

The Jubilee Journal

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And the winner is . . .

At the first-ever Ritz Mingle on March 24th, residents of this newly redeveloped building came together to meet each other, find out about current Jubilee programs, and enter the raffle—a \$25 gift certificate for Target. Look who won! (See photo at right. Hint: It was *not* Tim Murphy.)

New and returning residents visited the open house to learn about community updates, chat with each other, and enjoy some light refreshments. Most residents were pleased that the computer lab has been



Queen Esther Miller—right on Target

opened, but expressed interest in evening hours. Everyone learned about upcoming, free spring and summer events such as the Annual Jubilee Beach trip. One resident suggested an outing to the Nationals Game during the spring.

Do you have ideas for community outings you might enjoy? Please call Joy at the office and let her know—202 299-1240.

This month, Ontario Court will have a Spring Fling. See page 3 for details.

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Today: House, Tomorrow: Dog?

Good news—another Jubilee family has taken the big step of buying their own home! Hilda and Pastor Romero bought a duplex in Temple Hills last month.

The children are thrilled with the house and the yard, and are now pleading for a dog (!!!). For now, sons Elvis and Wilson continue to attend Jubilee Youth Services and see all



Is there a dog in Elvis' future?

of their friends, and son Ronald stops by when he's home from college.

Congratulations to the Romeros!

Have you ever thought about buying your own home? For information about a new home buying programming for Jubilee residents, see page 4.

Coming Up Soon:
Egg Hunt, trip to the Wax Museum, and a new home buying program—see page 3 for details.

Computer Lab

The computer lab is open and ready for use! The lab is open on **Tuesdays from 9:30 am to Noon** and **Thursdays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm**. Computers are available on a first-come, first served basis.

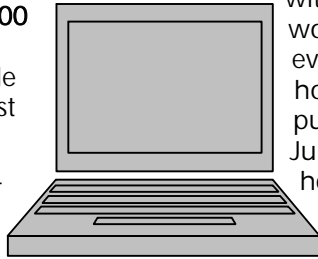
Residents are already stopping by to check out these laptops.

Mozart resident Brian Adams has been kind enough to share a few pointers with residents—everything from how to

surf the Web to how to set up an email account.

Many residents have shared with us that they would appreciate evening or weekend hours in the computer lab. In April, Jubilee hopes to hold a *Computer Lab Open House* on a Saturday.

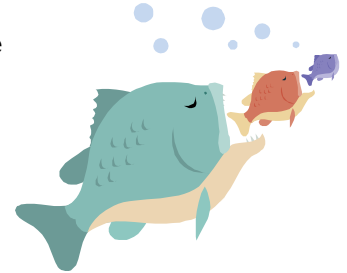
We will post notices in the buildings when the date is decided. Stay tuned!



An explanation

As you may have heard, the trip to the National Aquarium did not happen on the 20th due to transportation problems, and was postponed to the 27th. That trip was very successful. We

apologize to everyone who may have been disappointed or inconvenienced by this experience. Steps are being taken to ensure that trips go more smoothly in the future. Meanwhile, several fun and exciting events are being planned—see “Upcoming Events” on page 3.



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.**

Mozart & Fuller

Now that spring is here we will be keeping the playground/outdoor area open each day from 9:00am to 8:00pm. During the next few weeks we will be landscaping and getting it ready for use. We welcome your suggestions for improving this space.

Marietta

Please use caution when taking any large items such as bicycles & furniture up the stairs.

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.** We continue to have a challenge with unsupervised children playing in common areas and causing a disturbance to others. Please note that per your lease agreement children and guests should be supervised at all times. A reminder, that **ONLY those persons** on your lease agreement are per-

mitted to reside in the unit; failure to adhere to this can jeopardize your continued participation in Jubilee Housing. We encourage all residents 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, entrances, stairwells, hallways & elevators; doing so will be considered a lease violation.

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

The project is on schedule to date. The General Contractor has completed abatement and historical trim and doors have been shipped off for renovation. Shoring of walls and floors has been completed and slab and repinning work has begun. Contracts have been awarded for the elevators, cabinets, accessories, fire and security systems, drywall, plumbing and HVAC. This project continues to be on track for completion in late 2010.



Upcoming Events



Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration, Saturday, April 3, 12:30 to 3:30.

Families with children age 2 to 13 are welcome to come to this fun celebration, including games and activities, lunch, and a goodie bag for each child. Come to the Fuller basement and playground at 1650 Fuller Street N.W. For more info, call Char.

Ontario Spring Fling, Tuesday, April 13, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Mix and mingle with Residents and staff at the Ontario Court community room. For more info, call Joy.

Trip to Wax Museum, Saturday, April 17, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Visit Madame Tussaud's museum and get up close and personal with wax figures of celebrities. Bring your camera! For more info, call Char.

Homebuying Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Ritz. Meet with Manna and Jubilee Housing and find out about a new program to help residents buy their own homes. More details on p. 4.

Picnic at the National Zoo, Saturday, May 15 Jubilee Housing will host a picnic and trip to the National Zoo. To sign up, call Char.

Movie Day, Saturday, May 29 We will pick a movie that's fun for the whole family. Call Char with your suggestions.



Beach Trip, August 21—SAVE THE DATE!

Jubilee Youth Services

Nurturing Parenting Workshops Build on Compassion, Community

The families of Jubilee Youth Services have been spending their Friday evenings with the wonderful Sylvia Stokes, the expert facilitator of a program called Nurturing Parenting. Nurturing Parenting builds upon parents' existing skills while working to build a strong and compassionate community of mothers and fathers. The weekly participants have faithfully attended the classes – and are really enjoying them! The class provides a safe place to learn more about our roles as nurturers, while giving families a chance to feel more connected to their fellow parents and neighbors.

The Play's The Thing



Thanks to the Shakespeare Theatre, Early Start children now know more about drama. And that's a good thing.

The Theatre sent a professional to work with the Kindergarten to Second Graders and teach them about being on the stage. First, the kids got to try on a lot of costumes. Fun! Then they learned how to "block"—to move around the different parts of the stage. "This is center stage," the teacher said, standing in the center. "Now we're going to front right stage. Where do we go?" A crew of giggling children

turned—many of them in the correct direction.

When the children had their blocking down, the teacher gave each of them a chance to practice moving and "emoting" while asking Shakespeare's famous line: "To be or not to be, that is the question." The chance to act in front of the group was too good to pass up, and they each asked the question in a special way. Be sure to ask them to show you how it's done! The whole class was a lot of fun, and the kids learned a good deal about drama.

Who's That Guy, and What's He Doing Here?

Wesley Walsman, who headed up Jubilee Housing's Financial Empowerment program for two years, has moved on to work with students at the Community College of the District of Columbia (CCDC). Recently, he came to speak with Teen Renaissance about the programs offered by CCDC, ranging from nursing to business.

First, Wes engaged the teens in a discussion about their future careers. Some want to work for the FBI. Others want to work in the culinary arts. Still others are undecided. Wes worked with all of these statements, helping participants see where and how community college might be part of the answer to their need for education. He also discussed various financial aid options, laying out the difference between grants and loans and helping participants see **(continued on p. 4)**





D.C. Counts

By now, your household should have received the 2010 U.S.

Census questionnaire. The questionnaire asks 10 questions and should take only about 10 minutes to complete. The Census Bureau does not release or share information that identifies individual respondents. The Census does not ask for one's legal status or criminal history. By law, the 2010 Census is safe and confidential.

Here are some FAQs:

Who should fill it out? Whoever's name is on the lease should fill out the form on behalf of everyone in your household.

What if I have trouble filling it out? The Census Bureau has questionnaires in different languages and in large print. You can also get assistance by phone in English at 1-866-872-6868 or in Spanish at 1-866-928-2010, or go online to www.census.dc.gov for more information.

What is the Census used for? Billions in federal funds are awarded to states and communities based on census data. However, if all residents are not counted, states and

communities will not receive the funds they are entitled to. Failure to count all residents in the District of Columbia results in the loss of millions of dollars. Additionally, an accurate and complete count of the entire population helps to determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care facilities, senior citizens centers and other important services in the community.

Can I work for the Census Bureau? There may still be some job openings to be a census worker. Contact DC West, 25th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20037, Phone: 202-507-4560. Census takers start at: \$20.00/hour.

Jubilee youth services, continued

continued from page 3) in real dollars how much a post-secondary education experience might cost. Students of all ages with financial needs can get free tuition and books, he says. The teens who attended learned a lot. Thanks, Wes!

Jumping for Joy

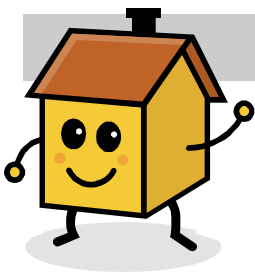
Thanks to a generous gift from a local law firm, Jubilee Youth Services have a whole new reason to

jump for joy—pogo sticks! The children in Activity Zone are just *obsessed* with these things, and can't wait for outside time to practice.

At first, some of the kids couldn't do it at all. Others took to it right away, and provided helpful advice ("just jump!"). But soon, even reluctant jumpers were hop hop hopping. In fact, with the other children counting, young Adam accomplished more than 800 hops with-

out stop.

The kids head out most afternoons around 4:00 to practice pogo. Please stop by—they love an audience!



Jubilee Housing is partnering with Manna to help Residents buy

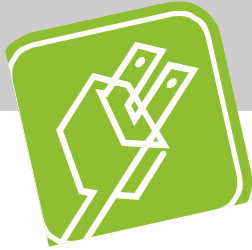
homes. Manna services include the Homebuyers Club, which is a guided support group for prospec-

Want to buy a home?

tive homebuyers. The goal is to encourage the members to save toward the down payment on a home and to give them the tools and knowledge required to prepare for the mortgage application and approval process. As a Jubilee resident, you may qualify for a special first-time homebuyers program with MANNA called MJ PAP (Manna-

Jubilee Purchase Assistance Program).

Are you interested in learning about Jubilee homebuyer opportunities? Would you like to own your own home one day in the future? Come find out at the Manna and Jubilee Open House on **Wednesday, April 21** (see page 3 for details).



Recycling electronics

For those of you wondering what to do with that

electronic waste that you have accumulated, Hearst Elementary school in Cleveland Park will be holding its second annual Community E-Cycle on the morning of **April 17**. This event is free and all collected materials will be either re-used (in our free-cycle) or sent to Ft. Totten for recycling. Phoebe Hearst

Elementary is located at 3950 37th St. NW.

Here is a list of what they will accept:

- ◆ Audio/Visual Equipment
- ◆ Audio Cassettes
- ◆ Batteries (no car batteries, please!)
- ◆ Camcorders
- ◆ CD Rom drives CDs/DVDs
- ◆ Cell Phones and other hand-help devices (iPods, etc.)
- ◆ Computers and monitors

- ◆ Connectors / Cords / Wire
- ◆ Copy machines
- ◆ Fax machines
- ◆ Floppy drives and Hard drives
- ◆ Memory chips
- ◆ Network / Video / Sound cards
- ◆ Pagers
- ◆ Power supplies
- ◆ Printers
- ◆ Tape drives
- ◆ TVs
- ◆ Unbroken CFL s
- ◆ VCRs and VCR tapes
- ◆ Video games & Software

Safety tips

Bicycle Safety

- ◆ Keep bicycles secured when parked at a location.
- ◆ Get the bicycles registered at www.nationalbikeregistry.com
- ◆ Bicycles cannot be ridden on the sidewalk within the central business district.
- ◆ Always wear a Helmet.
- ◆ Call MPD if your bicycle gets stolen.
- ◆ Be aware of runners and joggers
- ◆ Plan your route.
- ◆ Don't wear jewelry or carry cash.

- ◆ Wear reflective clothing at night so motorists can see you.
- ◆ Headsets diminish your ability to hear oncoming traffic. Use your judgment.
- ◆ Wear some form of ID, such as a bracelet or dog tag, in case of emergency

Preventing Theft from Auto

- ◆ Do not leave visible items in the vehicle
- ◆ Secure the vehicle.
- ◆ Remove all cords, bags, or other visible items. Wipe off the suction mark from GPS holder (Yes, thieves look for this!)

Burglary Prevention

- ◆ Secure all windows and doors for the evening.
- ◆ Get to know your neighbor. If you plan a trip. Let them know that you will be gone and ask them to check your mail and pick up your paper.
- ◆ If you are a victim of a burglary contact MPD and make a report.
- ◆ If you walk from your apartment even for a short distance, take your keys and lock up.



Street sweeping (parking ticket alert!)

On **Monday, April 5**, street sweepers equipped with cameras (known as "Sweepcams") will enforce parking. Street sweeping is a major component of the District's efforts to control pollution from storm water runoff.

Routine street sweeping collects a range of pollutants. Cleaning these pollutants off the streets keeps them from being washed into rivers and streams by rainfall.

Citizens who receive a ticket via Sweepcam will be able to review their citations online in the same way they can view their parking citations online at dmv.dc.gov.

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	Good Friday (Office Closed)  2	Family Spring Celebration, 12:30 to 3:30 pm  3
Easter  4	5	6	7	Pest Treatment, Ontario 8	Last Day Rent Due 9	10
11	12	Ontario Spring Fling, 6:30 to 8:00 pm 13 	14	15	Emancipation Day  16	Trip to Wax Museum, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm 17
18	19	20	Homebuying Mig 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Ritz 21 	Pest Treatment, Marietta 22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	