair includes **professional crafters of distinctive 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 make-and-take paper box craft workshop on Saturday from 1-3 PM; and delicious refreshments will be sold in the "Festival Cafe." From 1-3 PM on Sunday, Greenbelt's **Artful Afternoon program** invites you to make-and-take an evergreen 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 and since, has allowed visitors to experience the life in the now-famous New Deal-planned community through (\$3) tours of its "historic house," a restored original Greenbelt row house purchased by the City to be a museum. The Greenbelt Museum Historic 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 (with an "80s" theme) from 7 PM to 12 MIDNIGHT on **December 31st**. The fun begins in the Community Center (15 Crescent Road) with a variety of arts and crafts activities and entertainment for all ages; tasty food and drink will be available for purchase. Teen activities will be focused in the Rec Center with The John L.T. Band, high adventure games, and more. Tickets go on sale December 4th at the Community Center and Co-op Grocery, are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door, free for ages 5 and younger, and cover ALL venues and activities. For more info, please visit www.greenbeltmd.gov.



HOLLY TROLLEYFEST

This year, why not visit the National Capital Trolley Museum's "Holly Trolleyfest". On three weekends (**December 5-6th, 12-13th, and 19-20th**) from NOON to 5 PM, visitors may ride with Santa and Mrs. Santa aboard a real "street car" or trolley as well as see a large toy train and trolley display in operation. The Museum is located at 1313 Bonifant Road. There is a small fee for the trolley ride. For more up-to-date information, please call 301-384-6088. **NOTE: The Trolley Museum has been closed since 2008** while the new visitor center was being constructed. The opening date was to be November 28th. Please call the Museum after this date before planning a Holly Trolleyfest visit.



YEAR-ROUND FARMERS MARKET

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

PM. To see what is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.com.

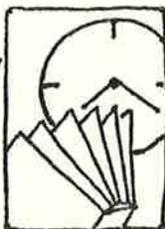


BOOKS AND AUTHORS

"A good book has no ending."

R. D. Cumming.

◆ **The After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all interested men, women, and couples, will continue its 2009-10 Club year on **December 2nd** at 8:00 PM to discuss "**Rabbit, Run**" by John Updike. If you have questions or would like to join this month's discussion, please call Margaret Callaghan, 301-864-1031. For January 19th, their non-fiction selection will be *The Geography of Bliss* by Eric Weiner.



◆ **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 (**December 10th**) with instructor Ted Fagan. It was an easy decision not to reschedule the December 24th meeting date due to an already busy holiday season.

◆ For years, the HY-LI Morning Book Discussion Group has met on Wednesday mornings; but 2010 will bring a **CHANGE!** In order to be more accessible to book lovers in the M-F work force, meetings now will be held on the third Saturday at 3 PM! So... after their usual December break, the Group's next meeting will be on January 16th to discuss *My Life in France* by Julia Child.

◆ **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 **December 18th** is "**Check-out: A Life on the Tills**" by

Anna Sam (*A lighthearted description of the life of a grocery check-out clerk.*) On January 15th, the Club will discuss Rita Golden Gelman's *Tales of a Female Nomad: Living at Large in the World*.



UPWC's CANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOUR

For the 16th year, the **University Park Woman's Club** will present their annual Candlelight House Tour on Friday, **December 11th** from 7-10 PM. This lovely event, which has become a University Park tradition, is the major fund raiser for the Club's 2009-2010 Club year. **All Tour proceeds benefit the Club's annual Scholarship Fund** AND help provide monetary donations for UP's three local public schools, UP Elementary School, Hyattsville Middle School, and Northwestern High School. Since 1955, the UPWC scholarship program has provided scholarships for two high school seniors -- one who resides in UP and one who attends Northwestern.

From 6 PM to 10:30 PM on the evening of the Tour, the Pirovic residence (3912 Calverton Drive, CHE) will serve as the Club's "**Holiday Boutique**" home. No tickets are required to visit the Boutique, but...**tickets may be purchased there for the Candlelight Tour**. For additional information, please call either Tour Co-Chair: Anna-Mae Kobbe (301-277-0414) or Sallie Holder (301-864-9264).



PG PLAZA COMMUNITY CENTER

The **Prince George's Plaza Community Center** (6600 Adelphi Road, by the Library, 301-864-1611/TTY 301-445-4512) is offering two holiday craft workshops. ID cards are **FREE** for ages 17 & younger and seniors 60 & older. Plan now for some close-to-home fun with your friends; fees are for PG residents.

◆ **Card Workshop** - On Saturday, **December 12th** from 11 AM to 12:30 PM,

children ages 8-14 may make holiday cards for their family and friends. Reservations are required by December 9th. (Fee: \$1)

❖ On Tuesday, **December 15th** from 12:30 to 2PM, seniors are invited to a **Holiday Tea Party**. Ages 60 and older are invited to learn about the Center's senior activities at a fun-filled social to make new friends and reunite with old acquaintances. (FREE with ID)



RIVERDALE PARK HOLIDAY MARKET

Riverdale Park's 5th annual **Holiday Market** and 8th annual **Lights Festival** will be held on Saturday, **December 12th** from NOON to 8 PM at the Town Center (4650 Queensbury Road, where the Farmers Market was held). Donations of canned food will be gathered to give to area families. **Lights Festival Trolley Rides** are FREE with the donation of a non-perishable food item. Trolleys run from 5:30-8:30 PM; the last trolley ride will leave the starting point at 8 PM. Trolley rides tour local RP holiday decorations while a sing-along is led by jolly elves.

Area artisans will offer a wide array of unique holiday gifts, crafts, art, and greenery (including wreaths and trees), while local food vendors will provide entrees, desserts, hot cocoa & cider. Continuous live holiday music will be presented by many favorite local bands and musicians. Bring your camera and take FREE pictures with Santa! Face Painting, Tattoos, Games, and Family Fun also are free with canned good donations. For more information, please contact www.rpholidaymarket.com/index.html or 301-332-6258.



DON'T HESITATE... DECORATE!

The judging for **UP's annual Holiday Home (Outdoor) Decorating Contest** will take

place on Sunday, **December 13th** from **7:30-9:30 PM**. ALL UP homes are entered in this contest automatically! Just be sure your lights are turned on by 7 PM. The judges' vehicle will make a complete circuit of every street in UP to view the lighted homes, and then, usually makes 2-3 more return visits to the all the "possible" winners before the final decisions can be made. The result of their labors will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-place winner for each of the three contest categories: "**Best Decorated Door**," "**Best Decorated Whole House**," and "**Best Religious Theme Decoration**." First Place winners will receive a Gift Certificate from Will's Decorating Center in Beltsville (301-937-3733). Second and Third Place winners will receive a certificate of appreciation. Special recognition signs will be placed in the yards of all the winners and they will be announced in the January 2010 UP NEWSLETTER.

The aim of the contest is to encourage and acknowledge the most creative, pleasing, and totally-awesome results of the way UP residents have decorated their homes to enhance the beauty and enjoyment of the winter season and/or its many holiday celebrations. Winners are requested to keep their decorations up at least until January 10th so everyone will have a chance to enjoy the variety of creativity that went into brightening our winter nights. For more information, please call either Contest Co-Chair, Sallie Holder (301-864-9264) or Rene McDonald (301-779-1943).



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

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

FOR NON-RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE THE

UP NEWSLETTER: Residents who've moved from Town and other readers should notify the Town Hall which month they would like their subscription to begin and include their first year's payment of \$15. After that, it will be up to the subscriber to pay the subscription rate for each following year before the month that their subscription ends.

PLEASE NOTE: The Town does not give any reminders to subscribers. One's subscription renewal month/year will be printed on the address label. When payment is received, the label is updated. If no payment is received, the subscriber is removed from the mailing list.

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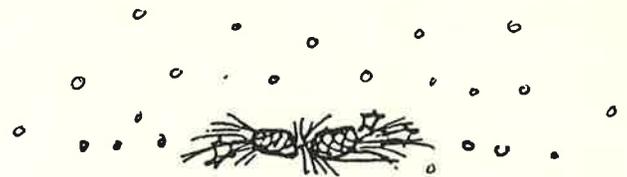
PGC Government Hot Line: 301-952-4810

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

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

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.



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT...

SNOW REMOVAL: When there is a chance of snow, please use your driveway or garage for parking your vehicles. Having fewer vehicles parked on our streets enables our Public Works crew to clear the streets of ice and snow more effectively.



University Park
Welcome Wagon

**INFORMATION
FOR NEW
UP RESIDENTS**

Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

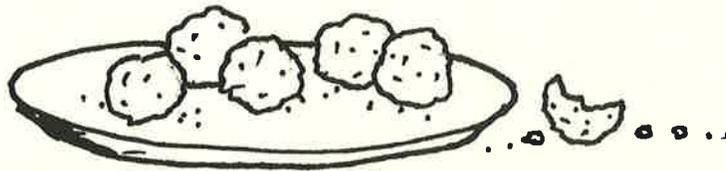
HOLIDAY FUN



MAKE SOME CHOCOLATE ROLEY-POLEYS (No cooking required)

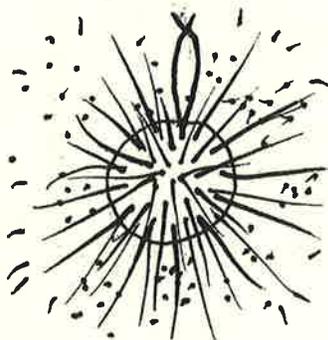
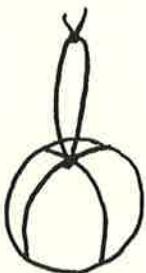
MIX TOGETHER: 2 cups of graham cracker crumbs, 2 Tablespoons cocoa, 1 cup sifted powdered sugar, $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt, and 1 cup ground nuts. **STIR** together $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of orange juice and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tablespoons honey. Slowly, **STIR** the liquid into the crumbs until it becomes a dough mixture that holds together. Then **ROLL** spoon-size pieces of the dough into 1-inch roley-poleys.

FINISH by dropping the balls in a storage bag with a few Tablespoons of powdered sugar. **SHAKE** to coat, then **STORE** in a tightly-covered container overnight before serving. Or **FOR A SURPRISE:** Hide a treat inside each ball when you're rolling it (like a chocolate chip, a nut, a raisin, a craisin, or a bit of date or apricot) **OR**...stick in a bit of a pretzel stick for a poleypop.



MAKE A SPARKLY ORNAMENT

1. Tie thin cord or yarn around a small ($1\frac{1}{2}$ ") styrofoam ball as if you were wrapping a package. Knot it securely and tie a hanging loop on top.
2. Dip round toothpicks in white glue and stick them all over the ball.
3. Put in as many toothpicks as you think looks good.
4. Hold the ornament in a box and spray it with white, gold, silver, etc. quick-drying paint.
5. Immediately sprinkle on the same color glitter and hang to dry. It will be gorgeous.



PLAY THE DREIDEL GAME

1. Purchase an inexpensive dreidel. It will be marked:
NUN (ן) - TAKE NOTHING
HEH (ה) - TAKE HALF
GIMMEL (ג) - TAKE ALL
SHIN (ש) - PUT ONE IN.
2. To start, sit in a circle, each person with an equal pile of pennies or peanuts, etc. All players put one of their pennies in a pot. The youngest player goes first and play continues to the left.
3. First player spins the dreidel and follows the direction for the letter that's facing up. All the other players spin and play (or pay) what their letter calls for.
4. After each round, everyone puts in another penny and play continues. Play as long as you have pennies (or nuts, etc.). You won't have any trouble knowing who the winner is!



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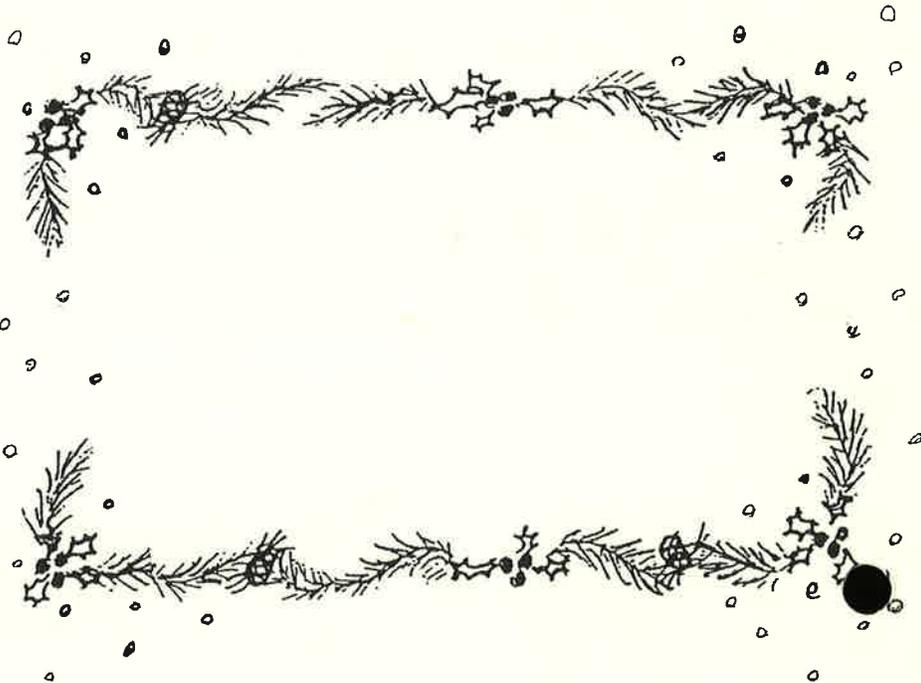
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