

THE COLLEGE NEIGHBOR

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Calling all trick-or-treaters. Whether it's a first for your children or an annual tradition, bring them to the Haunted Hallways Community Trick-or-Treat event at Franklin & Marshall's Alumni Sports & Fitness Center on Harrisburg Pike (between College Square and College Row) on Halloween, Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 6–8 p.m. This is not a scary event, and even the smallest of trick-or-treaters is welcome to come discover the College athletic center and meet college students from a variety of clubs, sports teams, College Houses and Greek organizations—plus get great treats! Residents of the Long Home on West End Avenue also will hand out candy and admire Halloween costumes on their grand porch from 6–8 p.m. on Halloween night. Stop by with your children and brighten the senior residents' Halloween.

New F&M student housing real estate strategy. Now that College Row offers housing for nearly 400 students, there are only about 200 students who live in off-campus housing, which often does not meet basic life safety standards and codes. About a year ago the College invited local landlords who own these properties to a forum about off-campus housing. The thought then was to have an approved list of landlords who provided the College with proof of licensure and annual inspections. There was a fair turnout and interest on the part of landlords, but it didn't meet the College's needs and it became clear to College officials that there would not be enough safe, well-maintained properties to house the remaining off-campus population. The College's recently announced solution is to contract with a real estate professional to buy properties in the neighborhood bounded by Harrisburg Avenue, College Avenue, Lemon Street and Charlotte Street that have traditionally housed students and to upgrade them to College standards. The housing standards include exterior and structural improvements and the installation of sprinkler systems, modern kitchens and baths, new carpeting and furniture. Only one student will be allowed per bedroom, and bedrooms must be a minimum of 100 square feet. The real estate professional, Kevin Silverang, will own and manage the properties and will be a single point of contact for the College for the off-campus students living in these properties. Houses will be identified by plaques on the exterior of the buildings, and there will be a local office and number for residents to call if they have any concerns about a property (there will also be 24/7 maintenance service for student residents to call for repairs). The College is confident that this is the best way to ensure that students are safe and supervised and that properties are upgraded and well maintained. The College's partnership with Silverang includes a 10-year contract and is a major investment in the long-term health of the neighborhood. Everyone's property values should benefit as a result of this strategy, and our neighborhood should continue to blossom.

Emergency siren to be installed on F&M campus. A new emergency alert siren will be installed on a campus rooftop this fall to alert students, faculty and staff to emergencies. The siren definitely will be audible in the neighborhood. In the case of a real emergency, you can check the F&M Web site (www.fandm.edu) or call the College's emergency information line (1-888-436-2412) for pertinent information. Tests will be conducted at noon on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October—don't be alarmed!

Great new businesses in the neighborhood. After months of preparation and much anticipation, the elegant new Filling's shop opened in College Row on Oct. 10. Shop hours are Monday–Friday,

9 a.m.–6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., with planned evening hours one night a week. By the end of November the Iron Hill Brewery also will open its doors at College Row. Meanwhile, Fenz, the new restaurant and late-night spot opened by Bob Fenninger and Julie Grove Slack (in the former Auntie Anne's Café site on Harrisburg Avenue at Charlotte Street) opened in September. It offers a modern American menu and impressive bar in a sophisticated and intimate setting (Tuesday–Thursday, 4 p.m.–midnight, and Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m.–1 a.m.; 735-6999). Behind Fenz in the Champion Center, a new M&T bank branch opened recently and joins neighbors Tall Grass, Mimi's and Rosa Rosa in a vibrant new retail block. The northwest corner of Mary and Frederick Streets has a chic new salon, Fin. Opened in October by Lancaster Avenue resident Leigh Lindsay (former owner of Zoetropolis for those who remember the independent cinema/art gallery/café on Lemon Street), Fin salon offers haircuts, color, perms and relaxers, facials, manicures, pedicures and massages. The rich color palette on the walls highlights Lindsay's paintings. All services at Fin are by appointment (396-3891), but don't hesitate to stop in and look around if you're in the neighborhood. Another enterprising Lancaster Avenue neighbor, Leah Margerum, has opened a new business, This Little Piggy, at Central Market. This Little Piggy offers ready-to-serve baby and toddler foods made from the freshest local and organic ingredients. Margerum's emphasis is on excellent nutrition and environmental sustainability. This Little Piggy's market hours are Saturday, 6 a.m.–2 p.m. For information, contact Margerum at 330-4101 or e-mail Leah@thislittlepiggy.info. Work is still in progress on the Chestnut Hill Café at 532 West Chestnut Street (across the street from Dog Star Books). Its owners are hoping to open by the end of the year, so stay tuned.

More new construction. You probably know about College Row, the new Barshinger Life Sciences & Philosophy building, and the demolition of the Armstrong factory buildings as part of Franklin & Marshall's northern expansion. Have you heard about the new children's and adult day-care centers slated for the 600 block of Lancaster Avenue and the 400 block of Frederick Street? Demolition of the former Whitely Psychology Laboratory building across from Wharton Elementary School on Lancaster Avenue and of a warehouse owned by the College on West Frederick Street will begin in November. It's in preparation for the construction of a new child-care center for F&M and Lancaster General Hospital employees (and community members as space allows), plus a privately owned adult day-care center and a parking lot. The centers will open in early fall 2008 and will add another element of vitality to the neighborhood. The other project that is soon to begin demolition and construction is the new Klehr Center for Jewish Life, which will replace the existing Hillel House at 645 College Avenue. Thanks to a generous donation by F&M alumni Susan Kline Klehr and Leonard Klehr, the new \$2 million structure will replace the currently cramped Hillel House and will complement the nearby Joseph International Center and Philadelphia Alumni Writers House.

Community tour of F&M campus a success. In the last issue of this newsletter, we invited community members to a campus tour in September. About 20 people came, and we had a wonderfully entertaining and informative campus tour led by F&M's Associate Dean and House Prefect David Stameshkin. The tour ended up at a men's soccer game at the new turf fields on Harrisburg Avenue, and guests enjoyed a catered lunch. If you missed the tour and would like to take a similar one, e-mail us at CollegeNeighbor@fandm.edu, as we hope to organize a tour next year.

What are your kids thinking? Do you have young children? Curious about what is going on in their minds? The Child Development Lab at F&M will give us a better understanding of how kids think and learn about the people, objects and places in their lives. The Child Development Lab is looking for children to participate in short and fun projects in its beautiful suite in the new Barshinger Life Sciences & Philosophy building. Projects take only 20–30 minutes. The benefits? You and your kids interact with

college students and professors, kids get a thank you gift for helping, and last but not least, you're advancing the cause of science. Especially needed right now are toddlers and preschoolers, but kids of all ages (birth through 13) are needed at various times. The lab is looking to add to its database so it can potentially contact you about future projects. Check out the Web site at www.fandm.edu/childlab.xml to learn more, e-mail the lab at childlab@fandm.edu, or call 291-3825.

Radical Jewelry Makeover. Did you know that the sourcing of metals through hard-rock mining produces more toxic waste than any other industry in the United States? On average, 20 tons of waste rock is generated for every gold ring that is produced in the world. Radical Jewelry Makeover is a creative alternative metal-sourcing initiative by Millersville University's Jewelry and Metal Arts Guild and supported by F&M, Virginia Commonwealth University and Ethical Metalsmiths. Jewelry and metalsmithing students as well as a few guest jewelers have been transforming local donations of old and unwanted jewelry into new and exciting work. Those who have donated jewelry receive points to use toward purchasing makeover items. On Nov. 2–3 the "makeover" jewelry will go on exhibit at The Candy Factory Gallery at the Keppel Building, 323 North Queen Street. Hours are Friday, 5–9 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. The MU Jewelry and Metal Arts Guild will donate 70 percent of all the proceeds to Ethical Metalsmiths (www.EthicalMetalsmiths.org) to continue their programs. Don't miss this opportunity to see and purchase totally original and locally produced jewelry creations that are environmentally friendly.

F&M Community Holiday Craft Show. Get an early start on holiday shopping and help support Domestic Violence Services (DVS) of Lancaster. On Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 4–7 p.m. in the atrium of the Steinman College Center on College Avenue, a wonderful variety of crafts made by F&M staff, friends and family will be showcased in a friendly, laid-back atmosphere. Walk over with a friend or family member and shop for original, locally made items that you won't find at the mall. The show is sponsored by the F&M Women's Center and tables rent for \$20 (proceeds from table rental benefit DVS). For more information, please contact Susan Van Arman at susanvanarman@comcast.net.

Support Wharton Elementary at Barnes & Noble. On Friday, Nov. 16, from 5:30–8:30 p.m., you can jumpstart your holiday shopping and help Wharton's PTO simply by buying anything, including food (excluding gift certificates) and letting the cashier know that you are there to support Wharton. No vouchers are needed, and the PTO will receive 15 percent of all purchase amounts. There will be story and poetry readings by Wharton teachers, staff and students, and it should be a fun time for all.

Holiday Choral Concert at F&M. Last year the Campus Community Coalition invited neighbors to attend Franklin & Marshall's annual holiday choral concert at the Barshinger Center and a pre-concert get-together in the adjacent Steinman College Center. It was such a great success that we will be hosting this event again this year on Sunday, Dec. 2 (kids' festivities and refreshments at 1 p.m., concert begins at 3 p.m.). We will mail you a holiday concert invitation in November.

Thanks for reading *The College Neighbor*. Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6!

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