

The Jubilee Journal

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Happy Holiday, Jubilee Style

It was homey, cheerful, packed—and, okay, a little bit crazy. On Thursday, December 17, Jubilee Housing residents and staff crowded into the community room of the Festival Center to celebrate the winter holidays.

The children sang “Feliz Navidad.” Fuller resident Gilma Merino brought a piñata. Staff member Tim Murphy “helped” the children open it—and stood out of the way as the kids rushed to the candy. Staffer Charletta Cowling brought ham and turkey. Mozart resident Janett

Barksdale brought macaroni and cheese. Residents pitched in with their favorite potluck offering—chicken and rice, papusas, fried chicken, salads, and yummy desserts.



Then, in a surprise move, the children led everyone in the room in singing Happy Birthday to staffer Dorothy Larimer.

The room was cozy with community feeling—which tided over all the way to the end. With everyone pitching in, clean-up was over in a matter of minutes!

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Please come to the first all-community Building Meeting/Community Supper on Wednesday, January 20th. For details, see page 3.

Reveling at the Revels



Residents and staff of Jubilee Housing enjoyed a wonderful evening out at the Christmas Revels in December. Each year the Revels work up a holiday blast from the past, bringing song, dance, drama and music from different Christmas traditions.

This year, the Revels traveled to the Italian Renaissance to follow the artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci. “Leonardo’s world is as serene and lovely as a single harp, and as raucous as a cacophony of bells and a Roman Saturnalia,” they say. We’re not too sure about the Roman Saturnalia part, but the music was beautiful, the singers were excellent, and our group was even invited on stage!

The Gift of Giving

When the doors opened at the Festival Center on December 12, more than 75 children streamed in with one goal in mind: Being able to give. Thanks to Jubilee Support Alliance, these Jubilee Housing kids had the opportunity to attend an "Elf Store" and pick out affordable presents for their loved ones.



Volunteer elves listened to each child and helped them work up a list of people they wanted to give to. The elves also helped each child work within his or her budget. Then, elf and child went to each of the six

gift "stations" and picked out the presents! The children found sports balls, Redskins book bags, Nationals hats, beauty products, scented bath items, fleece throws, tons of toys and board games, DVDs, and more on "sale" for a greatly reduced price. JSA also raffled off gift cards from Target, Safeway, and Best Buy.

When the children had made their full selection, the gifts were wrapped and bagged. Then the children could get their photos taken with Santa, and enjoy a light breakfast. It was such a great day!

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

Because this is a newly renovated building there may be maintenance issues that come to your attention in your new unit. Please contact this office immediately so we can address them promptly. During the month of January 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 ar-

reas. 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

Annual tax credit recertification's will start begin in January 2010. You will receive a notice about documents that will be needed.

January bargains



Here 's what is on sale in January

Food:

- Chocolate (Christmas clearance)
- Soda
- Diet foods
- Frozen finger foods

Non-food:

- Linens
- Electronics

- Cameras
- Computers
- Small appliances
- Air conditioners
- Carpeting and flooring
- Furniture
- Winter clothes
- Toys (on clearance after the holidays)
- Bicycles
- Christmas gift wrap

- Christmas decorations
- Athletic shoes
- Exercise equipment
- Motorcycles
- Houses
- Boats
- Motorcycles
- Anything from thrift stores

Upcoming Events



New Year's Day

Happy New Year! The Jubilee Housing office will be closed on New Year's Day.

Share Update

Due to low demand, January will be Jubilee's final month as a SHARE host site. January's order deadline is **Friday, January 8th**, and delivery will be **Friday, January 22nd @ 4:30pm**. For those interested in continuing to order SHARE grocery packages in February, speak with JH staff member Tim Murphy to connect with another site in the area. We celebrate the success of the past 14 months and thank everyone who has volunteered to make the SHARE program possible.

Community Potluck/Building Meeting



We will be having our first all-community monthly building meeting for all residents of Jubilee Buildings on

Wednesday, January 20 at 6pm. (location to be announced soon). Please bring a dish to share if you would like, or just come and spend some time with your neighbors to discuss community related topics. All residents of Jubilee Housing are INVITED.

Jubilee Youth Services

Early Start



"The children were white hot with excitement," says Early Start Program Coordinator Carol Martin about the holiday party held in December. Children and parents filled the Early Start center with holiday cheer, decorating the room in red and green, wrapping the tables, making luminaries (left) and setting out the pizza, punch, cupcakes and cookies. The children sang Jingle Bells and other holiday songs, and opened presents generously provided by Church of the Good Shepherd. "The families were wonderful, and everyone had a good time," Carol says.

Activity Zone

The end of 2009 is an exciting time for all the kids at Jubilee Youth Services...especially when an incentive field trip to the ESPN Zone is part of the mix! The kids of Activity Zone reaped the benefits of positive behavior by enjoying a whirlwind trip to their favorite arcade-restaurant. Once at the lively ESPN Zone, the kids were treated with activity cards that allowed them to play a variety of games, including bowling, basketball, air hockey, a simulated roller coaster (see photo at right) and horse racing! The kids earned the trip over the course of the Fall semester by displaying positive behavior in their classrooms and at the Jubilee Youth Services center. The kids had a blast - what a fun way to end 2009!



Teen Renaissance



The teens of Teen Renaissance bid farewell to 2009 with a pizza party - and a visit from an old friend! Ronald Romero, who graduated from high school and Teen Renaissance in June of 2009, returned home to DC for a visit from Guilford College in North Carolina. Ronald enjoyed his first semester and shared his experiences with the other teens and staff. When asked about his classes, Ronald said that first semester he took mostly the prerequisite courses and that he looks forward to taking some electives in the Spring. Which electives? Ronald is excited to begin studying both psychology and business. We're proud of you Ronald, as we are of all of our Teen Renaissance teens!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					New Year's Day Office Closed 1	2
3	4	5	6	Pest Treatment, Ritz 7	Last Day for Rent 8	9
10	11	12	13	Pest Treatment, Ritz 14	Staff Meeting Office closed 11:00 am to Noon 15	16
17	18	19	Community Potluck/Bldg Meeting 20	Pest Treatment, Ontario 21	22	23
24	25	26	27	Pest Treatment, Fuller/Marietta 28	29	30
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