

The Jubilee Journal

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We came. We baked. We earned.

The teens learned a lot at the Teen Renaissance Bake Sale last month—and we are not just talking about baking. Bottom line: \$300 for the end-of-year field trip, and LOTS of new job skills.

For example: Not content to just wait for folks to find their way into the Ritz community room, Mekdes (right) decided to stand out on the sidewalk with a big marketing sign, promising yumminess to everyone who passed by.



Ritz residents, afternoon joggers, mothers with babies in strollers—everyone was encouraged to participate.

Emil went a little further, talking to people driving by and asking them to park and come on in. At his urging, some people

drove around the block and walked back. Emil even found a spot for one driver, and then helped him parallel park!

Many snatched up Nancy's 50¢ muffins or Marie's 50¢ brownies. But when they heard how the teens were trying to earn their own field trip, some people decided to give a little bit extra. And others gave a *lot* extra—like the woman who bought Mekdes' homemade red velvet cake for \$20. Wow!

With this success—and a good chunk of change—under their belts, the teens will now meet in their council and decide where to go at the end of the school year. How many votes for Busch Gardens?

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Fun Coming

Visit the National Zoo, play softball, and get ready for our annual beach trip. See page 3 for details.

Buy your own home?

When Manna DC got ready to sell a long-held property on nearby Ontario Place, they decided the best way to get the most housing produced from the sale was to sell it at market price and use the proceeds to establish a "Jubilee-Home Purchase Assistance Program" (J-PAP). This program will assist aspiring and qualified Jubilee residents to purchase affordable homes from Manna. Here's how: The funds from the sale of the Ontario Place house will be used to provide 0% interest loans to about 15 counseled, qualified Jubilee residents who have gone through Manna's Homebuyers Club program. The loans will be repayable when and if the new Jubilee homebuyer sells their home.

Are you interested in becoming a homeowner one day? Do you need to work on your finances or credit? Manna can teach you the steps to make your dream of homeownership a reality. Call or email Joy at the office for more information: jgendzel@jubileehousing.org, 202-299-1240 ext. 11.

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. **All calls are kept confidential.**

A reminder to not let people into the building who 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!

PM Warm Weather Tips!

- Always stay hydrated
- Children should never be permitted to play close to open windows or screens
- Keeping you blinds down and closed helps to keep the sun's heat out
- Portable fans should never be left on while no one

is home

- Call the office if you have any questions about setting your thermostat



Ontario Court

Now that spring 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.

Euclid & Sorrento

Construction is well underway and tradesmen are in place. This project continues to be on track for completion in late 2010.

Farewell to tim

When the earthquake shook Haiti in January, staff members were heartbroken. Staff member Tim Murphy felt particularly torn. Tim and his wife, Leah, had served in Haiti with Beyond Borders as recently as three years ago. Many of the friends they made there were directly affected. He wondered how he could best support them. Then his wife got the call--a job opened up for her at Save the Children in Haiti for six months. She left the next morning, while Tim stayed at Jubilee, working with residents.



No one here was surprised when Tim decided to follow his wife, and his heart, back to Haiti. Our very best wishes go with him.

This month, Jubilee will be welcoming two new Resident Life staff members. Look for an introduction to them both in next month's Jubilee Journal.

Computer lab update

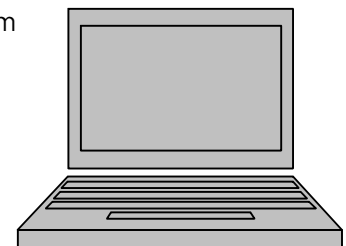
The Residents have spoken. Due to popular demand, the Ritz computer lab will now be open more often, and will include evening hours. We have also worked out a series of rules that will make being in the Lab a pleasant and useful time for everyone. To participate, you must be a Jubilee Housing resident age 16 and older, and you must read and sign a copy of the Computer Lab Rules. Copies are available at the Lab and in the office. For more information contact Charletta at 202.299.1240, ext. 21.

Here are the new hours:

Tuesday: 9:30 am—Noon

Wednesday: 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Thursday: 3:00 to 5:00 pm



Upcoming Events



National Zoo Trip & Picnic—Residents and staff are invited to bring a picnic lunch and spend the day at the National Zoo on *Saturday, May 15* from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm To sign up,

call Char at the office.

JYS End of Year Dinner— Jubilee Youth Services participants and their families are invited to the annual end-of-year dinner on *June 18*.

Jubilee Housing

Softball Game—Jubilee Housing residents and staff will get a chance to test their softball abilities on *Saturday, June 19*. Stay tuned for details!



Teen Renaissance End of Year Trip—Using money they earned at the bake sale, the teens will go to a location of their choosing on *June 25*.

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

Ontario court

Ontario Court residents came out last month for their first building meeting this year. There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm, and the group agreed that they want to meet regularly. They discussed safety issues, becoming more accountable to each other as neighbors, and welcoming more residents to these meetings. OC residents agreed to meet every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in their community room. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 18**. Hope to see you there!

Jubilee Youth Services

Spring Celebration

On a beautiful Saturday in April, Washington's Biggest Givers held a special spring celebration for the children and families of Jubilee Housing. Why were these kids so happy? Let's count the ways. Maybe it was the hotdogs and hamburgers they got for lunch. Maybe it was the egg hunt, the bunny hoop toss, or the chance to win at egg racing. Perhaps it was the experience of holding a giant marshmallow bunny in their mouths and saying "chubby bunny" without dropping it. (No, make that the experience of *watching* someone do this.)



Hmmmm, was it all the arts and crafts? The face painting? The incredible prizes? We're not sure. But we do know that the experience was super fun for everyone. Residents brought all of their young family members--from Ritz resident Stephanie Vann's three children to Ontario Court resident Gladys Bagwell's grandchild--and it was a time for Jubilee to celebrate as a community. One Ritz resident--Rowda Abbas--even brought a special dessert to share. Yum!

Gardening on the Mall




Talk about going green! Last month, children from Jubilee Youth Services went down to the National Mall and got down in the dirt at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's People's Garden. The kids were invited to participate by D.C. Central Kitchen. They ate healthy snacks, and then helped to plant the garden,

putting in lettuce and broccoli. Meanwhile, the children will be planting a garden at their program--on the roof of the Festival Center! Stay tuned....



White House Wow

This month, volunteer Kenny Smith got an extra ticket to a fun event--and took Adam from Activity Zones. Not so unusual. The event included sports. Also not so unusual. And an egg race. And a Justin Bieber concert (seriously!). Oh, and a nice view of the Rose Garden. Did we mention that it was at the White House? This has GOT to be a fabulous first for volunteering bonding at Jubilee Youth Services.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	Computer Lab, 9:30 am to Noon 4	Computer Lab, 5:00 to 8:00 pm 5	Pest Treatment, Fuller Computer Lab, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm 6	Last Day for Rent 7	8
9	10	Computer Lab, 9:30 am to Noon 11	Computer Lab, 5:00 to 8:00 pm 12	Computer Lab, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm 13	14	Zoo Trip, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm 15 
16	17	Ontario Ct. Bldg. Mtg., 6:30 pm Computer Lab, 9:30 am to Noon  18	Computer Lab, 5:00 to 8:00 pm 19	Pest Treatment, Mozart Computer Lab, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	21	22
23	24	Computer Lab, 9:30 am to Noon 25	Computer Lab, 5:00 to 8:00 pm 26	Computer Lab, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm 27	28	29
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