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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

DEC 6 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

**DEC 8 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
January 2005 - 12 NOON**

DEC 20 - COUNCIL MEETING

**DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE and
DEC 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE**
(Town Office closed both days)

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM
at the University Park Elementary School.
All interested residents are encouraged to
attend. Interpreting services will be provided
with a request made ten days in advance.
**Agenda for Council Meetings are posted on
the Town's website, and on the Town Hall
Bulletin Board the Friday before a Meeting.**

FROM THE MAYOR
JOHN L. BRUNNER

CONGRATULATIONS to Robby Donnelly
of Sheridan Street for achieving the rank of
Eagle Scout. Robby is a member of University
Park Troop 214, and his Court of Honor is
scheduled for January 16, 2005 at Riverdale
Presbyterian Church. Along with **Caroline
Mitter** of 41st Avenue, Robby was recently
selected as a National Merit semifinalist based

on the scores of the National Merit Scholarship
Qualifying tests given in 2003. Both young
people are students at Eleanor Roosevelt High
School and are two of only seven students in
the entire County to qualify as National Merit
Scholars.

THE FY 2004 TOWN AUDIT has been
completed and accepted by the Town Council.
The Town ended the fiscal year with a **surplus/
fund balance of \$980,882.00**. An outside
CPA firm found the financial reports in order
and pronounced the Town in "excellent
financial shape." Revenues of \$1,790,430.00
exceeded expenditures of \$1,737,310.00 by
\$53,120.00. The total fund balance is slightly
lower than last fiscal year because the Town
was in a financial position to prepay its 1994
series Infrastructure Bonds which had an
outstanding balance of \$210,275.00. The
original payoff date of the bonds was May 1,
2009. The prepayment saved the Town over
\$25,000.00. Copies of the audit are available
for public inspection at the Town Hall.

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS** at two University Park traditions:
the UP Civic Association's **Holiday Pot Luck
Party** and **Town Tree-Lighting Ceremony** on
Saturday, December 4th, and the University
Park Woman's Club's **Holiday Candlelight
Tour, Boutique and Silent Auction** on Friday,
December 10th. The Tree-Lighting Ceremony
has been a Town tradition since 1948! For
more details on all these events, please refer
to this NEWSLETTER's articles and flyer insert.

FROM THE CHIEF
MICHAEL WYNNYK

DRINKING AND DRIVING - Do not include driving as part of any holiday alcohol drinking activity. **December is National Drunk Driving Awareness Month.** Don't drink and drive. Be sure your teenagers know this message. Sobriety check-points, extra patrols, and cooperative efforts with adjoining jurisdictions are all planned enforcement activities for December. The GOAL is to make our community SAFE for the holiday season and year round. **Don't let anyone drive after drinking.** It just may save a life.

TRAVELING - Vehicle emergency kits are a must when traveling. Winter conditions are dangerous when your vehicle becomes disabled in the cold. **An old duffel bag with at least the following items could be a life saver:** Work gloves - Screwdriver - Pliers - Battery jumper cables - Emergency flares - Flashlight and extra batteries - Short shovel - Duct tape - Extra fan belt - Bag of cat litter or rock salt - Cigarette lighter - Jug of water - Basic first aid kit, and Fluorescent safety vest to wear if you have to repair a car on the side of the road.

As a companion to your emergency kit, consider the following **common-sense guidelines to protect you and your family:** (1) Try to move the car completely off the road, (2) Never stand near the edge of the highway while checking the car, (3) During the day, raise the hood and tie a white cloth on the antenna or door handle, (4) At night, turn on your flasher lights to signal your need for help, (5) Set out flares, (6) If you have to repair a car at night, wear a fluorescent safety vest, (7) While you wait for help to arrive, stay inside your car with the windows up and the doors locked, and (8) Carry a cellular phone.

SHOPPING - As you prepare for this shopping season, remember these basic tips:

- ◆ **Park in well-lighted areas.**
- ◆ **Be aware** of your surroundings.
- ◆ **Lock your purchases in your trunk** before driving from store to store.

- ◆ **Have your keys ready** when approaching your vehicle, **or request a security guard to escort you** to your car.
- ◆ **Know which credit cards you took** with you, or only take those you need, and
- ◆ **Shop with a friend;** the more the merrier.....and safer.

STEERING WHEEL CLUBS still are available for only \$10 for cars and \$15 for trucks/SUVs. These devices serve as an additional deterrent to vehicle theft and were made available to the Department at cost. Any interested UP resident should contact the UPPD while they last. Thank you for your continued support.

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP (301-277-0050 or cell, 240-375-1077), Chief Mike Wynnyk (301-277-0051) upchief@upmd.org.

The following crimes occurred in the month of October. In all cases, fingerprint evidence was retrieved when possible, crime areas were canvassed for witnesses and information, and any available serial numbers on property taken were entered into the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC) data bank. PLEASE: Always keep your serial numbers, and ID all valuable property.

CRIME STATISTICS (Oct 1st to Oct 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Oct 1st	Theft from Auto	6900 Pineway
Oct 2-3	Theft from Auto	4400 Sheridan
Oct 5th	Narcotics Arrest	4000 Tennysn
Oct 6-7	Theft from Auto	4100 Tennysn
Oct10-11	Theft from Auto	6400 Q.C.Road
Oct11-18	Theft from Auto	6700 Adelphi
Oct15-16	Theft from Auto	6900 Pineway
Oct 20th	Theft from Auto	6800 ForestHill
Oct 20-21	Stolen Auto	3800 Calvtn Dr
Oct23-24	Stolen Auto	6300 Balt Ave
Oct 25th	RecovdStolenAuto	4400 WellsPky

NOTES:

October 1st: Between 5 and 5:15 AM, suspect/s stole approximately \$42 in coins and

cash and two pairs of sunglasses from an **unlocked vehicle** parked in the driveway of the residence. No suspects were located.

October 2nd-3rd: Between 10:30 PM and 9 AM, suspect/s stole a Sony digital camera from an **unlocked vehicle** parked in front of the residence. No suspects were located.

October 5th: At 10 PM during a routine stop for a traffic violation, Officer Alford arrested an adult male for possession of alcohol and marijuana.

October 6-7th: Between 10 PM and 7:30 AM, suspect/s stole \$1 in coins from the ashtray of an **unlocked vehicle** parked in front of the residence. No suspects were located.

October 10-11th: Between 6 PM and 11 AM, suspect/s stole a Motorola cell phone and approximately \$2.00 in coins from an **unlocked vehicle** parked in front of the residence. No suspects were located.

October 11-18th: Suspect/s stole a bag of merchandise containing batteries, water filters, a small clock and day calendars from an **unlocked vehicle** parked in front of the residence. No suspects were located.

October 15-16th: Between 5:30 PM and 6:40 AM, suspect/s stole a cell phone from an **unlocked vehicle** parked in front of the residence. No suspects were located.

October 20th: Between 10 PM and midnight, suspect/s stole approximately \$3 in coins from the ashtray of a vehicle parked in the driveway of the residence. No suspects were located.

October 20-21st: Suspect/s stole a Dodge Intrepid from the driveway of the residence. Metropolitan DC police had stopped the suspect for a traffic violation prior to the vehicle being reported stolen. Suspect has been identified and arrest warrants are pending.

October 23rd-24th: Between 10:30 PM and 7 AM, suspect/s stole a 1996 Subaru Impreza from the rear portion of the driveway behind the residence. No suspects were located.

October 25th: At 3 PM, a Honda Civic was recovered. The vehicle had been stolen from a resident in College Park, MD. No suspects were located.

Anyone with tips regarding crimes committed in University Park is encouraged to contact the UPPD immediately. All information will be kept confidential.



LEAF DISPOSAL - A FINAL REMINDER

"Leaf Season" lasts through the month of December. The Town greatly appreciates the cooperation of its residents during this busy time of the year. Please continue to keep the following in mind:

PLEASE DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET OR GUTTERS.

Rake leaves only UP TO curb lines;
Don't park cars near raked leaf piles;
Exercise caution when raking to avoid contaminating leaf piles with rocks, metal, brush or yard waste;

Keep children away from the leaf transfer pad (near the tennis courts); and

Burning leaves/debris in outside fireplaces is prohibited.



ITEMS TO REMEMBER

👉 ❖ THE TOWN SHUTTLE WILL BE OPERATING on both Fridays, December 24th (Christmas Eve) and December 31st (New Year's Eve), regular hours.

👉 ❖ Both the COUNCIL MINUTES and AGENDA now can be found on the Town's website (www.upmd.org) by clicking on "Government" and then clicking on "Council Documents." Each Friday before a Council Work Session or Meeting, the agenda also is posted on the bulletin board by the Town Hall's doorway.

❖ YARD WASTE: Wednesday is the day designated for yard waste collection. After leaf season, please remember to bag

your leaves and grass clippings. Since yard waste is composted, **it is important to keep it** (like the leaf piles) **free of trash, rocks or other debris** that could damage the machinery. To keep our Town looking beautiful, **only put out yard waste on the day before collection.**

❖ **BULK TRASH:** Please **call the Town Hall to arrange for a pick-up time** and then place the items at the curb on the designated day. A \$20 fee is assessed for each item that contains Freon (air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers etc.).

❖ **TRASH TOTERS & RECYCLING BINS:** Remember **NOT to put out these items earlier than the day before** your scheduled pick-up. Likewise, it is the responsibility of each resident to **return these items from the curb on the same day** following your pick-up time.

❖ **PICK UP A HOLIDAY "FREEBIE":** **BLUE AND WHITE "UP" STICKERS** are available at the Town Hall. All Town residents are encouraged to display a "UP" sticker on the driver's side of their car's back bumper or on the driver's side lower back window. The stickers are an important part of our Neighborhood Watch Program as **they enable the Town police and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.** Pick yours up at the Town Hall (M-F, 9 AM-5 PM).



HOLIDAY GIFTS OF APPRECIATION

Please consider donating to the "**Town of University Park Holiday Funds.**" These funds offer a way for Town residents to express their appreciation to our Public Works Department personnel and our UP Police Department for the exemplary work of their dedicated employees throughout the year.

Many of the **UP Public Works Department's members have worked for our Town for more than TEN years, and some for more than TWENTY!** This is your chance to say "a heartfelt thanks" for their dedication

and continued conscientious service to our community. The total fund is divided among all the UPPW personnel as a holiday bonus from Town residents.

Residents wishing to designate a portion of their gift to the Town Police Department may contribute to the Police Benevolence Fund for Town Officers. This fund is used for occasions when the Police Department wishes to recognize an officer for a life event such as the marriage, birth or death of a loved one.

Checks for both funds should be made payable to "Town of University Park," indicating "UPPW Holiday Gift Fund" and/or "UPPD Benevolence Fund" and sent/delivered to the Town Hall **before December 19th.**



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 Town Public Works crew to clear the streets of ice and snow more effectively.

FEEDING OUR FRIENDS: During times of Town emergencies (storm clean-ups, ice and snow removal etc.), the Town Public Works crew often labors for extended hours and even spends the night at the Town Hall (when a major storm is forecast for early AM) to avoid being stranded at home and unable to return to work the next day. **Residents wishing to join the group of volunteers who provide meals and snacks for the workers during emergency times should contact the Town Hall to be placed on the call list.** All donations are appreciated heartily -- and with much gusto!



TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

December 24th (Christmas Eve) and **December 31st** (New Year's Eve) are legal Town holidays; **the Town Office will be closed.**

The holiday trash pick-up schedule is as follows: For both Fridays, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, there will be no trash or recycling collections on either day.



Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available to Town residents. **Senior citizens and handicapped residents who need transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library, club meetings and other businesses may call to reserve a pick-up time.** Small groups also may use the bus for excursions. Call the Town Hall (301-927-4262) to schedule your week-day pick-up between 10 AM and 2 PM.

A UP Metro shuttle service **runs on the half hour each week-day morning and afternoon** from numerous stops in Town to and from the PG Plaza Metro Station. **Seven morning runs** are made from **6-9 AM** and **seven afternoon runs** from **4-7 PM**. A map listing the stops is available at the Town Hall.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 18th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Brunner; Council Members Carpenter, Costello, Tabori, White and Winton; Treasurer Baden, Attorney Ferguson and Chief Wynnyk.

A motion was passed unanimously to introduce Leg. Res. 04-R-11 (Authorizing the Mayor to reserve use of Town sports field) and to withdraw original motion (Temporary Usage schedule for the Town Playing Field). The Resolution was advertised in the November NEWSLETTER and discussed at the November 15th Council Meeting.

CM Tabori will investigate the possibility of obtaining a "Hidden Entrance" sign to be placed on Route 1 just before the Beechwood Road entrance to Town.

Town Ordinance 04-O-10 (Restricting the use of the Town Logo and Seal) was approved unanimously .

A motion was approved unanimously for construction of a two-story addition at 4307 Clagett Road with the condition that aluminum will not be the material used for the siding.

A motion was approved unanimously for the Outback Steakhouse Corridor Classic 8K Race to use Town streets on Sunday, November 21st.

A motion was approved unanimously to authorize employee enrollment in the APS Healthcare employee assistance program. The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 1st COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Present were Mayor Brunner; all Council Members; and Chief Wynnyk.

A motion was passed unanimously to convene the work session into a regular legislative session.

Under public comment, two Pineway residents discussed their concerns about the noise, parking and number of residents at a rental property on Baltimore Boulevard.

Chief Wynnyk reported that Halloween went well with no incidents.

A motion was approved unanimously to introduce Ordinance 04-O-10 (Restricting the use of the Town Logo and Seal).

A motion was approved (with Wagner abstained) for emergency repair to a root-clogged sump pump discharge line in the public right-of-way in front of 4418 Underwood Street.

A motion was approved unanimously for waterproofing repairs to be made and brick steps to be replaced at 4212 Van Buren Street.

A motion was passed unanimously to adopt Leg. Res. 04-12 (FY 2005 Budget - Amendment - 9/11 Memorial) and to enact the Resolution pursuant to Section 311(a) (Enactment of Ordinances) of the Town Charter, waiving normal provisions for Ordinance adoption and passing the Ordinance at the meeting it is introduced.

A motion was approved unanimously to approve an on-street parking waiver for up to three vehicles for six months at 4429 Underwood Street. The meeting ended at 9:55 PM.



NEW ORDINANCE

On September 20, 2004, Ordinance 04-O-10 was introduced. This ordinance would amend Chapter 2 "Administration," by adding Section 2-114 "Use of Town Seal, Name or Logo." The amendment prohibits any person other than those authorized by the Mayor and Council to affix the official seal of the Town to any paper or document or to use the Town name, seal or logo, or any replica thereof, for the purpose of conveying the false impression that such person or entity is a department, agency or instrumentality of the Town, or is authorized to represent or act for or on behalf of the Town. The meeting set for December 20, 2004 is the first meeting at which the ordinance could be adopted.



OBITUARY

MARIE RIMMER HANEY, 91, formerly of University Park, and of Madison, Wisconsin died on October 22, 2004 after a brief illness in Madison where she had moved in April 2004 to be near her family.

Mrs. Haney was born in Riverdale, Maryland to Mary Alice and James Rimmer. Mr. Rimmer was a builder and developer in University Park and the Hyattsville area. Marie was a Federal employee from 1934 until her retirement in 1977. For most of the 43 years

with the Federal Government, she worked at the Department of Interior, concluding her career as a Legislative Assistant with the Bureau of Land Management.

Mrs. Haney was devoted to her family, her friends, her neighbors, and Riverdale Presbyterian Church, where she had been a member for 80 years. She treasured the home her father had built for her on Van Buren Street in which she had lived for 62 years before her recent move to Madison.

She was preceded in death by her brothers James (Carolyn) and Bill (Audrey). Survivors include her daughter Bette (Thomas) Duff of Madison, Wisconsin; grandsons Tim (Susan) Duff of Denver, Colorado and Peter (Mary) Duff of Madison, Wisconsin; great grandson Nigel Duff, nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions are being accepted for HospiceCare Inc., 5395 East Cheryl Parkway, Madison, Wisconsin 53711 or Riverdale Presbyterian Church.



CONGRATULATIONS

❖ To **Ed Burck** of 40th Avenue who was selected to exhibit his glass work in "A New Day," a juried show sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Arts and Cultural Heritage Division. The exhibit, which runs through January 14, 2005, showcases the recent works of selected Prince George's County artists. The Gallery is located at 10701 Livingston Road in Fort Washington. Residents interested in viewing the exhibit may call 301-203-6070 for hours and directions.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

❖ Dixie Meadows would like to thank the anonymous person who found and turned into the Town Hall her favorite scarf which she lost while at the polls.

❖ A University Park family is seeking an experienced child care provider (with a car) to care for their 3 and 5-year-old children from NOON to 6 PM, Monday through Friday. They are willing to share care with another family in Town who is seeking child care in the morning. Please call 301-779-6622.

❖ **LOST:** A resident has lost a wallet in Town. It contained irreplaceable pictures. If you think you may have found the wallet, please call 703-508-2280 to identify. A reward will be given for the wallet's return.

❖ **FOUND:** A Town resident found two photographs in a library book she checked out at the Adelphi Road Library. Both photos feature a gray-haired man with a mustache in an academic gown. "Graduation Day, May, 2004" is written on the backs of the photos. Judging by the type of gown, the photo was taken on the day the gentleman received an advanced degree at the University of Baltimore (visible sign). A woman and young girl also are in one of the pictures. The book in which they were found was last due in September 2004. Although the resident who found the photos doesn't remember the title of the book, it probably was recent non-fiction. The photos were given to library personnel.



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS

The following are some of the results of the votes cast at the University Park Elementary School poll. Of the 1,712 registered voters, 1,332 cast votes (77.80%).

<u>For President - Vice President:</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>%</u>
Bush-Cheney (REP)	321	24.14%
Kerry-Edwards (DEM)	981	73.76%
Cobb-LaMarche (GRN)	3	0.23%
Badnarik-Campagna (LIB)	7	0.53%
Peroutka-Baldwin (CON)	1	0.08%
Nader-Camejo (POP)	14	1.05%

For U.S. Senator:

Pipkin, E.J. (REP)	248	19.09%
Mikulski, Barbara A. (DEM)	1027	79.06%

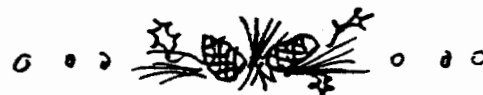
Allwine, Maria (GRN)	18	1.39%
Trump, Thomas (CON)	3	0.23%

For U.S. Congress:

Jewitt, Brad (REP)	238	18.38%
Hoyer, Steny H. (DEM)	999	77.14%
Auerbach, Bob S. (GRN)	51	3.94%
Krukar, Steve (CON)	6	0.46%

County Question H (to Expand County Council)

For Amendment	436	37.88%
Against Amendment	715	62.12%



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

*"No entertainment is so cheap as reading,
nor any pleasure so lasting."*

Lady Mary Wortley Montagu

❖ The two **University Park Woman's Club book groups** are open to all interested guests, and they welcome your attendance.

◆ The Sorosis Reading Society meets once a month on Wednesdays at 12:30 PM. The selection for their **December 1st** meeting will be "**Coming Home**" by Rosamunde Pilcher. The reviewer will be Rachel Mayo. Please call Marie Munsterteiger (240-568-6469) to attend. The selection for their January 2005 meeting will be "The Birth of Venus" by Sarah Dunant.

◆ The Middlebrow Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8 PM. The fiction selection for their **December 21st** meeting will be "**The #1 Ladies Detective Agency**" by Alexander McCall Smith. Please call Margaret Callaghan (301-864-1031) if you'd like to attend. "The Bookseller of Kabul" by Asne Seierstad will be the selection for their January 2005 meeting.

❖ During December, the **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) will offer their evening book discussion group as well as chess club meetings.

◆ The Evening Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, **December 2nd** at 7:30

PM to discuss **"Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven"** by Sherman Alexie. "The Alchemist" by Paul Coelho will be the selection for their January 6, 2005 meeting.

◆ The Daytime Book Discussion Group will not have any meetings during December, January or February.

◆ For all ages/levels, the Chess Club meets at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, December 9th and 23rd.

❖ This month, the **College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** will offer two special meetings at the Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth Roads) at 7 PM. On **December 6th**, a UM Professor of Government and Politics, **Dr. Charles Butterworth**, will focus on the core text of the Islam religion, the Quran. The Quran is the primary source for understanding what Islam teaches about the key issues of tolerance, civil disobedience, warfare, attacks on non-combatants and suicide. The meeting will explore these and related questions. Professor Butterworth, author of "Islam On Its Own Terms," specializes in medieval Arabic and Islamic political philosophy. He has lived and studied in most of the Arabic-speaking countries of the Middle East, Northern Africa and Europe.

On **December 13th**, the public is offered a great opportunity to hear **Shibley Telhami**, one of America's most in-demand commentators on the Middle East, as he leads a discussion of his recently-updated New York Times' best-selling book, **"The Stakes: America and the Middle East."** Dr. Telhami, a Brookings Institution non-resident Senior Fellow and the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, will lead a discussion of his book, and answer questions from the audience.

Besides being selected as the UM's "first-year book" for 2004 (to be read by all incoming freshmen), "The Stakes..." also was selected by Foreign Affairs as one of the top five books on the Middle East in 2003, when

it was published. **Free copies of Dr. Telhami's book have been donated to the CPAE and are available upon request when registering for the meeting;** please call 301-927-3013 to register for this meeting or for information on either book club event.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

❖ **The University of Maryland Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** offers a wide range of free and ticketed world-class performances. For reservations or more information, call 301-405-8169 or contact www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu. Interesting presentations in December include:

◆ **"Cabaret Today - Noel & Cole: Songs of Noel Coward & Cole Porter"** on **December 2-3** at 8 PM, **December 4th** at 2 & 8 PM, and **December 5th** at 3 PM in the Kogod Theatre - Enjoy a re-creation of a 1930s radio broadcast with original skits and the inimitable music of Coward and Porter in a cabaret setting complete with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

◆ **"The Annual Holiday Concerts"** on **December 4th** at 8 PM and **December 5th** at 3 PM in the DeKelboum Concert Hall - The Maryland Chorus, an acclaimed one-hundred-voice chorus, will celebrate the holidays with stirring seasonal works including *Chichester Psalms* by Leonard Bernstein and *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* by Vaughan Williams.

◆ **"The UM Collegium Musicum"** on **December 5th** at 1:30 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - The UM School of Music presents the glory and grandeur of Venice with Venetian Polychoral and Instrumental Music for Advent and Christmas -- a unique repertoire performed using period instruments. **FREE**

◆ **"UM Opera Workshop"** on **December 7th** at 12:30 PM in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall - Undergraduate voice students will perform staged scenes from the operas *La Cenerentola* and *Don Giovanni*. **FREE**

◆ **"The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"** on **December 10th** at 8 PM in the CP Memorial Chapel - The traditional Christmas Eve service presented by Kings College Cambridge will be performed using the original format from 1918. It will feature the UM Men's and Women's Choruses, The Maryland Boy Choir, Organist William Neil; Harpist Lindsay Buffington; and readers from the University and surrounding communities, with audience participation. For ticket information, call 301-405-5571.

❖ The Music Program at DeMatha Catholic High School will be represented by their Concert Bands I and II, the Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble in **The WAMTC Band Festival** at C.H. Flowers High School on Saturday, **December 4th**.

The DeMatha Music Program also will present **three holiday concerts**, each at 7:30 PM. The Jazz Ensemble, and Intermediate and Advanced Percussion Ensembles will perform at Hyattsville Middle School on Thursday, **December 9th**. The Symphonic Band, String Ensembles, and Jazz Lab will perform at Northwestern High School on Monday, **December 13th**. The Wind Ensemble will perform at Northwestern High School on Thursday, **December 16th**. All the concerts are free and open to the public.

❖ Prince George's Little Theatre has released an **Auditions Notice** for a musical (to be presented in March 2005) based on the novel *"The Secret Garden"* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. **Director Gay Hill is casting 10 women** who sing (ages 16-50), **10 men** who sing (ages 16-50), **4 children** who sing (ages 10-14), and **12 dancers** (unisex). Choose a lyric song, bring music for the accompanist, and be prepared to do cold readings from the script. All roles are open. The auditions will be held on **December 4th** at 1 PM and **December 6th** at 7:30 PM at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

PGLT continues its 2004-05 season at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly with **"A**

Christmas Carol" based on the story by Charles Dickens on **December 9-11th** at 8 PM and on **December 11-12th** at 2 PM. Reservations are strongly recommended. This is the classic holiday tale of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge who is taught the true meaning of Christmas by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. The show is filled with holiday music, dancing and other wonderful surprises to enchant the entire family. For ticket information, call 301-277-1710 or TTY 301-277-0312.

❖ **"Cheek to Cheek,"** Tuckerman Street resident Julie Parsons' jazz group, will finish out the year at Mulligan's (at the UM golf course) with a performance on Thursday, **December 9th** from 5:30 until 8:30 PM. The original trio again will be buoyed by the sweet sounds of Vince McCool on the trumpet and flugelhorn.

❖ **The Robert E. Parilla** (Montgomery College) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** continues its 2004-2005 season with a production of the Guest Artist Series. For tickets or information, please call 301-279-5301, Monday-Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM.

On Friday, **December 31st** at 9:30 PM, they will present, as their New Year's Eve celebration, **"The Joe Byrd Quintet."** This group is dedicated to keeping the music of Charlie Byrd alive, and the performance will run the gamut of the best of his music. There will be an official countdown to midnight, champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and smooth jazz.

DECEMBER EVENTS AT CPAE

All College Park Arts Exchange events are free and held in College Park at the Old Parish House on the corner of Knox and Dartmouth Roads. For more information or details, please contact www.cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

◆ In honor of the harvest season, CPAE's first **Community Sing-Along** will be

held on Friday, **December 3rd** at 7 PM. Local musicians will bring guitars, banjos, etc. to lead the singing. The music will include American and international folk songs, including children's music. Snacks will be provided. Come meet your CP neighbors and add your voices to the songs. New and seasoned singers of all ages are welcome at this family-friendly event.

◆ On Sunday, **December 12th** at 2 PM, the **Arts Drop-in Program** will enable children to make and take home a holiday gift for someone special. Part of the activity will include "making" (decorating) wrapping paper for the gift to keep it a secret. "Arts Drop-in" is held the second Sunday of each month from 2-4 PM for children ages 3-8.

◆ On Sunday, **December 19th** at 3 PM, Joan Almon, a former Waldorf kindergarten teacher and Director of the Alliance for Childhood, will lead children in an ancient European ritual -- celebrating winter with light. Children will help build a spiral of winter greenery, and carry candles to the center of the spiral. There also will be a puppet show based on an old European folk tale. Although the event is ideal for children ages 3-8, older siblings are welcome. Please call 301-927-3013 to register adults and children.



HOLIDAY MARKET AND SHARING FAIR

Sponsored by the **University Park Church of the Brethren**, the "**For All Good Causes Holiday Market and Sharing Fair**" offers an opportunity to buy unique gifts from non-profit organizations that support a variety of good causes: Heifer International, SERVV International Crafts, Koinonia Farm Products "Cotton Patch Store" (pecans and candy), the Quixote Center, the Wilderness Society, the PG Habitat for Humanity, CASA of PG County, and others.

The Market also will feature grilled bratwurst, a Kosher grill and vegetarian fare,

hot mulled cider, and warm fresh-roasted sugar-and-cinnamon almonds; a bake sale of fresh home-made goods, a white elephant sale, and handicrafts. Special activities for children will include baking and decorating cookies, games and crafts.

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Eids-al-Fitr or Kwanzaa, come and celebrate the season of hope and light as we support causes that link the world's people. The Market and Fair will take place on Saturday, **December 4th** from 9:30 AM-3 PM at the Church, corner of Route 1 and Tuckerman Street. This year UPCA proceeds will go to the Global Food Crisis Fund (meeting the needs of people around the world) and the New Community Project (for environmental and global justice). For more information, please call 301-864-4328.



UPCA HOLIDAY PARTY AND TOWN TREE LIGHTING

Don't forget the **University Park Civic Association's annual Holiday Party** on Saturday, **December 4th** from 5:30-7 PM. For the pot luck dinner at 5:30 PM at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, **plan to bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to serve six people.** Paper products, utensils, and beverages will be provided. Dinner will be followed by holiday crafts for the children, and a celebration of Christmas and Hanukkah through stories and songs appropriate for all ages.

The **UPCA will be collecting donations for St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home.** Donated items should be new and not gift wrapped. Please choose from: dressy clothes for the holidays (sizes 8-12 years), crib/twin sheets, crib mobiles, remote control cars, clock radios, gift certificates (for Target, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Old Navy, Payless Shoes, and McDonalds), personal care items (baby wash/lotion/shampoo/oil, Vaseline, diaper rash ointment, toothpaste and toothbrushes) and batteries in all sizes.

UPCA will begin its 2005 membership drive at the party. The Civic Association organizes many community events, including the Town-wide Yard Sale, 4th of July Parade, Arts in the Park series, and Spring Art Exhibit. The \$20 membership runs from January to December. For more information, please contact Teresa Jackson (301-927-7322) or Cathy Madsen (301-779-6791).

The Town Tree will be lit promptly at 7:00 PM. All Town residents are urged to attend; those at the Party will walk to the Tree as a group. Parents should make note that a special visit from Santa is expected after the tree lighting.



SINT NICKLAAS DAY CELEBRATION

On Saturday, **December 4th** at 3 PM, children ages 3-10 can visit the bishop, the Belgian forerunner of Santa Claus, at the **Riversdale House Museum**. A small fee includes a visit with Sint Nicklaas, a gift, and refreshments. Plan also to visit the Museum Shop for a large selection of unusual holiday gifts. The Shop has arranged a special area containing items that cost \$4 or less where **children can purchase gifts privately to surprise their families**. For Sint Nicklaas reservations or information, call 301-864-0420.



SOARING INTO DECEMBER

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will present two special events in December. The **Annual Santa Fly-In** will take place on Saturday, **December 4th** from NOON to 4 PM. Good girls and boys can have their picture taken with Santa Claus after he arrives at the Museum via airplane. Visitors can enjoy holiday arts and crafts in the Museum gallery while awaiting Santa's arrival.

Trains and Planes will be on view at the College Park Aviation Museum from Saturday,

December 18th to Sunday, **December 26th** from 10 AM to 5 PM. Just in time for Christmas, the National Capital Trackers will display their amazingly detailed model railroad and trains in the main gallery of the Museum. In 1909, the proximity of the airfield to the railroad was one of the features that brought the Wright Brothers there to teach the first military officers how to fly. **PLEASE NOTE: the Museum will be closed on Christmas Day.**



HOLLY TROLLEYFEST

This year, why not visit the National Capital Trolley Museum's "Holly Trolleyfest." On three weekends (**December 4-5th, 11-12th and 18-19th**) from 5-9 PM, visitors may ride with Santa aboard a real trolley as well as see a large toy train display in operation. The Museum is located at 1313 Bonifant Road. There is a small fee for the trolley ride. For information, call 301-384-6088.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO CELEBRATE

The following churches and synagogue invite interested Town residents to join in their holiday celebrations:

❖ The **Beth Torah Congregation** invites Town residents to join their Annual Chanukah Party on Sunday, **December 5th** at 4 PM. Activities will include making candles, singing and dancing, a dreidel-spinning contest, and much more. You may help prepare comfort packages for the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County. And there will be a featured performance -- a concert by the Beth Torah Community Band, led by former UPES instrumental music teacher Darelynn Fung. Beth Torah is located at 6700 Adelphi Road. Please call 301-441-2347 for ticket information.

❖ **Riverdale Presbyterian Church** will present a "Music at Riverdale" concert on Sunday, **December 12th** at 4 PM. "The Choirs of Christmas" will feature everyone's favorite

holiday music presented by the Pearl Custis Memorial Handbell Choir, and the Riverdale Presbyterian Chancel, Youth, and Children's Choirs directed by Rees Richardson and Robert Zuber, with Gerald Peircey playing the organ. A free-will offering will be collected.

❖ **University United Methodist Church** at 3621 Campus Drive in College Park invites interested residents to attend their Longest Night Service, a service of healing and reconciliation led by the Pastor, Rev. Jeff Jones. The service will be held on Wednesday, **December 15th** at 7:30 PM. For more information, please call 301-422-1400.



UPWC DECEMBER WORKSHOP MEETING

Town residents are invited to attend the Monday, **December 6th** meeting of the **University Park Woman's Club**. Beginning at NOON at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Tye Mullikin, a nurse with NIH, will provide essential information on how to avoid the flu. Afterward, to take advantage of the holiday spirit, a **wreath-making workshop** will be conducted. Wreath forms and greens will be available to members and guests for a nominal fee. However, those interested in participating are asked to bring: gardening gloves, garden shears or clippers, a skewer, and decorative accents to add to your wreath (e.g. ribbons, fruit, ornaments, dried flowers, etc.). For questions regarding the workshop, please call Kate Beveridge (301-277-4485). All are welcome to join in the decorating fun. Women interested in Club membership should call Michelle Stawinski (240-304-6487).



UPCA DECEMBER MEETING

The **University Park Civic Association's** monthly membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **December 8th** at 8:00 PM. All residents are invited to attend. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at Riverdale Presbyterian Church in Room 2.

HOME TOWN HOLIDAY TRIPLE TREAT

Mark your calendar for **December 10th** to enjoy a dinner buffet at "Taste of the Town," be enchanted with the wares at the "Holiday Boutique," take a chance at the "Silent Auction," and tour five homes uniquely decorated for the holidays on the "Candlelight Tour."

Begin your festive evening at "Taste of the Town" (6-8 PM) with either a roast beef dinner, soup, or chili provided by Ebenezer Caterers. Then finish your holiday shopping at the "Holiday Boutique" (6-8:30 PM) for your choice of unique art, crafts and boutique items from local artisans, as well as gorgeous poinsettias and fresh greens. Then make a bid on a one-of-a-kind heirloom, service or get-away (or even for a lunch date with UPPD Chief Wynnyk) at the tempting "Silent Auction" before stepping out on the "Holiday Candlelight Tour" (7:30-10 PM).

The proceeds raised from these events benefit our three deserving local schools: University Park Elementary, Hyattsville Middle School and Northwestern High School. While the success of the UPWC's endeavor is enhanced and supported by the proficient organizational skills of the Club's members, **there is always a need for volunteer support through the donations of time, service and auction items from Town residents**. Teens also are welcome to volunteer for service hours.

Your "**tax-deductible**" donations for the **Silent Auction** are always welcome. Suggested items include: an interesting "treasure" languishing unused in your home; a theme basket of new items for a hobby, gift or meal; a service (cooking, sewing, party planning); or use of a cottage for a week or week-end, or sport tickets for a local game. To volunteer or donate, please call Jean Pirovic (301-277-6040).

From 7:30-10 PM on the Candlelight Tour, you will be welcomed into the five beautifully decorated homes of: **Roberta & Scott Kisker** on Queens Chapel Road, **Thomas**

& Jennifer Mooney on Remington Court, Jill Joseph & Joanne Natale on Wells Parkway, Marcia Schieck on Pineway, and Joy & Norm St. Landau on Van Buren. Tour tickets and maps may be purchased now by calling Jean Bourne-Pirovic (301-277-6040), or at the Holiday Boutique between 6-9 PM.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

There is nothing more fitting for supporters of preservation in University Park than to participate in an impressive University Park tradition: the **Annual Holiday House Tour and Boutique on December 10th**. This event will take the place of the HPA's December meeting. Five homes will be open for viewing; tickets are available at Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 6-9 PM before the tour (or until sold out). Sponsored by the University Park Woman's Club, the Tour is the Club's largest fund raiser and benefits University Park's three local public schools.



UPWC DECORATING CONTEST

RED-LETTER THIS DATE! The judging for the annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest sponsored by the University Park Woman's Club and the Town of University Park will take place on Sunday, **December 19th** from 7:30 to 9 PM. The judges tour every street in Town escorted by a Town police officer, in order to select first, second and third-place winners in the three categories: "Best Door Decoration," "Best Overall Holiday Home Decoration" and "Best Religious Theme Decoration." The prizes of preference, gift certificates to Behnke's Nursery, will be presented to the nine winners whose names will be posted on the Town's website and on Cable TV Channel 71. **All University Park homes that have been decorated are judged automatically;** there is no entry form to

complete. University Park always has had a reputation for beautifully decorated Holiday Homes. Why not be a part of the tradition this year by adding a holiday touch to your home.



IT'S ELEMENTARY

◆ University Park Elementary School and the UPES-PTA have initiated a new program, **The Birthday Book Club**, to help restock the school library with recently-published exciting fiction and non-fiction selections. **Jude Cassidy** of Tuckerman Street, one of the program's organizers and a UM professor in Developmental Psychology, felt that during these times of tight resources, the school library could use some help to keep its collection current and obtain new books that would spark children's interest. "Research consistently shows that children learn best when they are enthusiastic about their learning environment."

As one of the top-ranked schools in the County, UPES knows the importance of maintaining its library collection. The Birthday Book Club offers a way for Town residents and even area businesses to help UPES families and the PTA achieve their goal. Anyone may choose a book from the list provided by the library, complete an order form (indicating the name of their honoree), include a check payable to UPES-PTA, clip together the order and check, and place it in the Birthday Book Club Box in the school office. Participants also may mail their orders to UPES (4315 Underwood Street). The average price for one hard-back, library-quality book is \$18.

A special bookplate has been designed by UPES parent **Georgia Deal** of Tuckerman Street. Ms. Deal is a faculty member at the Corcoran School of Art and an internationally renowned artist. The wording on the bookplates may be designated in many ways "*Donated by,*" "*Given in honor of,*" "*Given to celebrate,*" "*Given in memory of,*" "*A celebration of,*" or a wording of your choice.

Order forms, the book list, and gift cards to present to your honoree are available in the UPES library. To obtain the list and order form via e-mail, or for more information, please contact the school librarian, Donna Jonte, at d.jonte@comcast.net.

◆ As you begin to make end-of-the-year charitable donations, please remember the **UPES-PTA Direct Appeal** program, a fast and easy way to support the projects funded by the Parent-Teacher Association. Donations of any size from UPES grads, friends of UPES and local businesses are much appreciated. Direct Appeal donations are used to purchase vital classroom materials, to support art and library programs at the school, to create classroom centers for independent learning, and to enhance the behavior modification and conflict resolution skills that make UPES a safe and positive environment for learning.

All donations are tax deductible; checks should be made payable to the UPES-PTA and may be delivered to the school in person or mailed to: UPES-PTA Direct Appeal, 4208 Woodberry Street, UP. For more information, please call Teresa Jackson (301-927-7322) or Sarah Elder (301-927-8006).



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NEW IN TOWN?

The University Park Civic Association Welcome Wagon would like to give you a package of useful information and other goodies. To arrange for an appointment, please call 301-864-1637 or e-mail sab333rina@yahoo.com.

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

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

REFLECTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

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NOTHING USELESS IS, OR LOW;
EACH THING IN ITS PLACE IS BEST;
AND WHAT SEEMS BUT IDLE SHOW
STRENGTHENS AND SUPPORTS THE REST.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

2005

"NEVER PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW..."

Was undoubtedly said
By an efficient and well-ordered one
Who, each night when he went to bed,
Had everything done.

(So he self-righteously, gratuitously,
Gave his decree to you and me,
That we might be
As successful as he...)

Amendments, however,
Are always in order
When someone says, "Never..."

SO...

ALWAYS PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW:

The complaint about how rotten
you're feeling...
And revenge that keeps some wound
from healing...

Bitterness to accompany your
sorrow...

The need to possess -- the urge to
borrow...

The remark that would put someone
in his place...

The scowl you feel creeping over your
face.

And with tomorrow's rising sun,
You may be glad for what's NOT done.

The Rev. Francis C. Anderson, Jr.



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