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## A Streetcar Win for Everyone

by Monte Edwards

**C**HRS and the Committee of 100 wrote to the City Council concerning the Transportation Infrastructure Temporary Amendment Act of 2010. We asked that the Council:

1. Not attempt to overturn the federal statutes of 1888 and 1889 that prohibit aerial wires in the L'Enfant City and Georgetown.
2. Allow H Street–Benning Road construction to be completed, including streetcars with aerial wires on a temporary basis, with the requirement that overhead wires be removed as soon as alternatives are available.
3. Prior to the expansion of the streetcar system beyond H Street–Benning Road, require that the

City develop a comprehensive plan for the streetcar system. A significant element of that plan should be an assessment of non-overhead wire streetcar technology.

On July 13, the Council enacted Bill 18-883, the Transportation Infrastructure Temporary Amendment Act of 2010, which encompasses our recommendations. The bill was enacted as temporary legislation (a life of 225 days), and a permanent bill will be considered after the summer recess. The bill limits the installation of aerial wires for streetcars to H Street–Benning Road, on a temporary basis, until non-overhead wire technology becomes feasible.

Additionally, the bill requires that:

1. A plan for each phase or extension of the streetcar system be submitted to the Council and subject to public hearings and Council approval for all extensions of the streetcar system (beyond the H Street–Benning Road segment) to any other part of the City; and that
2. Every three years a report be submitted to the Council and subject to public hearings that would provide comprehensive assessments of streetcar

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### September 21 Overbeck Lecture: The History of Washington's Streetcars

The Overbeck History Project begins its new lecture season on Tuesday, September 21, with an illustrated presentation by Lee H. Rogers on the history of streetcar service in Washington and particularly on Capitol Hill. The event is set for 8:00 pm at the Naval Lodge Hall at 330 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE. Admission is free but a reservation is required due to limited seating. Please email [lecture@CapitolHillHistory.org](mailto:lecture@CapitolHillHistory.org) and leave your name and address and the number of seats you will need. Your reservation is automatic—you will receive a response only if no seats are available.

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# President's Column: Scorecard

by Beth Purcell

**W**e are near the start of a new fiscal year, so this is a good time to take stock of projects on Capitol Hill. First the good news:

- The city selected an excellent development team for the Hine School project, and the zoning and historic preservation process should be underway fairly soon.
- The Council has enacted a compromise proposed by CHRS that will bring streetcars to H Street as soon as possible, with safeguards to obtain the best system for H Street and the rest of the city.
- The Hill Center construction has begun.
- CHRS settled the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridges case and obtained benefits for Capitol Hill.

The not-so-good news:

- The Hill East Waterfront/Reservation 13/DC General project started before the Hine project. Yet, no master developer has been selected, and Anne Archbold Hall, a historic building at Reservation 13, continues to deteriorate.

- Boat House Row, on the west side of the Anacostia River between Barney Circle and the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridges, is a wildlife habitat and home to historic boat clubs, offering recreation for working-class people for over 100 years. The DC government obtained title to this land from the National Park Service, and promised a Master Plan that would offer legal protection for the area. The city unilaterally downgraded the Master Plan to a "planning study," which it never finished. Now, as reported previously in the *News*, a huge hotel project is planned that would loom over Boat House Row.
- DDoT started a project to transform the ugly and dangerous intersection at Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues into a Washington traffic circle. Public meetings with the community had begun, when the budget problems delayed the project. For the same reason, the Capitol Hill Town Square project to transform the Eastern Market Metro Plaza is stalled. ★

# Traffic Calming on 11th Street, SE

by David Holmes

**C**hange may be in store for 11th Street, SE. At a meeting called by ANC Commissioner Kirsten Oldenburg and Councilmember Tommy Wells, the District Department of Transportation (DDoT) presented proposed changes in street parking and new bike lanes, some of which were first suggested in 2009. Residents have been seeking methods to slow speeding traffic rushing to and from the current 11th Street Bridges. For example, a petition for a speed camera was submitted to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

In response, new signs and re-striping will be done by DDoT, and the MPD will position at least one mobile speed camera at changing locations along 11th Street. The re-striping and the camera were promised for late August to early September. In addition, DDoT promised to analyze and anticipate traffic changes that will follow the new 11th Street Bridges and the new 11th Street entrance to the Southwest Freeway. Lisa Sutter <lisa.sutter@dc.gov>, 492-1150, represented MPD, and Jim Sebastian <jim.sebastian@dc.gov>, 671-2331, represented DDoT at this community meeting. ★

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## Streetcar, *continued from cover*

propulsion technology, including the feasibility of converting any installed overhead wire segments to non-overhead wires.

The legislation is a win for H Street, because construction of the H Street streetcar segment must be completed if the City is to fulfill its promises to the residents and

merchants along H Street. The legislation is a win for the City because it avoids a confrontation concerning the 1888 and 1889 federal statutes. The legislation is a win for everyone because it affirms the intention and planning legacy of the past 121 years that has created a remarkably wire-free city which is unlike most other nations' capitals. ★

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Celebrating more than 50 years helping to preserve and protect Capitol Hill's residential character, the Society is now the largest civic association on Capitol Hill, and one of the largest in the District of Columbia. From the beginning, the Society has played a key role in maintaining the diverse, residential character of our neighborhood. With your participation, we will continue to do so for many years to come.

Start or renew a CHRS membership:

- ★ On the web at [www.CHRS.org](http://www.CHRS.org)
- ★ Call (202) 543-0425; choose option 2
- ★ Pick up a form at one of our meetings

Starting at just \$25 per year for a single membership, it's a great deal.

# Vacant Property Rates Change Once Again

The City has again done a somersault on tax rates for vacant properties. The most recent budget adopted by the DC Council restored the vacant property tax to the 2007 rate—\$5 per \$100 of assessed value. In 2008, the Council doubled the penalty tax rate to \$10/\$100 of assessed value while eliminating most exemptions. Certainly the 10% tax rate led to a flurry of sales resulting in the return of abandoned and vacant properties to residential or commercial use. But there was such a pushback from the owners of vacant properties that the 10% rate was repealed and replaced with an ineffective "blighted property" tax. Only those buildings likely to be subject to condemnation (which were a very small subset of those previously listed as vacant) were vulnerable to the blighted property rate.

The new (2010) vacant property rate may be applied to buildings that exhibit one or more of the following conditions: no furniture

visible; accumulated mail; boarded up entries and or windows; deferred maintenance, including loose or falling gutters, severe paint chipping, or overgrown yards; no window covering; electrical, gas, and/or water meters, either not running or showing low usage; open accessibility; or neighbor complaint.

Details are still to come on how exceptions will be handled. For example, will owners be exempt if they obtain a building permit and for what period of time thereafter; if they offer the property for sale and again for how long; and how administrative disputes will be resolved—within Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) or by the Administrative Court system?

Individuals may report vacant property directly to DCRA by calling 442-4332 or by emailing [dcra@dc.gov](mailto:dcra@dc.gov). Vacant property should also be reported to your ANC Commissioner. ★

## Citywide Historic Preservation Conference

September 24 & 25, 2010

American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, NW

Save the date for the annual citywide preservation conference. Topics will include neighborhood advocacy, energy efficiency, the 1910 Height Act and more.

Sponsored by: DC Preservation League, DC Historic Preservation Office, DC Office of Planning, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information, or to register online, go to: [www.dcpreservation.org](http://www.dcpreservation.org).

# Historic Preservation Briefs

by Nancy Metzger

## New Guidelines on Basement Entrances and Windows

The Historic Preservation Office has prepared Preservation and Design Guidelines on Basement Entrances and Basement Windows on Historic Properties. A final draft is on the website, [www.planning.dc.gov](http://www.planning.dc.gov), so that the public can read and comment before the Historic Preservation Review Board officially adopts the Guideline, perhaps in October. The Guideline is designed to help owners and architects understand the principles that help make new basement entrances and windows compatible with historic structures—things that must be considered, for instance, when owners want to include a second unit in their building. The Office is particularly interested to know if the Guideline is easy to understand by property owners or where explanations should be clearer.

## Library of Congress Unveils Plans for Scholars' Residence

Representatives from the Library of Congress (LOC), Architect of the Capitol's Office, and the architectural firm of BowieGridley discussed their vision for a new Scholars' Residence at the former St. Cecilia's School (601 East Capitol Street) during several meetings with community groups in July. The LOC plans to reconfigure the buildings to provide affordable living spaces for 50 residential scholars, to be housed in 44 efficiencies and 6 one-bedroom units. Fellowships are awarded to scholars world-wide to pursue their research at the LOC for periods ranging from 2–11 months. The day care facility and playgrounds would continue in the present lower level locations.

The St. Cecilia's building is a non-contributing structure within the Capitol Hill Historic District, and projects by the Architect of the Capitol are not subject to review by the Historic Preservation Review Board. Therefore the Historic Preservation Committee appreciated this opportunity to comment on the plans which call for the removal of the "corrugated" (v-shaped) roof and its replacement by a "hip" style roof. The upper story would be removed and rebuilt. The building would essentially morph from a mid-century building to a large-scale Prairie-style building. While the loss of the "corrugated" roof was not an issue, the committee did not feel that a Prairie-style building was the best fit for Capitol Hill. In addition, the two buildings would be linked by a glass connector element that was positioned near the front of the building—an element and position that seemed out of place. A particular

area of concern is the green public space along East Capitol and Sixth Street which is being proposed as an informal meeting and patio area for the scholars. The committee pointed out that extensive paving is not in keeping with front gardens of Capitol Hill in this public space. It was also recommended that a small parking area near Sixth Street be restudied so it would not be intrusive. (LOC representatives felt that most scholars would not have private cars but would rely on public transportation and Zipcars, etc.)

## Union Station Consulting Process Continues

As reported in the July CHRS News, comments on the proposed alterations to Union Station's iconic Main Hall Waiting Room were due the end of July as part of the review process for Federal projects. The purpose of such reviews (referred to as Section 106 Reviews) is so



The former St. Cecilia's School at 601 East Capitol Street.

PHOTO COURTESY DAVID HOLMES

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that historic preservation concerns can be accommodated with the needs of the Federal undertakings through consultation. CHRS's letter to the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation was in agreement with a number of other city and federal preservation and planning groups who also submitted comments. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for the end of August. CHRS's comments included the following:

"...Members of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society well remember the unsuccessful experiment of "The Pit," the 1970s attempt to attract visitors to Union Station which failed in that goal and profoundly impacted the Main Hall. The renovation attempt of the 1980s improved the situation somewhat by restoring the proper floor level, but the distracting Center Café that was inserted in the middle of the magnificent Main Hall makes visitors pause in confusion and forces travelers to circle around the pedestal and stairs to find the trains. Any proposed alterations should restore the original unobstructed views of the Main Hall, and we are deeply concerned about the center of this space being dominated by the proposed circulation module...(including floor cut-out, up and down stairs, elevators, and second-story café)... Other alternatives should be explored to meet the stated needs so that the solution will be in keeping with the grand, interior space and be less of an obstacle to the travelers and visitors.

"...[T]his discussion and review needs to be in context—not only in the context of a grand historic building but also in the context of a Preservation Plan for Union Station which ensures that modifications and renovations enhance rather than diminish this great building. CHRS was very pleased at the June 18 consultation meeting to hear the project team readily agree to the request by DC's State Historic

Preservation Officer David Maloney to prepare a Preservation Plan for Union Station, which he asserted is essential for a building of its importance, and commends the project team for doing so. Likewise, CHRS supports the recommendation made at the June 18 meeting by the National Capital Planning Commission that an Environmental Assessment (EA) be prepared for this project and commends the project team for agreeing to prepare an EA. We recommend that the Preservation Plan for Union Station be completed before concluding Section 106 consultation and the EA for the current project, because the Preservation Plan can then serve as a guide and frame of reference for this project, as well as for future projects. Further, we recommend that the Preservation Plan be developed as part of the Section 106 consultation, with recommendations and feedback from the consulting parties..."

### **Update on Marion Park**

It won't change any time soon, but the efforts by a group in South Carolina to erect a statue honoring Brigadier General Francis Marion in his namesake park at Sixth and E Streets, SE, gained a little more prominence recently with a website ([www.swampfoxmemorial.org](http://www.swampfoxmemorial.org)). The website gives information about the commemorative process here in DC as well as information about the Revolutionary War hero, who is not as well-known in the 21st century as he was in the 19th. The Francis Marion Memorial Project has obtained Congressional authorization to establish a memorial in DC. While Marion Park may be the first choice of the sponsoring group, the federally mandated site selection process requires consideration of alternative sites and approval through the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission. The immediate task at hand for the group is to raise

\$50,000 to cover fees for professional guidance through the site selection and design process.

Even though Washington has many statues of Civil War military heroes, there are surprisingly few of Revolutionary War figures. Marion, although a commissioned officer in the South Carolina Second Regiment, became known as the "Swamp Fox" when he led a band of irregular fighters (white, friendly natives and blacks, both slave and free) in the back- and low-country swamps of South Carolina, harassing the British positions between Camden, Georgetown and Charleston, allowing enough time for General Nathaniel Greene to arrive with fresh troops. The successful efforts of the Revolutionary troops in a series of southern actions led to the British surrender at Yorktown.★

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# Proposed 2011 Budget for CHRS

by Paul Cromwell

The accompanying spreadsheet presents the proposed budget for 2011. The 2010 budget contained sufficient funding to pay for the completion of the survey work for Beyond the Boundaries (BTB). However, if these funds are not expended prior to the end of the 2010 fiscal year on September 30, we propose to automatically roll the authorization over from the 2010 budget into the 2011 budget to provide for the remainder of the BTB survey expenditures. The funds shown in the proposed 2010 budget

for BTB are only for the development of overview statements. Please note that the primary source for BTB funds in both 2010 and 2011 is the Endowment Fund. As of June 30, 2010 CHRS income had supported all expenses for BTB, so a transfer of funds from the Endowment account had not yet been required.

There are some slight changes in presentation from prior years. Most noticeably, a number of line items have been rolled into subtotals. This provides the Board of Directors with an increased ability to move

budgeted amounts from one line item to another without seeking permission from the membership. In addition, the House Tour detail is not included in the overall budget but presented in its normal format at the bottom of the actual budget

While we anticipate slight increases in some items, we do not project the need for additional funds for legal fees except for a small amount contained in the Historic Preservation Committee line item. ★

## Outside Auditor OKs CHRS Financial Statement

CHRS recently underwent its first voluntary audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. We received an unqualified report from the CPA firm of Thomas Jenkins, stating that our financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CHRS in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

This is the best possible outcome of an audit and provides assurance to our members and other funding agencies that CHRS is maintaining good stewardship over its financial records.

Inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign requires a yearly audit for all participating qualified non-profits. This new requirement will add approximately \$5,000 additional expense to our budget on a yearly basis. Copies of our yearly audit will be maintained for public inspection at our office. ★

### CHRS Approved to Receive Donations Through the Combined Federal Campaign

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society is now eligible to receive donations from Federal employees through the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area (CFC). We are pleased that Hill residents now have another avenue to support our ongoing efforts to improve our neighborhood.

Although we haven't yet received our CFC number, if you are a Hill resident and a Federal employee, please consider designating CHRS for your support. The CFC number will be featured in the October issue of *CHRS News*. Contributions can be made through payroll deductions, a single donation by check or cash, by using your credit/debit card, or an electronic bank transfer. For more information, visit the CFCNCA website at [www.cfcnca.org/fordonors](http://www.cfcnca.org/fordonors).

# Proposed 2010 CHRS Operating Budget

	Budget Expended 2007	Budget Expended 2008	Budget Expended 2009	Budget Amended 2010	Dollars thru 6/30/10 2010	Dollars remaining year end	Budget Proposed 2011
<b>I. Total Income</b>	<b>82457</b>	<b>75537</b>	<b>82399</b>	<b>193693</b>	<b>79097</b>	<b>120994</b>	<b>96000</b>
Membership	22850	27151	23040	25000	15623	15775	24000
House Tour (see below)	59607	47860	45695	49000	56073	-7073	50000
Interest	0	26	9	50	0	50	0
Contributions	0	500	13035	3000	4681	-1681	2000
Transfer in from the Endowment Fund	0	0	0	116643	0	116643	20000
Misc. (e.g., DC Govt. photo project)	0	0	620	0	2720	-2720	0
<b>II. Total Expenses</b>	<b>72055</b>	<b>70119</b>	<b>72788</b>	<b>193693</b>	<b>102949</b>	<b>90776</b>	<b>96000</b>
<b>A. ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>29669</b>	<b>37515</b>	<b>39648</b>	<b>42100</b>	<b>22496</b>	<b>19604</b>	<b>40000</b>
Administrative Expenses	5109	6673	12620	6000	3649	2351	
Accounting Service Expenses	2500	2750	3000	6500	0	6500	
Computer support/purchase	-	6441	0	1000	698	302	
Insurance	1361	1077	0	1100	0	1100	
Salaries	506	0	-	-	-	-	
Personal Services Contract	9572	9360	13602	13000	10429	2571	
Employment Expenses	430	0	-	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous	0	561	1014	3000		3000	
Rent (office/storage/St. Peters)	9991	9914	9412	11000	7720	3280	
CHRS Elections	200	739	0	500	0	500	
<b>B. PROGRAM</b>	<b>22385</b>	<b>17162</b>	<b>14879</b>	<b>131893</b>	<b>68260</b>	<b>63665</b>	<b>24300</b>
Grants paid	18700	2000	150	0	0	0	0
Historic Preservation Comm.	3311	1754	2459	25300	25951	-651	2000
Beyond the Boundaries	0	2378	0	99493	30722	68771	20000
Other Committees							2300
City Planning Committee	0	0	0	300	0	300	
Community Development Comm.	34	230	250	300	133	167	
Community Relations	71	210	40	300	32	300	
Environment Committee	15	15	0	100	0	100	
Zoning Committee	254	0	0	100	0	100	
Transportation Committee	0	10575	11980	6000	11422	-5422	
<b>C. COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>13175</b>	<b>10257</b>	<b>11697</b>	<b>13700</b>	<b>10166</b>	<b>3534</b>	<b>16000</b>
Newsletter Expenses	9992	9410	9304	11000	9773	1227	
Communications Committee	0	0	1698	2200	131	2069	
President's Party	483	472	293	300	100	200	
Web Site (DC Access)	2700	375	402	200	162	38	
<b>D. MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>6826</b>	<b>5185</b>	<b>6564</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>3973</b>	<b>15700</b>
Membership Committee	6826	5185	6564	6000	2027	3973	15700
<b>III. CHRS Operating Net Gain &lt;Loss&gt;</b>	<b>10402</b>	<b>5418</b>	<b>9611</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-23852</b>	<b>30218</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HOUSE TOURS</b>							
<b>Tour Income 2009 (total)</b>	<b>77858</b>	<b>62952</b>	<b>63011</b>	<b>65000</b>	<b>73978</b>	<b>-8978</b>	<b>65000</b>
Prior Year (2007)	77858						
Prior Year (2008)		62952					
Prior Year (2009)			63011				
Current Year (2010)				65000	73978	-8978	
Budget Year (2011)							65000
<b>Tour Expenses (Current and Prior)</b>	<b>18251</b>	<b>15000</b>	<b>17316</b>	<b>16000</b>	<b>17905</b>	<b>-1905</b>	<b>15000</b>
<b>Net Gain &lt;Loss&gt; from House Tours</b>	<b>59607</b>	<b>47860</b>	<b>45695</b>	<b>49000</b>	<b>56073</b>	<b>-7073</b>	<b>50000</b>

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# Looking Back on Capitol Hill

by Nancy Metzger

**T**raditionally, women in the 19th century were limited to home-related work—cooking, cleaning, sewing, nursing the sick, and caring for children, either for their own families or as servants or slaves for others (in which case, of course, they did double duty). A few educated women were school teachers, tutors, or governesses and some others worked in shops or even owned businesses. But apparently a few others had different working experiences, which is good to remember in this month of Labor Day.

CHRS recently received a letter from John G. Sharp, who has researched the civilian workforce at the Navy Yard from 1799–1962, about some payroll records he had recently examined. He wrote:

“The Civil War dramatically increased demand for labor throughout the federal government. During the war years, the Departments of the Treasury and the Census Bureau began to employ women as clerks and currency counters. The Department of the Navy did not employ women in clerical positions until after the war, but the requirements of naval munitions and ordnance manufacture created some opportunities for working-class women. Many of the armaments for the war were manufactured at the Washington Navy Yard and the Washington Arsenal. The war intensified the need to rapidly sew large quantities of canvas bags for ordnance weapons and also to sew canvas awnings and flags for naval ships, a task normally done by male sail makers. As a result the Department of the Navy decided to abandon tradition and employ women in the Ordnance Laboratory

for the first time. The transcribed list below for May 1862 reflects the [female] workers employed in the laboratory for that month. Most of the women employed either were related to employees of the Navy Yard or were widows of men killed during the war or on government service.

“The history of nineteenth-century female employees at the Washington Navy Yard, with

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one exception, has received little attention. [The exception is Almira V. Brown nee Rudd, who first went to work at the Washington Navy Yard (WNY) in 1864 as a seamstress. Brown continued to work at the Yard until her retirement in 1922. Brown’s husband, Francis Brown, was killed in a tragic explosion at the laboratory in March 1861.]...Some years ago, while doing some research for what became my *History of the Washington Navy Yard Civilian Workforce 1799–1962*, I came across a November

1867 payroll record, with a listing of six women, employed as horse cart drivers. Intrigued to find other such records, during a recent brief stop in Washington, I went to National Archives and Records Administration to again look for documentation regarding women and found the payroll record below dated May 1862. This record lists the names of women employed at the WNY Ordnance Department Laboratory. Most of these workers were paid about \$1.00 per day. Exactly what they were assigned to perform is not stated, but women were later employed at the Yard to sew canvas bags used to store gun powder. Most employees at the Navy Yard worked ten hours a day, six days a week. Working at the WNY Ordnance Department Laboratory was both patriotic and dangerous for there was always risk of a single errant spark igniting nearby gun powder or pyrotechnics with catastrophic results such as the explosion and fire on 17 June 1864 that killed twenty-one young women working at the U.S. Army Arsenal, Washington D.C.” [The monument to these young women workers can be seen at Congressional Cemetery.]

Mr. Sharp ends his communication by saying that the first woman he has found “employed at the WNY is Betsey Howard, a horse cart driver, whose name is listed on the WNY roll for 1819–1820. Betsey may have been related to Thomas Howard, Clerk of the Yard. ... While research on the women listed below is ongoing, a preliminary examination reveals they were young, in their twenties, and often appear related to WNY employees. Most of the women appear to have resided in Wards 5 and 6. Perhaps your readers may

recognize them or have information or stories on their subsequent lives." If so, please contact the CHRS office for Mr. Sharp's contact information. ★

**Payroll For Persons Employed in the Navy Yard  
Ordnance Department Laboratory**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Dollars</b>	<b>Cents</b>
Mary Wilson	Laboratory	25	31	35
Jaime O Leary	"	25	29	37
Emma J. Sainsbury	"	26	26	50
Martha Pumphrey	"	27	27	
Sophia Pumphrey	"	27	27	
Rebecca Grimes	"	24	24	
Emma Eleox	"	23	23	
Isabella Beach	"	15	15	
Charlotte Peake	"	14	14	
May Rigsby	"	25	25	
Ruth Davis	"	18 ½	18	50
Sarah Pritchard	"	26	26	
Jane McCarty	"	26 ½	26	50
Mary Sommers	"	12 ½	12	50
Henryetta Hill	"	19	19	
Rebecca Applegate	"	26 ½	26	50
Mary Hall	"	27	27	
Fannie Fare	"	27	27	
Catherine McSweeney	"	13 ½	13	50
Salena Burgess	"	27	27	
Maria Southern	"	15	15	
Matilda Edelin	"	22	22	
Kate Magraw	"	13 ½	13	50
Cecilia Leonard	"	27	27	
Mary Hodges	"	14	14	
Susan Clark	"	24 ½	24	50
Sallie Hoofnagel	"	13	13	
Catherine Lynch	"	12 ½	12	50
Cecilia Moriarty	"	14	14	

## Did You Know?

- ★ **DC/Arlington Initiate Bikesharing.** Replacing and expanding the current 100-bike system, SmartBikeDC, a new program, will bring 1100 bikes at 114 locations. The new program is called Capital Bikeshare. Currently offered in London, Minneapolis, Montreal, and Melbourne, Australia, the bikes are available by subscription. Bikes must be picked up and returned to a bikesharing station. A card is required to release a bike from a station, and the first half hour of use is free. An intelligent solar-powered control system detects which bike has been chosen and where it has been returned. Bikes are adjustable with three speed internal gears, a front rack, chain guards, fenders, and lights. An annual membership will cost \$80. The new system will operate

24/365. Current SmartBikeDC members will receive a discount for the new system. Proposed locations can be seen at <http://tinyurl.com/23ejg8>. Some likely locations on the Hill include 11th and East Capitol Streets; Eastern Market Metro Plaza; 4 Fourth Street, NE; 1350 D Street, SE; and 224 D Street, SE. The Arlington locations are in Crystal City.

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- ★ **Metro Unveils SmarTrip Website Enhancements.** SmarTrip card users can now create an online account and access their card account balance as well as view recent transactions with just a couple clicks, either at an enhanced website or through web-enabled mobile devices. Using the online option, multiple cards can be added to an account and card users can report a lost or stolen card, request a replacement card, or transfer the balance to another registered card. The enhanced web site can be reached by visiting Metro's homepage, [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com), clicking on the SmarTrip icon at the bottom of the page and selecting "Managing Your SmarTrip Account." Customers who have established a account can visit [smartrip.wmata.com/mobile](http://smartrip.wmata.com/mobile) and follow the instructions to view their account balance and recent transactions for all cards that are associated with their account.

# CHRS Community Outreach

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CHRS was well represented at the annual Capitol Hill July 4th parade.

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### SEPTEMBER

**6** Monday, 6:30 pm  
CHRS Historic Preservation Committee, Kirby House, 420 10th St., SE, first floor. Details: Nancy Metzger, 546-1034.

**9** Thursday, 7:30 pm  
CHRS Zoning Committee, Kirby House, 420 10th St., SE, first floor. Details: Gary Peterson, 547-7969.

**21** Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
CHRS Board of Directors, Capitol Hill Townhomes, 750 6th Street, SE, second floor. Details: Beth Purcell, 622-4303.

**21** Tuesday, 8:00 pm  
Overbeck Lecture on the history of streetcar service in Washington and particularly on Capitol Hill. Naval Lodge Hall, 330 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE.

**23** Thursday, 10:00 am  
Historic Preservation Review Board, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 220 South. Details: Nancy Metzger, 546-1034.

**24 & 25** Friday and Saturday  
Citywide Historic Preservation Conference, 1735 New York Avenue, NW. Topics will include neighborhood advocacy, energy efficiency, the 1910 Height Act, and more.

### OCTOBER

CHRS will host a Community Forum featuring the 11th Street Bridges Public Information Manager. The date will be announced in the October issue of CHRS News and posted on the CHRS website.

**4** Monday, 6:30 pm  
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9 am–noon (rain or shine)  
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