

"In 2005 out of 22,162 calls for service in the entire city, only 1,152 calls came from King Farm," said Treschuk. "There is a decrease of 523 calls for service in the community compared to 2004."

Treschuk said the King Farm community is a safe community, and the majority of the recent incidents of vandalism and graffiti were committed by youths and teens, including resident teenagers. "The crimes reported in King Farm are not gang-related, they are considered to be crimes of opportunity," said Treschuk. "Youngsters commit these offenses out of boredom and peer pressure."

King Farm residents were urged to get involved in the Neighborhood Watch and to continue being the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. "You have a good, aggressive Neighborhood Watch program in place," said Treschuk. "More residents need to get involved by keeping an eye out for anything that appears to be out of the ordinary or suspicious, and immediately report it to police."

Neighbors found having the attention of the city staffers the perfect opportunity to discuss traffic and pedestrian safety

cameras are the most effective way to slow people down," said Giammo. "However, we will continue to look at other traffic calming methods in the New Year."

Whether it's speeding on a particular street or intersections with blind-spots, residents began naming certain locations and intersections within King Farm which are in of police presence and attention. The city suggested the King Farm Citizens Assembly consolidate a traffic list of areas of high priority. The city will then review the list and prepare an analysis and summary.

Before the end of the meeting, residents questioned city officials on the status of the parking resolution between the city and King Farm Citizens Assembly. Treschuk said the city has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Assembly which will allow the police to enforce State and public transportation rules and regulations on public streets within the community, not including the alleys.

Treschuk said despite reports that the city has not supported the Assembly's plan to introduce permit and restricted parking in certain locations within the community,

sive but they pay for themselves, the community will just need to decide if this is an option," said Treschuk.

If the community were to install parking meters, a Parking Enforcement Officer would need to be hired. Treschuk said the department would hire an officer if the

all of the residents before moving forward with any further plans to determine if enough support is generated for approval.

The King Farm Citizens Assembly and neighbors wish to extend their thanks to the city for hosting the meeting and look forward to future meetings in the New Year.

## Meet Your Neighbors

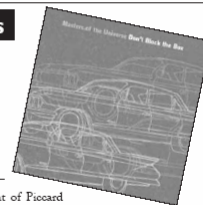
### King Farm's Own Rock Star Celebrates CD Release

By Andrea Escher

**B**ing Kung, a three-year King Farm resident of Picard Drive, lives what some could consider a double life. An electrical engineer by day, weekend rock star by night, and did we mention he is also a professional tennis teacher? Talk about a man of many talents!

Kung graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in

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## The Fine Art of Real Estate

by Chuck & Kathi Kershaw, Realtors

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Electrical Engineering, and is in the process of obtaining his masters degree in Systems Engineering from John Hopkins University.

About a year ago Kung met up with Aidan Ryan and Kelly Mills, two friends from his hometown of Frederick, who were just as passionate about music. The trio got together and formed "Masters of the Universe," a name chosen based upon their favorite cartoon. "He-Man!" "We consider ourselves Indie, Folk Funk Rock," says Kung. The band, which practices in the basement of Kung's home, is busy celebrating the release of their first album on December 3rd "Don't Block the Box," produced and recorded right here in King Farm!

"We hosted our CD release party at the

Ragtime Restaurant in Arlington, VA on December 3rd," says Kung. "It was a great time!" "Masters of the Universe" hosted their first live show several months ago at the Mayorga Coffee Shop in the King Farm Village Center. The band has gone on to perform in venues such as the State Theater in VA, the Velvet Lounge and Grog and Tankard in DC, College Park in College Park, Paloma's Underground in Baltimore, and Firestone's in Frederick.

"My ultimate dream is for the band to perform at the 9-30 Club downtown and of course to get on MTV," says Kung. "But if I don't make it to MTV, then I'll probably just go to grad school for my MBA." "Our goal is to rock out for as long as possible!"

Kung, who shares his King Farm home with his mother and Cairn Terrier/Poodle

JoJo, says he chose to move to King Farm for the many conveniences it has to offer. "It's the perfect place to live since it's the center of all the local 'hot spots' such as DC, Baltimore, and VA, especially since Shady Grove metro is within walking distance," says Kung. "I'm excited about the new Martin J.T. Stepanek Park being built across from my house."

Kung hopes King Farm residents will log on to his website [www.mastersband.com](http://www.mastersband.com) to view the band's upcoming concert dates



Kung, along with his bandmate, recorded their recently released CD in the basement of his King Farm home.

and will purchase a copy of his new CD. We wish Kung and the band all the best and lots of luck and success! Maybe some day we'll even see you on the Grammy's!

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