



UNIVERSITY HILLS AREA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

**MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010, 7:30 PM
ST. MARKS SCHOOL (MONS. WELLS ROOM)**

KUDOS IN ORDER TO SELECTED UH RESIDENTS

With a resounding final tally of 174-23, Tim Hunt defeated Shirley Bender to win the Ward 3 Special Election held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Councilman Hunt now joins fellow Ward 3 Councilman Matt McKnight as one of our two official representatives on the City Council. Congratulations Tim!

Secondly, as part of the City's Light up the Sky Contest, the beautifully decorated home of Bob and Carol Martin, 3301 Pennsylvania Street, was selected as the first place winner in Ward 3 for the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Thank you and congratulations Bob And Carol!.

BELCREST PLAZA PROJECT UPDATE

Brad Frome, legislative assistant to County Councilman Will Campos, advises that on January 14th, the Planning Board of the Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission(MNCPPC) largely approved the developers plan as submitted although some changes were required such as the siting of utilities and regulations governing storm water management. Councilman Hunt will provide residents with a further update of this development at our January 27th meeting.

THINK YOU ARE A WRITER?

Then why not consider joining the Greenbelt Writers Group. They meet at 7:30 pm on the third Friday of every month at the Greenbelt Community Center. Members write in a variety of categories to include: fiction, non fiction, short stories, novels, poetry and even stage and screen playwriting. All are welcome to join this community group that encourages and supports the development of literary arts through open readings, writer critique groups and other activities. For more information, contact the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

ICE SKATE THIS WINTER!!

No, not on the duck pond. Those days are long gone. Rather, consider heading over to the nearby Wells Ice Rink in College Park(5211 Paint Branch Parkway) and take advantage of a variety of skating activities and classes for adults and children. Call 301-277-3717 for more information.

LOCAL BARBERSHOP CHORUS SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

If your singing voice can be categorized as bass, tenor, baritone or lead and you have an interest in

joining a barbershop chorus, UH resident Bill Dobson invites you to contact him (301-422-8648/dobson.w@gmail.com). Bill is an active member of Hometowne Chorus USA, a Rockville based men's barbershop chorus. The group practices every Wednesday evening beginning at 7:30 at the Summerville Assisted Living Home, which is located at the intersection of Seven Locks Road and Tuckerman Avenue in Potomac. The chorus performs before a variety of different audiences in the metropolitan area.

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS! THE COLLEGE PARK AIR MUSEUM WANTS TO TALK WITH YOU

Are you a veteran of WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan or Iraq? If you are, staff members at the College Park Air Museum(CPAM) want to interview you. As an Official State Partner of the Victory History Project(created by the U.S. Congress), the CPAM seeks to interview first hand accounts of U.S. veterans who served in any of these wars. Additionally, if you were actively involved in war efforts such as an industry worker, USO worker, flight instructor or medical volunteer, the CPAM would like to interview you as well. Your interview will take approximately 90 minutes of your time and will be digitally recorded for posterity. The purpose of this program is to honor our nations war veterans for their service and to collect their stories. If you are interested in participating, call 301-864-6029 or email aviationmuseum@pgparks.com to schedule an interview. In case you have not heard this lately, thank you for your service!!

EVER HEAR OF AFRO BOP ALLIANCE?

Afro Bop Alliance, is a jazz septet from Annapolis and winners of a Grammy award for Best Latin Recording in 2008. On Tuesday, February 16, 2010, beginning at 5:30 pm, in the Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Recital Hall(University of Maryland's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center), the group, will present CuBop! Exploring the Marriage of Afro Cuban Music in Jazz..

LET THE KIDS EXPLORE NATURE AT WATKINS NATURE CENTER

Located at 301 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro, the Watkins Nature Center offers a wonderful variety of nature oriented programs for families and for children of all ages. Hikes, hands on classes, and puppet shows are offered. Fees

apply and all programs require advance registration. Call the Nature Center at 301-218-6702 during normal business hours (Mon-Sat 8:30am-5:00pm, Sundays and holidays, 11:00am-4:00 pm for a complete schedule of events.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS OF INTEREST CONTINUE AT RIVERSDALE MANSION

Located right in our own backyard, the Riversdale Mansion (4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park), continues to offer monthly programs of interest to residents of all ages. Two such upcoming program events of interest for adults will be held in March. The first is SOUP DE JURE SUNDAY, March 18th, noon to 4:00p.m. Join the Kitchen Guild at the hearth for an early spring cozy afternoon. With little fresh food available at this time of year, it would not have been uncommon to eat lots of root vegetables, laden soups and stews. Drop by and see what the Riversdale cooks stir up for you. The second event is TAVERN NIGHT, scheduled for March 28th, beginning at 8p.m.. Join the Riversdale staff for an evening of rousing entertainment by the Ship's Company Chanteymen and partake of tavern style food and beverages. This event costs \$20 per person and advance payment is required. You must be 21 years of age. Call 301-864-0420 for details.

ART CLASSES AND TUTORING AVAILABLE

UH resident artist Ric Garcia is offering private instruction to individuals at his studio located in the EYA's Arts District on Rte 1. All are welcome beginning at 8 years of age. Instruction is offered in the following areas: painting with oils, drawing, painting with acrylics, portfolio preparation, figure study and adobe photoshop. Contact Ric at 703-875-6832 / ricgarcia@comcast.net. for additional details.

GOOD TIME TO JOIN THE UHACA YAHOO GROUP

The election of Tim Hunt to the Hyattsville City Council is a good reason to join UHACA's Yahoo Group. Our other Ward 3 Councilman, Matt McKnight, has been using the Yahoo group site very effectively since his election, and now there will be two City voices to be heard through that channel. As a UHACA officer the last few years, Tim has been alerting other residents to actions and issues that might concern them. Since his election, he has posted important messages about school boundaries, sewer work in UH, and information on a proposed city health and sanitation ordinance, among other items. Joining the group costs nothing and is easy to do. All residents of UH, Ashland and Rosemary Terrace are automatically eligible for membership. Just go to the group website at <http://groups.com/group/UHCA> and click on the button on the right hand side that says "Join This Group!" If you already have a Yahoo ID, sign in. If not, you can sign up for one. Next you'll be asked to answer a few questions and provide some information about yourself, including your reason for joining. If you have any problems signing in and joining the group, please contact group moderator, John Scott, at jpsdgs@yahoo.com. The UHACA Group is the best way to get crucial and timely local information. There are currently 57 members, which means close to 300 homes are not linked directly to this great source of community information and discussion. Why not sign up today?

WANT TO APPEAL YOUR PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT?

If you wish to appeal your recently received Property Tax Assessment, suggestions for doing so can be found at the following two UHACA websites:
<http://uhaca.echomaryland.net/>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UHCA/>

AREA CRIME REPORT

The Hyattsville City Police reported incidents of crime in the University Hills area for the period October 3, 2009 to January 10, 2010 as follows:

10-9	Theft form Auto	6900 block Calverton
10-9	Vandalism	7000 block Claymore
10-21	Vehicle Theft	3400 block Stanford
10-21	Vandalism	3400 block Stanford
11-16	Theft from Auto	3400 block Pennsylvania
11-20	Burglary	3400 block Stanford

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Mayor Bill Gardiner	301-559-2283
Ward Rep Matt McKnight	301-277-2320
Ward Rep Tim Hunt	301-422-2047
Code Enforcement	301-985-5050
Police Emergencies	301-985-5050
Police Non Emergencies	301-985-5060
Public Works	301-985-5032
(Snow Removal, potholes, leaf collection)	
Power Outages	1-877-PEPCO-62

UHACA OFFICERS

Pres. Tim Scanlon	301-422-2960
Vice Pres Jim Menasian	301-699-0566
Treas. Tim Hunt	301-422-2047
Secretary Veda Gaston	301-422-6855
Ex Officio Tom Slezak	301-422-8563

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THE DAILY JUMBLE

ANSWERS TO OCTOBER DAILY JUMBLE:
 VOUCH
 MELODY
 BARGE
 FERVOR
 WHY HE TRADED HIS HOT DOG STAND FOR A PUSH CART? NO OVER HEAD

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words

The graphic features a cartoon of a doctor and a patient. The doctor says, "He went thataway" pointing to an "EXIT" sign. The patient replies, "WHAT THE QUACK DOCTOR DID WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED." Below the cartoon is a grid of letters:

N	E	P	E	C	
D	A	T	U	C	
U	N	D	I	P	T
H	O	N	U	K	O

Below the grid is a "SOLUTION" row with 10 empty boxes: " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] "

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Contact newsletter editor (tslezak34@yahoo.com) for the answers or wait to read answers in the March 2010 newsletter.