

# The Jubilee Journal

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## Getting Our Rear In Gear

Numbers were important on November 14th when the Jubilee Walking Club participated in the "Get Your Rear In Gear" 5K race in Alexandria. There was temperature (in the 60s), and rainfall (light). There was the length of the course, start to finish (3.2 miles). There was the number of adults, children, and dogs participating (lots).



But the most important number that day, as far as Mozart resident Janett Barksdale is concerned, is 1:22:10. That's the time it took her to complete her first-ever such race, a triumph by any measure.

Janett, who helped to start Jubilee's walking group last May, has been spearheading the effort to do laps around Meridian Hill Park ever since. Many Jubilee Hous-

ing residents and staffers have joined her--Myrna Ramirez, Maria Lopez, Brian Adams, Steve Geiser, Tim Murphy, and Debby Churchman. Inspired by Janett's persistence, the group set their eyes on the 5K prize.

That Saturday, Janett, Myrna, Tim, Debby, and members of Janett's supportive family turned out for the race. We followed the 5k route, walking around Ft. Hood park and the surrounding neighborhood in Alexandria and admiring the trees.

Myrna completed the 1 mile race. Tim ran the 5K, and then came back to cheer on the rest of us. And Janett, arm-in-arm with her nephew and niece, crossed the finish line.

## Using the computer lab



The Gaye Beasley Haynes Learning Center has official opened at the Ritz! The learning center, created in honor of this long-time supporter, will be the home of Jubilee Housing's new technology center for the entire resident community. The lab features laptops with wireless access. The learning center will be available both for general use and for holding classes for residents and staff.

Do you have any ideas for how this space might best be used to benefit the community? Would you like to use the computers? Want to take a class? Teach a class? What topics would you like to see covered? Please let Joy know in the office—299-1240, x 11.

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### Ritz Update

- All Ritz residents should be moved in by mid-December
- New and returning residents who have moved into the Ritz building are asked to attend an orientation session (as stipulated in the lease).

## 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!*

As a reminder, 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

Welcome new and returning residents! We are so pleased to have life again at the Ritz. Because this is a newly renovated building there may be maintenance issues that come to your attention in your new unit so please contact this office immediately so we can address them promptly. During the month of December the contractors will be back in the building doing the final punch-out and finishing touches for the buildings so you may see activity in the hallways and common areas.

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, stairwells, hallways & elevators; doing so will be considered a lease violation.

### Mozart, Fuller & Marietta

If you have not met with Quiana regarding your annual recertification please contact her immediately. Failure to do so jeopardizes your housing.

### Ontario Court

We continue to receive complaints about children being in the building and out in the courtyard unsupervised. Please refer to your lease and community rules as it pertains to the above. *Remember that everyone has the right to quiet enjoyment.*

### Euclid & Sorrento

We are happy to report that buildings have been emptied, the deal has been closed and renovations have begun! The renovation is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2010 bringing 70 affordable units back to the neighborhood. Both buildings have been redesigned to include studios, 1, 2 & 3 bedroom units. And both will have new spacious elevators and be handicapped accessible. We will keep you updated as progress is made!

## December bargains

*The best way to save is not to spend. The next best way is to buy what you truly need when the price is at its lowest. Here 's what is on sale in December:*

### **Fruits and Vegetables:**

Broccoli	cauliflower
Grapefruit	mushrooms
Oranges	papayas
Pears	pomegranates
sweet potatoes	tangelos
Tangerines	

### **Other Foods:**

Ham	Butter
Cheese	Baking supplies
Pie crusts	Ready-made dough
Dinner rolls	Frozen pies
Cake mix	Cake frosting
Pie filling	Cookie dough
Spices	Nuts
Dried fruits	Oatmeal
Soda	

### **Non-Foods:**

Disposable pans	Aluminum foil
Plastic wrap	Electronics
Computers	Carpeting
Flooring	Tools
Toys	Winter clothes
Cars	Motorcycles

*From frugalliving.about.com*

### **Double Coupons at Harris Teeter**

- The store accepts 20 double coupons per day per customer/household with VIC card; all others redeemed at face value.
- The store doubles manufacturer's coupons up to face value of \$0.99; with total amount not to exceed \$1.98 or entire retail of item; whichever is less.



## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Revels



Come celebrate the magic of the season with glorious music, rousing dance—and a solar eclipse! Join the acclaimed Revels company on **Friday, December 4** at 6:45 pm. To reserve your spot, please call Charletta at 202-299-1240, x 21

### Elf Store

The children of Jubilee Housing are invited to participate in the Elf Store on **Saturday, Dec. 12** starting at **10:00 am**. The Jubilee Elf Store is a place where children can buy presents for their family at children's prices (between \$0.25 cents to \$3 dollars). There will be refreshments and information for the parents while the children go shopping. There will also be raffles for gift certificates from SAFEWAY and CVS and other local stores. To participate, families must sign up in advance. Please call Joy or Charletta at the office.



### Winter Holiday Party



Come out and celebrate the winter holidays with your community! Here are the details:

**Thursday, Dec. 17**  
6:00 to 8:00 pm  
Ritz community room.  
Bring a dish to share.  
*Questions? Call Char at 202 299 1240*

## Jubilee Youth Services

### Early Start Gives Thanks



The children of Early Start gave thanks to their families, friends, and community by performing in a Thanksgiving-inspired play. Each child participated—and each child dressed up! All of their costumes were created by our Early Start Program Associate and prize-winning costume designer, Liz Gossens.

### Pottery by Activity Zone

The kids of Activity Zone embarked on their latest adventure in November – a trip to Color Me Mine, a local pottery studio. There, they created their own pottery masterpieces. Making the pots was certainly fun – but also practical. Several of the kids hinted at the possibility of their pottery creations becoming holiday gifts for friends and loved ones. Talk about getting into the holiday spirit!



### Financial Literacy at Teen Renaissance

Teen Renaissance kids are settling into their new space at the Ritz – which means new workshops and classes are beginning. In November, they started a series of financial literacy workshops provided by the Financial Literacy Foundation. Workshop topics include budgeting, saving, and banking – all important topics for the entrepreneurial teens of Jubilee Housing!

**Mekdes Abiy works her homework routine at the new Teen Renaissance space—or tries to. Quit distracting her, kids!**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Ritz Orientation 6:00 to 8:00 pm	Pest Treatment, Ontario Court	JH Staff Meeting Office Closed, 11:00 am Xmas Revels, 6:45	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	SHARE Deadline Last Day for Rent			Pest Treatment, Fuller/Marietta	JH Staff Retreat Office closed	Elf Store 9:00 am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Holiday Party Ritz, 6:00 to 8:00 pm	JH Staff Meeting Office Closed, 11:00 am SHARE, 4:30 to 5:30 pm	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Christmas Office Closed	
27	28	29	30	31		