

The Buzz

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Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

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NLPNA DOES NOT MEET IN JANUARY

Maury Elementary Open House

By Heather Schoell, PTA vice-president
Maury Elementary will hold two open houses, on January 28 and February 18, both from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Meet Maury's fabulous principal, Ms. Carolyn Albert-Garvey, and hear what Maury is all about, including a curriculum that educates the whole child, and partnerships and programs that bolster the core curriculum, including chess and the school's partnership with the National Gallery of Art.

Ask questions of our parents, talk with teachers, and tour the campus. Learn about our special classes, including art and music. Our teachers are trained by Columbia University in Writers Workshop, a wonderful program that encourages children to find their inner author.

Maury also maintains a partnership with Joy of Motion, bringing creative movement to our younger children and modern dance to our older students. Our classrooms are clean and bright and cheery and the Maury family is warm and welcoming.

Visit the school website (www.mauryelementary.com) in the mean time, and we look forward to seeing you at the open houses! Maury Elementary is located at 13th St. and Constitution Ave. NE.

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Evolve Urban Arts

Evolve Property Management presents "Divinely Irreverent" featuring works by Dana Ellyn at the Evolve Urban Arts Gallery @ Pierce School Lofts, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE.

Dana's color-saturated work is exemplified by a risk-taking vision and playful, yet scathing, critiques of social norms. She values her fine arts training but now works on peeling away the art school compulsion to make, and hide behind, pretty pictures. No public figure – from President to Pope – is safe from Dana's artistic scrutiny.

Hours at the gallery are 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the show will continue through January 30. The exhibit is free and the public is welcome. To learn more about this month's featured artist or to become a featured artist, visit www.evolveDC.com and click on "Urban Arts Project."



China by Dana Ellyn

DCRA is now on Twitter! Around 11 a.m. they send out information about how long the lines are. You can also ask short questions. Check on tweets without signing up for an account at <http://twitter.com/dcra>.

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Remove Tree Watering Bags Now!

Watering bags are a boon to trees during summer drought. But they do more harm than good during the “off season,” impeding bark and trunk development and encouraging insect infestation. Please remove and store them until they are needed. Volunteers will soon begin collecting those left on too long. They will be made available again late next spring.

Library Programs

The Northeast Branch Library’s programs include:

- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 and Thurs. Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 11:15 a.m. Ages 2-5
- ♦ Storytimes for ages 3-7, Mon. Jan. 4, 11 & 25, 4 p.m. & Sat. Jan. 9 & 30, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Music & Movement, Sat. Jan 2, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Trading Card Game Play, Mon. Jan. 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19
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- ♦ Movie Night, Wed. Jan. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
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- ♦ Origami Club, Mon. Jan. 21, 4-5 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Sign Language Storytime, Sat. Jan. 23, 4-5 p.m.
- ♦ Crafty Teens, Mon. Jan. 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.

The library is at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE, 698-3320. They will be closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 18.

Shop and Support NLPNA

NLPNA is enrolled with the igive.com® charity support organization. Stores and service providers at www.igive.com/nlpna will make a contribution to NLPNA every time you complete an online purchase. If you are an online shopper, please consider joining.

C St. & North Carolina Ave. Transportation Study

by Ken Granata

DDOT has begun a transportation and environmental study of the C St. and North Carolina Ave. corridor from 21st St. to 15th St., NE. This study comes at the request of the community for safety and environmental improvements. Results will be used to develop a preliminary design for the District’s first sustainable green street. DDOT’s goal is to efficiently and safely move people via foot, bicycle, transit and vehicle, reduce storm water runoff, and reduce traffic speeds.

This is to be a community driven study. Findings and recommendations of the study will be reported back to the community for review and comment.

DDOT invites you to participate in the process by attending the public meetings listed below:

- Stakeholder Workshop – Jan. 2, 10 a.m., Maury ES, 1250 Constitution Ave. NE
 - Public Meeting – Jan. 12, 7 p.m., Eliot-Hine JHS, 1830 Constitution Ave. NE
 - Stakeholder Workshop – Feb. 20, 10 a.m., Maury ES, 1250 Constitution Ave. NE
 - Public Open House - April 8, 6 p.m. (prior to ANC 6A meeting), Miner ES, 601 15th Street, NE
- General time-line:
- Design - 2010/2011
 - Anticipated Construction - 2012/2013

Input can also be sent directly to Bill Schultheiss, Toole Design, Project Manager, at wschultheiss@tooledesign.com.

Meeting dates and venues, including changes, will be posted on the Calendar page at www.anc6a.org.

For more information, visit www.cstreetne.blogspot.com.

What’s “On” in January

by Kathleen Donner

Rumsey pool adjacent to Eastern Market is keeping its water temperature in the low 80’s, is open every day but holidays, and is free for DC residents. Have ID with you. Monthly family square dances continue in January on Saturday, January 23 at 3 p.m. in the Eastern Market North Hall. The cost is \$5 per person with a family maximum of \$20.

When you’re touring around the city with out-of-town guests, you should know about DC’s audio tours of our great sites. Just call 1 (800) 217-7740 from your cell and follow the prompts for a free two-to three-minute historical narration followed by an informative and entertaining broadcast. Audio tours are available for the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial, Washington Monument, World War II Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, White House, U.S. Capitol, Ford’s Theatre, and Air Force Memorial.

The National Zoo is presenting a new performance series for kids called Wild Side Stage on Sundays, January 10 and 24 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Visitor’s Center Auditorium. It costs \$7 and features musicians, dancers, storytellers, and puppeteers from around the country.

Find out more about what’s going on around town on <http://www.whatsoncity.net>.

Recyclelopes For Sale!

The Stuart Hobson Middle School Environmental Club makes “Recyclelopes,” envelopes made out of old wall calendars. They cost \$5 per set and are available for sale at Riverby Books, 419 East Capitol St. SE. One hundred per-cent of the funds raised from the sale of Recyclelopes goes to support the school. Recyclelopes are fun to use, and they help the environment!

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Hear "Love Poems for Valentines" at noon at the Library of Congress on Tuesday, February 9. "Orchids: A Cultural Odyssey" at the U.S. Botanic Garden opens on February 6 and closes on April 11. For a look at the transition of early modern art, visit the Corcoran for the "Turner to Cezanne" exhibition. It opens at the end of January and continues until April 25.

Slavery-born Frederick Douglass never knew his real birth date, so he selected February 14. It's celebrated every year at the Frederick Douglass National Historical Site in Anacostia. Tour the house and grounds, take in some American history, and hear live music. It's great for kids. Also great for kids are the monthly family square dances at Eastern Market. February's is on Saturday the 20th from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

What's On Washington features about 500 free and inexpensive things to do every day. Visit www.whatsoncity.net.

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At the January 2 meeting, participants broke into groups and made notes on scale maps of the C St. corridor. This information and other comments will be used to develop proposals to be discussed at the next Stakeholder Workshop. Issues include street-lighting preferences, roundabouts, reduction in number of traffic lanes, widening of tree boxes, and either removal or widening of the existing median. DDOT invites you to participate in the process by attending the public meetings listed below:

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Energy Cooperative

The Capitol Hill Energy Cooperative will meet Tuesday, February 16 at 7 p.m. at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square SE. Speakers include representatives of DDOE, Elysian Energy, and PEG, who will speak about the Home Energy Rating Systems program, how energy audits work, and what additional programs and funding are available.

For more information, contact info@capitolhillenergycoop.org.

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- ♦ Chess Club, Mon. Feb. 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. Feb. 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Valentine's Day Craft & Story, Sat. Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m.
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The event is free and handicapped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend. No reservations needed. For more information about the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, visit www.chrs.org.

Evolve Urban Arts

Evolve Property Management presents "Orchestrated Misbehavior" featuring works by Erica Riccardelli at the Evolve Urban Arts Gallery @ Pierce School Lofts, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE.

The genesis of *Orchestrated Misbehavior* stems from Ms. Riccardelli's penchant for carefully arranging her pictorial components into fanciful tableaux vivants. Her childhood fantasies provide her adult mind with opportunities to bring disjointed memories, fantasies, and hair-brained ideas to a fruition captured on film. With a self-described "fondness for the absurd," Ms. Riccardelli inserts herself into engaging juxtapositions that simultaneously reflect her dark humor and romantic aesthetic.

An opening reception will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, February 13. Hours at the gallery are 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the show will continue through March 27. The exhibit is free and the public is welcome.

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Target Practice by Erica Riccardelli

Carjacking Alert

There has been a rash of armed carjackings in the immediate neighborhood. In December, DC Police Chief Lanier accepted responsibility for resolution of the problem. She will make a progress report on Thursday, February 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Options Public Charter School, 1375 E St. NE. Attend if you can, and please be alert to your surroundings.

Maury at the Market

by Heather Schoell, PTA vice-president
The Maury PTA announces an exciting event in support of Maury Elementary School, a DC Public School. "Maury at the Market," a silent auction and reception, will be held Saturday, March 20 from 7 - 9:30 p.m. at the historic Eastern Market North Hall. All proceeds will go for PTA programs to enrich the educational experience of Maury's students, ranging from pre-school through 5th grade.

Funds are put to good use. For example, we have hired part-time educational aides for the teachers in grades three to five. We've provided the school's growing music program with new instruments and have supported educational outings, special assemblies, and workshops for our students, as well as other important supplemental educational programming.

We hope that you will join us at this fun event!

Maury Open House

Maury Elementary will hold an open house for families of prospective students at the school, 13th St. and Constitution Ave. NE, February 18, from 9 - 10:30 a.m.

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Energy Cooperative

by Cynthia Hartley

Have you ever wanted to start your own backyard organic garden, but did not know how to begin? Do you want to know about which herbs and vegetables are most conducive to the mid-Atlantic climate? Have you heard about composting and mulching, but do not know what they are or how beneficial they are for growing and maintaining your garden? If so, the Capitol Hill Energy Coop's (CHEC) March meeting is not to be missed. It will take place Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square SE.

Please join the CHEC as we kick off our spring season with a discussion on mulching and organic gardening for beginners. Our guest speaker will be Carl Rollins, Outreach Coordinator for Rooting DC, an annual urban gardening forum that educates novice gardeners on soil preparation, starting seeds, composting, gardening in small spaces, and so much more!

To learn more about Rooting DC, visit <http://www.rootingdc.org>.

To RSVP or for more info, please contact Cynthia Hartley at info@capitolhillenergycoop.org.

Join our Yahoo! Group, "capitolhillenergy," at www.groups.yahoo.com.



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Arts Festival on H St.

The Atlas Performing Arts Center presents Intersections, a new American Arts Festival, at their 1333 H St. NE location through March 6. The program includes music, theater, dance, parties, visual arts, and more – and most events are either free or very reasonably priced. For more information, visit www.intersectionsdc.com.

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- Origami Club, Wed. Mar. 18, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.
- French/English Storytime, Sat. Mar. 20, 10:30 a.m.
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What's "On" in March

(The cherry blossoms are coming!)

by Kathleen Donner

The DC Saint Patrick's Day parade steps off at noon on Sunday, March 14. The parade route is Constitution Ave. NW between 7th and 17th Streets. The annual Smithsonian Kite Festival is on Saturday, March 27 (rain day is Sunday) on and around the Washington Monument grounds. Also on March 27 is the worldwide "Earth Hour" initiative. The World Wildlife Fund asks individuals, businesses, governments, and organizations around the world to turn off their lights for one hour (8:30 pm, local time) to make a global statement of concern about climate change.

Hear "Take Five" free jazz concerts at 5 p.m. at the newly renovated American Art Museum on the third Thursday of each month.

The cherry blossoms will probably appear sometime in late March. The peak bloom days are when 70 percent of the blossoms of our beloved Yoshino Cherry trees are open. The date varies from year to year, depending on weather conditions. Unseasonably warm and/or cool temperatures have resulted in the Yoshino cherries reaching peak bloom as early as March 15 (1990) and as late as April 18 (1958).

The not-to-be missed Terra Cotta Warriors at the National Geographic ends this month on Wednesday, March 31.

Find out more about all these events and activities on What's On, DC's coolest online calendar. <http://www.whatsoncity.net>.

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... the Preservation Café series, a free forum with topics of interest to the greater Capitol Hill community. The next presentation will be "Take Back Your Closets," Wednesday, March 17, 6:30-7:15 p.m., at Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd and F St. NE. Jill Lawrence from Jill-of-All-Trades Professional Organizing Services will talk about de-cluttering.

The event is free and handi-capped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend. Reservations are not needed. For more information about the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, visit www.chrs.org.

Streetcar Community Forum

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) will host a Community Forum on Thursday, March 18 at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 2nd and C Streets, SE. The subject will be the District's proposed 37-mile streetcar system including routes and technology that might allow the system to operate with few, if any, overhead wires. Two experts will discuss streetcars in other parts of the country and how streetcars would relate to our city.

Jeff Boothe is Executive Director of the Community Streetcar Coalition, Vice Chair and founding Board Member of Reconnecting America, and an attorney who represents cities and transit authorities seeking to construct streetcar systems.

Meg Maguire is a Trustee of the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, Chair of their Transportation Committee, and Past-President of Scenic America.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and light refreshments. The presentation will begin at 7:20.

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Festivities will include a special slide show and a silent auction featuring brunch at the Four Seasons, weekend getaways, home and garden services, hand-knit hats, and a private tour with the Nationals. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and include admission, heavy hors-d'oeuvres, and drinks. To purchase tickets, contact any Maury family or *The Buzz* ("Maury at the Market" in the subject line).

We hope that you will join us at this fun event!

Carjacking Update

from a post by Charles Allen

Good news ... MPD has closed several of the carjacking cases and arrested over a dozen individuals in these crimes. Since the added focus, carjackings have decreased significantly, with the last one occurring in early January. MPD acknowledged quickly, though, that doesn't mean their work is done, and they will maintain this heightened level for the near future.

In addition, MPD has a high level of confidence of where many of the offenders live, noting that half of all the cars recovered were found within a block of each other. Resources are being targeted to that neighborhood – which MPD did not disclose, but is not located in Ward 6.

To read the article in its entirety, visit <http://www.tommywells.org/content/view/843/30/>.

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and House & Garden Tour

Save Mother's Day weekend for the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's 53rd Annual House & Garden Tour. This year's theme is Community Experiences/Cosmopolitan Stories, and the footprint is the area bordered by Pennsylvania Ave. and East Capitol St. between 3rd and 8th St. SE. As always, there will be a wide variety of houses from the most traditional to the fabulously modern.

Tickets for non-members are \$25 in advance and \$30 on tour weekend. Or join CHRS and get up to four tickets for only \$20 each. For more information on the tour or to join, please visit chrs.org or call 202-543-0425.

NLPNA Yard Sale Trash or Treasure?

The North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (NLPNA) yard sale will be held Saturday, May 15, in the triangle park between the 1300 blocks of North Carolina Ave. and A St. NE (between 13th and 14th streets).

This is our primary source of funding for community building activities. Donated items (tax deductible) to sell and volunteers to help stage the event are needed.

For more information, or to volunteer, call 543-3512 or e-mail elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com, with "yard sale" as the subject.

Evolve Urban Arts

Evolve Property Management presents two exhibitions exploring the intersection between visual arts and architecture at the Evolve Urban Arts Gallery @ Pierce School Lofts, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE. *There, Not There* features paintings and drawings by Matthew Carucci as well as a site-specific, collaborative installation between Mr. Carucci and Jerome Pouwels.

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The cherry blossoms are forecast to peak from April 3 through April 8. The best place to see them is at and near the Tidal Basin. Also, part of the cherry blossom festivities is the musical prelude and fireworks display at the Southwest waterfront on Saturday, April 3.

DC Filmfest, from April 15 through April 25, showcases a wide range of fascinating new cinema all around town.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays in April, see Opera on Cinema at the Atlas Performing Arts Center (on H Street NE) where classic opera is presented in a series of stunning high-definition movies of performances around the world.

Azaleas' peak bloom is usually around the last week in April. The best place to see them is at the U.S. National Arboretum (off Bladensburg Road). The annual Spring Celebration and Garden Fair is at the Arboretum's New York Ave. parking lot on Saturday, April 25. There will be live entertainment and plant sales.

Also on April 25 is the annual Folger Shakespeare Library Open House from noon to 4:00 p.m. (East Capitol and Third St. SE).

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DCRA Moved

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) has moved from North Capitol St. to 1100 4th Street, SW right on top of the Waterfront-SEU Metro Station on the Green Line.

Visit dcra.dc.gov/moving for videos, photos, maps, and contact information. If you have any questions or comments email them at dcra@dc.gov. You can also follow them on Twitter.

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- ♦ Book Club, Wed. Apr. 1, 4 p.m. Ages 8-12. "Light in the Attic"
- ♦ Music & Movement *and* Egg Hunt, Sat. Apr. 3, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Tween Club, Sat. Apr. 3, 4-4:45 p.m. Ages 8-12.
- ♦ Trading Card Game Play, Apr. 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Chess Club, Mon. Apr. 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. Apr. 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ French Storytime & Craft, Sat. Apr. 17, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Origami Club, Mon. Apr. 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. Apr. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Origami Club, Wed. Apr. 22, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.
- ♦ Crafty Teens, Mon. Apr. 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Sign Language Storytime, Sat. Apr. 24, 10:30 a.m.

The library is at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE, 698-3320. The library will be closed April 16.

Summer Jobs Program

The Summer Youth Employment Program provides an array of summer enrichment experiences in a variety of industries. This short-term employment and training program provides District youth, ages 14 to 21, with an opportunity to gain practical experience and be compensated. Participants are paid the federal minimum wage.

Online registration is open at <https://summerjobs.dc.gov/syep2010/youthreg.aspx>

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Capitol Hill Classic 10K

For 31 years the people who really "run" the Hill have taken to the streets of Capitol Hill to race in support of the Capitol Hill Cluster School, a DC public school. Join your neighbors for one of the DC area's most popular spring running events – the Capitol Hill Classic 10K.

The race this year will be held on May 16, starting and ending in front of Peabody School (at Stanton Park). Registration fees and starting times are:

- 10K (8:30 a.m.) \$30 through May 13, \$35 beginning on packet pickup on May 14.
- 3K (9:45 a.m.) \$18, \$20 race day.
- Fun Run (10:30 a.m.) \$10 (under 10 years old only).

There will be a team competition, as well. More information and registration forms are available at www.capitolhillclassic.com.

This community event depends on the efforts of neighborhood volunteers. To volunteer (or to register if you don't have access to the web), contact Don Montuori at 544-4452.

Capitol Hill Energy Coop Meeting

The Capitol Hill Energy Cooperative (CHEC) will meet Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square SE. Carlo La Porta and Judy Kosovich of Capital Sun Group will lead a discussion about costs, technology options, and installation considerations for solar hot water systems. Also, one of the first co-op members to go solar will discuss their experience.

To RSVP or for more info, contact Cynthia Hartley at info@capitolhillenergycoop.org. Or join the listserv "capitolhillenergy" at www.groups.yahoo.com.

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The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents

... the Preservation Café series, a free forum with topics of interest to the greater Capitol Hill community. The next presentation will be "Take Back Your Closets," Wednesday, May 19, 6:30-7:15 p.m., at Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd and F St. NE. Jill Lawrence from Jill-of-All-Trades Professional Organizing Services will talk about de-cluttering. This talk was originally planned for March 17. The event is free and handicapped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend. Reservations are not needed.

For more information about the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, visit www.chrs.org.

and House & Garden Tour

Save Mother's Day weekend for the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's 53rd Annual House & Garden Tour. This year's theme is Community Experiences/Cosmopolitan Stories, and the footprint is the area bordered by Pennsylvania Ave. and East Capitol St. between 3rd and 8th St. SE. As always, there will be a wide variety of houses from the most traditional to the fabulously modern.

Tickets for non-members are \$25 in advance and \$30 on tour weekend. Or join CHRS and get up to four tickets for only \$20 each.

For more information on the tour or to join, visit www.chrs.org or call 543-0425.

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What's "On" in May

by Kathleen Donner

The Friday Marine Barracks Evening Parades begin on April 30 and go through August 27. Guests can arrive as early as 7 p.m. and should be seated by 8 p.m. The programs are free but I's wise to have a reservation; call 433-4073.

The 2010 Twilight Tattoo at Fort McNair (4th and P Streets SW) is on Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19, and 26 (weather permitting) at 7 p.m. Old Guard soldiers dressed in period uniforms will provide a glimpse of Army history from colonial times to the soldier of the future. No reservations needed.

On Wednesday, May 19 at noon, hear a folklife concert in the Coolidge Auditorium in the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress.

The annual Memorial Day National Symphony Orchestra concert on the west lawn of the Capitol is on Sunday, May 30 at 8 p.m. The gates open at 5 p.m. The less crowded dress rehearsal is on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with the gates also opening at 5 p.m. Both concerts are held "rain or shine."

Find out about these events and hundreds more at www.whatsoncity.net.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, 1st Tues. (May 4), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th and C St. NE. *See article.*
- **CHRS House & Garden Tour**, Sat. May 8 & Sun. May 9. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, 2nd Thurs. (May 13), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **CHEC meeting**, Tues. May 11, 7 p.m., Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square SE. *See article.*
- **NLPNA Yard Sale**, Sat. May 15, triangle park between 1300 blocks of North Carolina Ave. and A St. NE. *See article.*
- **Capitol Hill Classic race**, Sat. May 16. *See article.*
- **Preservation Café**, Wed. May 19, 6:30 p.m., Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd & F St. NE. *See article.*
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Staff can be reached at 543-3512.

Buzz Distributors and Printer Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 400 and 500 blocks of 11th St., 1100 block of Park St., 1200 block of Duncan St., 300 block of 12th St., 100 block of 15th St., and 300 and 400 blocks of Tennessee Ave.

We are also in need of folks who can make free or reduced-cost copies. Call 543-3512 or email elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

Opera on H Street

The Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE, is presenting a series of Operas in Cinema, filmed at the great opera houses of Europe (Opéra Royal De Wallonie, Teatro alla Scala, Teatro Comunale) and simulcast at the Atlas in High Definition and state-of-the-art sound. For more information or tickets, visit www.atlasarts.org.

Verdi's **Falstaff**

Saturday, May 1, 2 p.m.

Verdi's **Don Carlo**, Verdi

Wednesday, May 5, 7 p.m. &
Sunday, May 9, 2 p.m.

Bellini's **Norma**,

Wednesday, May 12, 7 p.m. &
Saturday, May 15, 2 p.m.

H Street Shuttle

The H Street Business Cooperative operates a shuttle system run by U Street Parking and Transportation. The Shuttle is free to all riders but is aimed at patrons from different areas of the city and the surrounding regions heading to H Street NE to enjoy the city's newest arts, nightlife, and retail destinations.

Riders should look for passenger vans with the green and white "H ST NE" logo on all sides. The shuttle runs seven evenings a week from 5 p.m. until the Metro closes, which is 12 a.m. Sunday through Thursday; 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. For schedules and additional information, visit www.atlasarts.org/plan_shuttle.php.

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May NLPNA Meeting Topic

The Capitol Hill Public School Parent Organization will present a proposal for improving middle schools on Capitol Hill at the May 4 NLPNA meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Lane Memorial CME, corner of 14th and C streets NE. All are welcome!

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- ♦ Music & Movement, Sat. May 1, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Tween Club, Sat. May 1, 4-4:45 p.m. Ages 8-12.
- ♦ Cinco deMayo with Craft, Wed. May 5, 4-4:45 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Advisory Group, Wed. May 5, 5-6 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Celebrate Children's Book Week, Wed. May 12, 4-4:45 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. May 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ French Storytime & Craft, Sat. May 15, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. May 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thurs. May 20, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.
- ♦ Sign Language Storytime, Sat. May 22, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Northeast Book Club, Mon. May 24, 7 p.m.

The library is at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE, 698-3320.

FONEL Book Sale

The Friends of the Northeast Library (FONEL) will hold their spring book sale Saturday May 15, 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Visit FONEL at www.dclibraryfriends.org/northeast/.

H Street FreshFarms

The H St. Farmers market will reopen Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m.-noon, 625 H St. NE. EBT/SNAP (food stamps), WIC, Seniors' Farmers Market Coupons accepted.

NLPNA Yard Sale Trash or Treasure?

The North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (NLPNA) yard sale will be held Saturday, May 15, in the triangle park between the 1300 blocks of North Carolina Ave. and A St. NE (between 13th and 14th streets).

This is our primary source of funding for community building activities. Donated items (tax deductible) to sell and volunteers to help stage the event are needed.

For more information, or to volunteer, call 543-3512 or e-mail elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com, with "yard sale" as the subject.

Eastern Market Music

Live music will be provided at Eastern Market on Sundays through June 27. For more information, visit <http://www.capitolhillcommunityfoundation.org/emm/springseries.htm>.

May 2 10:30 a.m.: *Dead Men's Hollow* (Bluegrass, Americana)

1 p.m.: *Memphis Gold & Jay Summerour* (Classic Blues)

May 9 10:30 a.m.: *Daryl Davis* (Boogie Woogie)

1 p.m.: *Alexandria Klezmet* (Modern Klezmer)

May 16 10:30 a.m.: *Magpie* (Folk, Blues, Swing)

1 p.m.: *Rick Franklin & His Delta Blues Boys* (Hokum Blues)

May 23 10:30 a.m.: *Hokum Jazz* (Blues, Swing)

1 p.m.: *Hot Buttered Nuggets* (Americana, Rockabilly)

May 30 10:30 a.m.: *Patty Reese/ Dave Chappell* (Acoustic Roots)

1 p.m.: *Honky Tonk Confidential* (Retro Country)

June 6 10:30 a.m.: *Metronomes* (Contemporary A Capella)

1 p.m.: *Project Natale* (Jazz)

June 13 10:30 a.m.: *Gina DiSimone & the Moaners* (Swing, Blues)

1 p.m.: *Rio Garage* (Brazilian Jazz)

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Architect of the Capitol

Stephen T. Ayers, the newly confirmed Architect of the Capitol, will be the guest speaker at the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's June 17 membership meeting. Mr. Ayers will discuss the success of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, progress on the tunnels, and other projects that impact the Capitol Hill community. The presentation will follow light refreshments at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 2nd and C Streets, SE. All are welcome

NLPNA Yard Sale

The NLPNA Yard Sale took place the Saturday after Mothers Day. For once, we had ideal weather – a good thing since the truck was two hours late arriving to carry off the “extras.” We took in just over \$1,250 – not a record, but one of our better years, for sure.

Many thanks to the volunteers who made this event a success, the folks who helped with set up and clean up, the sales people, the donors, and the shoppers!

Ice Cream Social

Join your friends and neighbors for an old fashioned ice cream social to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, Sunday, June 13, 2-4:30 p.m., 9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, SE

2 p.m.: Music by U.S. Navy Band
2:30 p.m.: Presentation of Colors by U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard
2:45 p.m.: Program and Ground-breaking Ceremony
(Family activities all afternoon.)

What's "On" in June

by Kathleen Donner

The Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the Mall between 7th and 14th Streets runs from June 24 - 28 and July 1 - 5, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with evening entertainment starting at 6 pm. All events are free. Themes are MEXICO, Asian Pacific Americans and Smithsonian Inside Out Friday home games (June 7 & 14) at National ballpark feature after-game fireworks at around 10 p.m.

Every Saturday (weather permitting) join a Tai Chi class in Lincoln Park at 8 a.m.

“Discovering the Civil War – Beginnings” exhibit the at National Archives can be seen from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through September 6.

To learn more, visit <http://www.whatsoncity.net>.

Fagon Guide Delivery

The Fagon Guide is a free directory of community organizations and neighborhood businesses. Guides were recently delivered to homes in the NLPNA area. Anyone who did not receive a copy may pick one up from the front porch of ANC 6A Commissioner Nick Alberti, 1330 North Carolina Ave. NE.

ANC 6A Grants Available

Grant money is available from Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A to qualified organizations with proposals that would benefit residents of ANC 6A. Grants amounts are generally small, most less than \$1,000. Restrictions do apply. Please visit the ANC website, www.anc6a.org for more details.

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- **ANC 6A meeting**, 2nd Thurs. (June 10), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **Ice Cream Social, Hill Center Ground-Breaking**, Sun., June 13, 2-4:30 p.m., Old Naval Hospital, 9th St. & Pa. Ave. SE. *See article.*
- **CHRS presentation**, Thurs. June 17, 7 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 2nd and C Streets, SE. *See article.*
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Live Theater on H Street

Theater Alliance and VSA present *Gretty Good Time* by John Belluso, directed by Jeanette Buck, from June 3 to July 3 at the H Street Playhouse, 1333 H St. NE. This production will be part of the 2010 International VSA Festival (www.vsartsfestival.org) and features talent from the hill: Deb Thomas on Props and Field Blauvelt in the role of Dr. Caplan. For more information, visit www.theateralliance.com.

Evolve Urban Arts

Evolve Property Management presents "Nature Transforms," featuring works by painter Jessica van Brakle and photographer Wess Brown and a site-specific installation by mixed media artist Alex Zealand, at the Evolve Urban Arts Gallery @ Pierce School Lofts, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE.

The exhibition provides a view of what the urban landscape might look like if nature reasserted itself. The viewer will not only see a stylized vision of our possible future landscape, but also experience, in three dimensions, what it might be like to actually step inside a structure that nature re-inhabits.

An opening reception will be held Saturday, June 5 from 4-8 p.m. Hours at the gallery are 1-7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The show will continue through July 22. The exhibit is free and the public is welcome. To learn more, visit www.evolveDC.com and click on "Urban Arts Project."



Door Ajar by Wess Brown

Please Water Trees

The NLPNA area received several new trees last fall, through the efforts of both Trees for Capitol Hill and the city. However, the trees will need supplemental water for at least their first two summers if they are to survive. A quick blast from a hose encourages poor root development. It's much better to let the water trickle for 20 to 30 minutes. Tree gators (those green watering bags) or buckets with a small hole work well for this purpose.

Yard Waste Collection

The D.C. Department of Public Works collects up to five bags of yard waste per week from residences. For details, go to <http://dpw.dc.gov>, click on "Services on Your Block," "Trash Collection," then "Yard Waste Collection."

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- ♦ Book Club for ages 8-12, Thurs. June 3, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Music & Movement, Sat. June 5, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Tween Club, Sat. June 5, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Summer Reading Programs, Wed. June 2 (Janice the Griot, ages 6+), June 9 (Karen O. Brown, ages 12+), June 16 (Living Classrooms, ages 6+), June 23 (Musical Waves of Poetry, ages 12+), all at 4 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. June 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ French Storytime & Craft, Sat. June 19, 10:30 a.m.
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The library is at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE, 698-3320.

Want Trees?

NLPNA will be partnering with Trees for Capitol Hill (TCH) again this fall to plant trees on public property. Funds from NLPNA and TCH will be used to match neighbors' contributions. Neighbors wishing to sponsor a tree must commit to digging the hole and watering for the first two years.

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1 p.m.: *Rio Garage* (Brazilian Jazz)

June 20 10:30 a.m.: *The Sears Trio* (Jazz, Blues, Bossa)

1 p.m.: *Reverb* (A Cappella R&B, Gospel)

June 27 10:30 a.m.: *The Sweater Set* (Contemporary Folk)

1 p.m.: *Andra Faye & the Mighty Good Men* (A Cappella Blues, Roots)

Capitol Hill Energy Coop

The Capitol Hill Energy Cooperative (CHEC) will meet Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square SE. The topic will be Mayor Fenty's Proposed FY 2011 Budget for Environmental Programs.

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