

# The Jubilee Journal

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## A valentine delayed

All you need is love. And, okay, maybe some eggs and grits. After being snowed out on Valentine's Day, Jubilee Housing senior residents and staff got plenty of both at the annual Senior Valentine's Day Breakfast at the Potter's House on February 25. Seniors enjoyed a full southern breakfast—eggs, bacon, grits, hash browns, tea, coffee, and biscuits—and good conversation with each other.



Ms. Triplett and her friend Ms. Wallace spoke of the way the neighborhood has changed in the twenty years they've lived here. "There was a lot of drugs, and you'd

see a lot of young boys hanging out on the corner, selling it, smoking it, whatever," says Ms. Triplett. "Seems to me the police have cleaned that up a bit."

Howard Venable and John Bowman Sr. talked about the snow and its effect on the community. They both noted a smaller than usual turn-out for this event due to health struggles many seniors are experiencing this winter.

But that morning, the worst anyone had to struggle with was deciding whether to take one strip of bacon or two. All you need is love—and maybe another biscuit.

## Please, Snowmore Snow

We write in the aftermath of a series of record-breaking snows--dubbed "Snowpocalypse," "Snowmageddon," and "Snowoverit" by the D.C. press. The challenges posed by 54 inches of snow were daunting, but everyone at Jubilee rose to the occasion. What has been so heartwarming has been to see how the community cared for each other--checking in on seniors, assisting neighbors, and helping Jubilee staff mem-



bers shovel the walks. This photo shows Ontario Court resident Christine Chacon supporting staff member Alieu Kargbo in his effort to keep all four entrances to that building clear and passable. A number of different residents helped dig out. Gladys Bagwell even made tea and sandwiches for the shovelers, and then pitched in and did a bit of snow removal herself!

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**Building Meeting/Community Potluck and Trip to D.C.'s National Aquarium coming up! For details, see page 3.**

## Computer Lab

The computer lab will be open for use starting this month! The grand opening will be next **Tuesday, March 2!** The lab will be open in March on **Tuesdays** from **9:30-11:30 am** and **Thursdays** from **3:00 – 5:00 pm**. Computers will be available on a first-come, first served basis.



edge are always welcome and invited to offer classes. If you would like to volunteer in the computer lab, teach classes or have any thoughts about how the computer lab might best be used, please call Joy at 202-299-1240, x 11. In the coming months, we hope to be able to offer additional hours and classes in the lab. Stay tuned!

In addition, residents who are interested in sharing their computer knowl-

## WELCOME, JACK!



On January 28, Wendy and Jim Knight welcomed their second child (and first boy) Jared Branner Knight.—all five pounds,

ten ounces of him. Wendy, Jim, and big sister Ella Grace share their joy with the Jubilee community.

## Building Update

### 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.*

### The Ritz



We continue to welcome new residents to the building! If you see a face that you don't know, please take the time to say hello and introduce yourself. *Good neighbors make for a great community.* The same goes for when you see one

your neighbors doing something that harms your building, stop and hold them accountable. If you feel more comfortable you can contact the office and we can address the situation immediately. We encourage all resi-

dents to take ownership in their community so please report any suspicious activity to Main Office at 202-299-1240 or contact the Metropolitan Police Department. Also a reminder that there is **NO SMOKING** in common areas, stairwells, hallways & elevators; doing so will be considered a lease violation.

### Ontario Court



Annual tax credit recertifications have begun. If you have not made an appointment to meet with Quiana please do immediately. Failure to do so jeopardizes your housing.

### Euclid & Sorrento

Demolition is in full swing and units are in the process of being refigured. The project is currently on track for completion late 2010.



## Get Your Bag On!

Giant Food has generously donated a number of sturdy shopping bags to Jubilee Housing. Using a bag will save you 5 cents at any D.C. store. Pick up your free bag at the office. First come, first served!

## Upcoming Events

**Ritz Building Meeting**—Ritz residents are invited to attend the next building meeting, to be held on **Wednesday, March 24th, at 6:30 pm at the Ritz Community Room**. Light refreshments will be served. Please come with your comments and concerns for the community. For more information, call Charletta.

**Trip to National Aquarium**—The community is invited to visit the National Aquarium in downtown D.C. on **Saturday, March 20, from 10:00 to 3:00 pm**.



See the sharks, rays, starfish, frogs, turtles, and fish. Admission is \$2 per child and \$6 per adult. Come spend the day with Jubilee!

## Welcome, Constantine



The Development team at Jubilee Housing has a new member—Constantine Caloudas. He joined the team in Feb. 2010, and almost immediately

got a week off from work due to snow. (Is this a great job or what?) Constantine has his master's degree at George Mason's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, where he focused on the relationship between federal housing policy and community violence. A native of Houston, he has previous experience at Texas Monthly, Washington City Paper, Arlington County Housing Division, and So Others Might Eat.

## Jubilee Youth Services

### Activity Zone Jubilee's Seniors!

The Activity Zone is off to a great start in the year as we welcome two more friends (old and new) to our program. Cesar, who lives in the Ritz building, joined Activity Zone when the kids returned from winter break and has made fast friends with everyone in the program. The Activity Zone is overjoyed to welcome back our old friend Mahlek! We missed him last semester and his great artistic skills. Speaking of artistic skills – Activity Zone put these skills to work when they created Valentines Day cards for the senior citizens of Jubilee Housing! Each year, Jubilee Housing hosts a Valentines Day Senior Breakfast. To help their senior friends celebrate, the kids sent over their cards – how thoughtful! The creativity doesn't stop there – if you want some examples of the kids' artistic skills, stop by the Activity Zone center – you're sure to be impressed!



## Get your taxes done free

Get your taxes done for FREE at Jubilee Jobs, 2712 Ontario Rd. N.W., Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Call (202) 667-8970 for more information.



### What to bring with you:

- A copy of last year's tax return
- Social security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) cards for you, members of your household, and dependents
- Receipts for expenses you would like to deduct, such as day care

If you worked in 2009 and made less than \$42,000, you may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This is a benefit for people who work. If you qualify, the EITC could reduce your taxes and get you back more than \$5000!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	Computer Lab Open 9:30 to 11:30 am 2	3	Computer Lab Open 3:00 to 5:00 pm 4	Last Day to Pay Rent Staff Meeting, Office closed, 11:00 am to Noon 5	6
7	8	Teen Parent Mtg Computer Lab Open 9:30 to 11:30 am 9	10	Pest Treatment Fuller/Marietta Computer Lab Open 3:00 to 5:00 pm 11	12	13
14	15	Computer Lab Open 9:30 to 11:30 am 16	17	Pest Treatment Mozart Computer Lab Open 3:00 to 5:00 pm 18	19	Trip to Nat'l Aquarium, 10:00 to 3:00 20 
21	22	Computer Lab Open 9:30 to 11:30 am 23	Ritz Building Mtg 6:30 to 8:00, Ritz Community Room  24	Pest Treatment Ritz Computer Lab Open 3:00 to 5:00 pm 25	26	27
28	29	Computer Lab Open 9:30 to 11:30 am 30	31			