

The Jubilee Journal

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Speaking out for others

Last month, as the D.C. Council considered its 2011 budget, Jubilee Housing resident Maria Reynosa spoke a plain truth. The budget contains severe cuts or underfunding for most programs that support affordable housing. Ms. Reynosa, who has contributed much to this community, is now a senior citizen. "Without programs like Jubilee Housing," she told Council Member Jim Graham, "seniors like me could not afford any apartments."



Maria Reynosa persuading D.C. Council Member Jim Graham to support affordable housing.

aide, came to the U.S. from the Dominican Republic with her children. She is still active at 81. She is humble and does not revel in the limelight, but was willing to speak up on behalf of others. Thanks to this kind of advocacy, the D.C. Council did restore \$1 million for housing vouchers to the 2011 budget. However, millions of dollars have been cut to other housing programs, and the struggle continues. See page 5 for more details.

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So Much To Do!

Check page 3 to find out about all the new events and classes coming up—from knitting to stargazing.

Gala go-go

Imagine being swept away in a cyclonic wind of good people, good food, good music and the rhythmic beating of giving hearts. This is the atmosphere JSA lovingly constructed for its annual gala, creating a land based on the Wizard of Oz. Although in this vision of Oz, there weren't any flying monkeys or wicked witches of the west. Only beautiful people of different paths; residents, donors, and staff, mingling and giving through their connections to the umbrella of Jubilee. Gala goers found themselves eating with people they wouldn't have normally broken bread, or in this case

beef tenderloin and sea bass, with.

There were a host of activities that kept everyone engaged. There were trivia games, raffles, mock gambling, and a silent auction replete with ipod touch devices that allowed people to bid or donate remotely. All of this lent those in attendance to let their imaginations carry them to Oz. All the hard work, time, and sacrifice birthed an amazing experience and resulted in the exceeding of the donation goal of \$20,000 so the branches of Jubilee can continue to do its work in the Adams Morgan community.



Joy Gendzel and Stephanie Vann at JSA Gala

Building updates

All Buildings

If you have any outstanding maintenance issues in your unit please contact the office at 202-299-1240. *Our goal is to provide good customer service to all our residents!* Please report any suspicious behavior or persons to the Metropolitan Police Department immediately. Please also report this to the main office at 202-299-1240, **all calls are kept confidential.**

A reminder to not let people into the building that don't live there. All residents have keys and all visitors should be buzzed in on the front door system. Remember safety is a joint responsibility!

At no time should anything be placed in the door holding it open or preventing it from closing properly. This is a violation of the Lease Agreement and House Rules.

Ontario Court

Now that the hot weather has arrived please remember that children playing outside must be supervised at all times. In addition, please remember that there is NO loitering permitted in the buildings, courtyard and property entrances & stairs.

If you would like to host an event in the courtyard/common area, please contact the office.

Euclid & Sorrento

Construction continues to be on schedule and the framing work has begun. A member of the PM team will be reaching out to the residents to start completing the necessary paperwork.

Mozart & Fuller

A reminder that the area behind the buildings is for the children of Jubilee as well as the adults! The area is open till 8:00 pm each evening and also open on weekends!

Ritz

Contractors will be in the building during the month of June to make adjustments to the handicapped accessible units. Notices will be sent out in advance to notify the residents. A/C season has arrived so if you have any questions on how to properly set your thermostat please contact the office.

Meet the M&M's!



When Marianne Baldwin and Monica Buitrago started their first day working for Resident Life, it took approximately two seconds for the staff to start calling them the M&Ms.

Marianne has worked as a teacher in D.C., mostly at Wilson High School. She brings her teaching experience to the position of Educational Enrichment Coordinator. Monica moved here from New York and participated at Impact Silver Spring. There, she learned how to be a community builder. She brings her renter leadership expertise to the position of Community Building Coordinator.

It's impossible not to feel energized around the two of them—they are just so full of warmth and creative ideas! They're starting computer classes and knitting circles, organizing advocacy groups and building parties, and are getting to know everyone in the neighborhood. At the end of May, they threw themselves an ice cream party—and served, you guessed it, M&M's! They hope to meet all of the residents. Please drop by or just introduce yourself if you see them!

Computer lab update

By request, Jubilee Housing will be offering additional hours in the computer lab and basic computer classes. Starting June 7th, **Computer Classes** will be offered every Monday evening in the Ritz Computer Lab. Classes will be from 6:30-7, the lab will stay open until 8.



No computer experience is necessary. Questions? Call Marianne at 299-1240 ext. 30. Class topics include:

June 7: Computer Basics
June 14: Typing
June 21: Create an email address

Here are the regular Computer Lab Hours:

Monday (starting June 7): 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:30 am—Noon

Wednesday: 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Thursday: 3:00 to 5:00 pm

To Contact the M&M's:

Marianne, 299-1240, ext. 30,
mbaldwin@jubileehousing.org

Monica, 299-1240, ext. 16,
mbuitrago@jubileehousing.org

Upcoming Events



Ontario Court. Bubbles Kick-Off—Come celebrate the new, extended Laundry Room hours! Get a FREE scoop of laundry detergent. *June 1, 6:00 to 9:00 pm*

Money Management 101—See page 5 for more detail. The class meets once a week for 5 weeks: *June 2, 9, 15, 22, 29 from 6:30-8:30 pm* in the Fuller Board Room. With questions or to sign-up, call Marianne at 299-1240, ext. 30.



Bed Bug Seminar—Bed bugs are back all over the country. Learn how to spot them, who to notify, and what treatment involves. *June 10, 6:30 to 7:30, Ritz Community Room.*



Building Night OUT! Join your neighbors on the front stoop for snacks, stargazing, and socializing. Here's the schedule:
Mozart and Fuller, June 11, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Ritz and Marietta, June 18, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Ontario Court, June 25, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Knitting Circle—Do you know how to knit, or would you like to learn? Join the Jubilee Knitting Circle. *June 14 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm* in the Ritz Community Room. Questions? Call Marianne at 299-1240 x30.

English Conversation Circle—Are you looking for an opportunity to practice speaking English? Come to the kick-off Conversation Circle on *June 17 from 6:00 to 7:00* in the Ritz Community Room. For more information, call Marianne at 299-1240, ext. 30.



JYS End of Year Dinner— Jubilee Youth Services participants and their families are invited to the annual end-of-year dinner on *June 18 at 6:00 in the Festival Center.*



Jubilee Housing Softball Game—Jubilee Housing residents and staff will get a chance to test their softball abilities this month. Location and date will be determined soon. Look for the flyer in your building's announcement box.

Teen Renaissance End of Year Trip—Using money they earned at the bake sale, the teens will go to Harper's Ferry on *June 25.*

MANNA Home Buying - *June 30, 6:30-8:00 pm, Ontario Court*. Ever dreamt of owning your own home? Come learn about an exciting new program to help first-time home buyers- exclusively available to Jubilee residents. Make that dream a reality!

Beach Trip! Save the date—we'll be taking our annual trip to the beach on *Saturday, August 21.*

Do you want to prepare for your G.E.D.?
 Improve your English skills? Work on reading
 and writing? Call Marianne Baldwin at 202-
 299-1240, ext. 30

Jubilee Youth Services



JYS Graduate Edgar Caiza

Congratulations, Grads!

Great news: JYS participants Edgar Caiza and Jessica Kareem graduate from high school this month and get ready for college in the Fall.

Edgar is leaving Gonzaga High School, where he ran on the cross-country track team and honed his saxophone playing skills. He had his choice of six colleges, and accepted a full scholarship at Mount St. Mary's

University.

Jessica graduates from Archbishop Carroll High School, where she was captain of the Pom Squad. She is weighing her college options, and strongly considering Penn State.

Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Did you know that May is Asian Pacific Heritage month? At Early Start we began celebrating May 14th by dining on sticky rice and fried rice prepared by Ms. Liz, using chop sticks generously donated by O'Tasty's. We opened fortune cookies and read our fortunes to each other while listening to Hawaiian music. We learned about countries and territories touched by the Pacific Ocean. On May 27th we shared Meiji Hello Panda biscuits when Ms. Molly came to tell us about Japan, and what it was like to live there when she was a little girl.

The First Nurturing Parenting Class Comes to a Close

It is hard to believe that nearly 15 weeks have passed since the first Nurturing Parenting classes began! The

FATHER'S DAY CAKES

Quick—place your order for a teen-made cake with the Teen Renaissance program by Friday, June 4

Call Antione at 232-2220

classes have been both enlightening and encouraging for the parents who so faithfully attended. The small group found that their love for their kids and their desire to be the best parents possible really connected them all. A very special thanks to Sylvia Stokes, the Nurturing Parenting facilitator for all of her compassion and dedication. Stay tuned for more information about fall Nurturing Parenting classes with Sylvia!

This Floats Their Boat

The third through sixth graders in Activity Zone got to float their boat last month. "Living Classrooms" took the group out for a half-day trip on the Washington Channel, the Anacostia River, and the Potomac River.

Living Classrooms teaches children about their watery neighbors and the importance of the keeping the rivers clean. The kids were divided into two teams: The River Rockers and The Guys. Each team donned safety jackets and worked its way through four class stations. They fished with a net. They scooped up plankton and looked at it under a microscope. They dissected clams. And they even got to take turns steering the boat!

The kids and gazed, poked and petted the fish, and waited as patiently as they could for their turn at the wheel. "They all had a good time," says Activity Zone Program Coordinator Aliya Rocker, "and they were all wiped out at the end. Their parents told us they slept like rocks!"



Hey, Madeline, where are we going?

A gift for you



At Resident Life we are hard at work offering programs, events, lectures and classes that will enrich and improve our community's lives. Through our programs we would like to offer opportunities for residents to create a community of friendship through regular opportunities together.

We can only do this through partnering together and through active participation. By attending events, helping us coordinate activities and suggesting what other events/

programs together we can put in place we can create a vibrant community.

In order to achieve this vision of community we are introducing an incentive program. This new program and card offers every resident a chance to attend events and seminars. When you complete your card, you will receive a thank you gift for being an active member of our community.

Some of the gifts you might earn include a complimentary seat for the

Beach Trip, a complimentary lunch with a staff member, a delicious homemade cake, or a one-on-one jewelry making session. We are hoping to expand the gifts but need your help in order to do so. Sign-Up today!

Resident Life Team

13th annual job fair

D.C. residents are welcome to come to the 13th Annual Job Fair. The Fair features more than 100 employers:

- Private Sector
- Federal and Local Government
- Construction
- Jobs for Recent Graduates

The Fair includes workshops on dressing for success, preparing a resume, completing

government applications, and interview tips and techniques. Workshops run from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The job

fair runs from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bring copies of your resume, and dress as you would on any job interview.

Tuesday, June 8, 2010
 Washington Convention Center
 Hall C
 801 Mt. Vernon Place, between 7th
 & 9th St. N.W.
www.norton.house.gov

Money mgmt 101

Want to gain control of your finances? Money Management 101 is the course for you!

These classes will cover setting financial goals, tracking expenses, budgeting and saving, understanding credit, compound interest and credit reports.











The class meets once a week for 5 weeks: *June 2, 9, 15, 22, 29 from 6:30-8:30 pm* in the Fuller Board Room. With questions or to sign-up, call Marianne at 299-1240, ext. 30.

D.C. Budget

On Wednesday, May 26, the DC Council approved the FY 2011 Budget. Thanks to the effective advocacy of Jubilee Housing residents and others, most of the budget requests made at Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development (CNHED)'s Advocacy Day were approved by the Council.

Program	Action	Ask	Outcome	
Adult Job Training	Restore	\$ 4,600,000	\$4,600,000	(b) No action. Further work needed prior to Second Reading of Budget Support Act
HPAP	Restore	\$ 2,100,000	\$2,100,000	
Neighborhood Based Activities	Maintain	\$ 1,700,000	\$1,700,000	(c) Not possible to fund in this year's tight budget environment; Chairman Gray and Councilmember Evans committed to work with us on developing better funding mechanism prior to next budget cycle.
Local Rent Supplement Program	Increase	\$ 2,000,000	\$1,000,000	
Foreclosure Prevention	Increase	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000(a)	
Affordable Housing Tax Abatement	Increase	\$ 500,000	(b)	
Housing Production Trust Fund	Increase	\$10,000,000	(c)	

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	Last Day for Rent Computer Class/Lab, 6:30 to 8:00 pm 	Job Fair, Convention Ctr., 9:30 am to 3:00 pm Comp. Lab, 9:30 to Noon 8	Money Mgmt., 6:30 to 8:80 pm, Fuller Board Comp. Lab, 5-8 pm 	Bed Bug Seminar Comp. Lab, 3-5 pm 10	Bldg. Night Out, Mozart/Fuller, 6:00 to 8:00 pm 11 	JYS Volunteer Picnic, Noon to 3:00 pm, Kalarama Park 5
13	Knitting Circle, 1:00 to 2:00 pm, Ritz Comm. Room Computer Class/Lab, 6:30 to 8:00 pm 14 	Money Mgmt., 6:30 to 8:80 pm, Fuller Board Comp. Lab, 9:30 to Noon 15 	Comp. Lab, 5-8 pm 16	English Conversation Circle, 6:00 to 7:00 pm Pest Treatment, Ontario Comp. Lab, 3-5 pm 17	Bldg. Night Out, Ritz/Marietta, 6:00 to 8:00 pm JYS End of Year Din- ner, Festival Ctr 6:00 pm 	Softball Game? 19
20	Computer Class/Lab, 6:30 to 8:00 pm 21 	Money Mgmt., 6:30 to 8:80 pm, Fuller Board Comp. Lab, 9:30 -Noon JYS Last Day 	Comp. Lab, 5-8 pm 23	Comp. Lab, 3-5 pm 24	Bldg. Night Out, Ontario Ct., 6:00 to 8:00 pm 25 	26
27	JYS Summer Pro- gram, 1st Day Computer Class/Lab, 6:30 to 8:00 pm 28 	Money Mgmt., 6:30 to 8:80 pm, Fuller Board Comp. Lab, 9:30 -Noon 	Comp. Lab, 5-8 pm Homebuying Mtg., 6:30-8:00 pm, Ontario Ct. 30			