

The Buzz

North
Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

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Free Spring Bulbs

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The application is available at <http://capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com>. If you do not have internet access, you may contact Amy at 486-7655.

August NLPNA Meeting

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The Finance Committee will present a proposed budget for discussion and approval, and elections of NLPNA officers will be held. If you would like to help plan the budget, please contact Gloria Junge, Chair of the Finance Committee. She will have a planning meeting in July and can be reached at 546-4143.

Art 4 Art V

The Theater Alliance art benefit where everybody wins.

Here's how it works:

1. On July 17 at 7 p.m., join the party at the H Street Playhouse, 1365 H Street, NE.
2. Sample the fantastic new cuisine from H Street provided by the Argonaut, Dangerously Delicious Pies, and the Star and Shamrock!
3. Get your caricature done by a professional artist. Listen to great live music and a DJ.
4. Wander the theater and see terrific art created by local artists. Most works are one of a kind. Start making your list of favorites.
5. Listen up at about 8:30 p.m. when names will be drawn. Each person chooses a piece of art when his or her name is called.
6. Be happy. You've given money to a great cause and you are going home with a piece of art. What's not to like?

All this for only \$150 (\$250 for two)! All proceeds go to Theater Alliance productions. Wanna join the party and skip the art? Only \$85! To buy tickets, visit www.theateralliance.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA does not meet in July**
- **Maury ES PTA marches in July 4th Parade**, Sun. July 4, 10 a.m., underpass at 8th & I Sts. SE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, 2nd Thurs. (July 8), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **Art 4 Art V**, Sat. July 17, 7:30 p.m., H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE. *See article.*
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Aug. 3), 7 p.m., annual Neighborhood Night Out potluck supper. All are welcome! (*See article.*)
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Staff can be reached at 543-3512.

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4th of July Parade on Capitol Hill

For the eighth year running, Capitol Hill will have its own, home-grown 4th of July Parade! PTAs from Capitol Hill schools, Capitol Hill Restoration Society, and many other local institutions will join in the procession. The Maury ES PTA will group at the 8th & I St. SE underpass and invites all “Cougars” to march with them. Bring a Maury sign or carry one provided.

The route begins at 8th & I St. SE and heads north on 8th to D St., then west on D St. to 7th St. and north past Pennsylvania Ave. to Eastern Market, where the marchers will disband. But the fun won’t end there. . . . After the parade, all are invited to participate in the Family Festival.

The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. You won’t want to miss it!

What’s “On” in July

by Kathleen Donner

The July 4th National Symphony Orchestra concert on the Capitol grounds begins at 8 p.m., and the fireworks start at about 9:15 p.m. The full dress rehearsal is on Saturday, July 3rd, starting at 7:30 p.m., and is a much less crowded alternative. For both events, no one will be allowed on the Capitol grounds until 3 p.m. Alcohol may be confiscated.

Hear *Amuna Says No*, a traditional and contemporary Basque music group from Idaho on Wednesday, July 14 at noon as part of the Library of Congress Homegrown: The Music of America concert series. All “Homegrown” concerts are in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Jefferson Building (First Street between East Capitol Street and Independence Avenue, SE).

On all home-game Fridays (July 2, 9, and 30), see post-game fireworks at Nationals Park.

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

Library Programs

The Northeast Branch Library’s programs include:

- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. July 13, 20, 27 & Thurs. July 1, 15, 29, 11:15 a.m.
- ♦ Preschool Power Video, Thur. July 1, 10 a.m. Ages 3+.
- ♦ Book Club for ages 8-12, Thurs. July 1, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Library closed, Mon. July 5 (4th of July observed).
- ♦ Aquatic Live – Wet and Wild, Wed. July 7, 7 p.m.
- ♦ Wash. National Opera “Flying Dutchman,” Thurs. July 8, 7 p.m.
- ♦ S*T*A*R Story times, Sat., July 10, 17, 24, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Make Slash Stories & Craft, Mon. July 12, 19, 26, 4 p.m. Ages 3-8.
- ♦ Reptiles Alive, Wed. July 14, 7 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. July 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Signs Under the Sea (ASL), Thur. July 22, 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thur. July 22, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.
- ♦ Book Club, Mon. July 26, 7 p.m.
- ♦ Make a 3-D mobile with Kevin Reese, Thurs. July 31, 4 p.m.

The library (7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE, 698-3320) is closed on Sundays and on Monday, July 5.

Kingsman Basketball League

The 2010 season is underway at Kingsman Field, just off the 1300 block of D St. NE. Games are played most Saturday afternoons and the public is encouraged to attend. The young players really appreciate a lively audience!

Capitol Hill Energy Coop

The Capitol Hill Energy Cooperative (CHEC) has suspended its meeting schedule. For more information, contact Cynthia Hartley at info@capitolhillenergycoop.org.

Online Crime Reports

Crime reports are available at <http://crimereports.com>.

H St. FreshFarm Market Double Value for Low-Income Shoppers

This year there are two nearby markets that encourage low-income residents to shop for fresh, seasonal foods from local farms. In addition to its market on H Street NE, the non-profit organization FreshFarm Markets recently launched a new market at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Both markets accept EBT/SNAP food stamps and vouchers from the Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program for both WIC (Women, Infants and Children) and Seniors. Thanks to the Double Dollars program, shoppers may double \$10 of benefits from one of these three government-provided resources each time they visit either market.

Located in the parking lot directly across from the H Street Self-Storage at 625 H Street, NE, the H Street FreshFarm Market runs through November 20 on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon. Both markets offer a full range of nutritious fruit, vegetables, grass-fed meats, eggs, organic milk, cheese, and bread.

Please help spread the word to neighbors and to professionals who work with eligible D.C. residents! Staff will be on hand at the Market Information tent to assist shoppers in doubling their benefits and buying delicious, healthful foods.

Please Water Trees

Newly planted trees need supplemental water for at least their first two summers. 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 (green watering bags) or buckets with a small hole work well for this purpose.

Some watering devices are available for loan from Trees for Capitol Hill, thanks to a grant from ANC 6A. Contact *The Buzz* for details.

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This is the last month for most of the free outdoor summer music. Enjoy military band concerts on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8 p.m. on the west side of the Capitol. The 8 p.m. Saturday night Fort Dupont concerts go through August 21. Hear "Jazz in the Garden" every Friday in August from 5 to 8 p.m. at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden. The last of the Sunset Serenades at the zoo is on Thursday, August 5, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

An annual summer highlight is the 1812 Overture on Tuesday, August 17, 8 p.m., at the open-air Sylvan Theater on the southeast corner of the Washington Monument grounds, performed by the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" and the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Presidential Salute Battery.

Some summer bargains include free admission to the Corcoran Gallery of Art on Saturdays in August; two-for-one admission for DC residents to President Lincoln's Cottage, on the grounds of the Army Retirement Home off North Capitol Street; and free admission for kids (18 and younger) to the Newseum through Labor Day.

The Shakespeare Theatre Free-For-All performs "Twelfth Night" at the Sidney Harman Hall every day except Mondays from August 19 to September 5.

To find out more about these events and performances, visit What's On, Washington at www.whatsoncity.net.

Library Programs

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- ♦ Crafty Teens, Mon. Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ Make Slash Stories & Craft, Mon. Aug. 2 & 9, 4 p.m. Ages 3-8.
- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & Thurs. Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, 11:15 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Advisory Group, Wed. Aug. 4, 5-6 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Book Club for ages 8-12, Thurs. Aug. 5, 4 p.m.
- ♦ S*T*A*R Story Times, Sat. Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. Aug. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Summer Reading Wrap Up Party, Mon. Aug. 16, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. Aug. 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Adult Book Club, Mon. Aug. 23, 7 p.m.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thur. Aug. 26, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.

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- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Aug. 3), 7 p.m., annual Neighborhood Night Out potluck supper. All are welcome! (See article.)
- **School Beautification Day**, Sat. Aug. 21. (See article.)
- **DCPS School Begins**, Mon. Aug. 23.
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Sept. 7), 7:30 p.m.
- **ANC 6A does not meet in August**. Next meeting 2nd Thurs. (Sept. 9), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
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DCPS Beautification Day

Beautification Day for all D.C. public schools will be held Sat., Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a citywide “spruce up” in preparation for school opening. Call 442-5477, email dcpsvolunteers@dc.gov, or visit dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/About+DCPS/Events/DC+Public+Schools+Beautification+Day+2010.

Volunteers will be particularly welcome at nearby Maury ES (13th St. & Constitution Ave. NE). Come meet Maury families! Choose to work inside or outside. Bring gardening or cleaning gloves if you like, or use those provided. To volunteer at Maury, email Heather, heysassy@yahoo.com.

August NLPNA Meeting

The first Tuesday in August (the 3rd) is National Neighborhood Night Out. Families and community groups across the country are encouraged to plan outdoor activities. NLPNA will again mark the occasion with a potluck supper in Lincoln Park. This is an opportunity to socialize with neighbors you don't often see and to meet new neighbors.

The festivities will begin at 7 p.m., a half hour earlier than our usual meeting time, in the hope that more families with young children will be able to attend. Bring a covered dish (with serving utensil) or beverage to share. Paper plates and plastic ware will be provided.

The Finance Committee will present a proposed budget for discussion and approval, and elections of NLPNA officers will be held.

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.

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PEPCO Claims Office

Buzz readers likely know that there were widespread power outages in the NLPNA area in early July. Indeed, many had personal experience of the outages. As we go to press, power is on. However, there are many residents whose electrical appliances appear to have been damaged as a result. Councilmember Tommy Wells's website lists the following number for the PEPCO Claims Office, where a request form for electric service related damages can be obtained: 872-2455. The following other numbers are also listed:

- D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Hotline – 727-6161 – to request assistance with emergency shelter or report a hazardous condition.
- PEPCO Safety Emergency – 872-3432 – to report wires down.

Online Crime Reports

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Call to Water Street Trees in Summer Heat

Residents Urged to Adopt Street Trees and Receive Free Watering Devices

In response to the recent heat waves and dry conditions, the District Department of Transportation's Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) is launching an effort to engage as many residents as possible in watering street trees so they survive this hot summer.

It takes less than ten minutes a week to fill the slow-drip watering device provided for free by the city to any individual who adopts street trees through UFA's Canopy Keepers program.

“Summer heat and normal urban pressures create intense stress for street trees,” said John Thomas, Chief Forester for the District of Columbia. “While UFA crews are watering all 3,500 new trees we planted this year, we are calling on District residents and businesses to help water street trees close to their homes and offices. Together, we can ensure that these taxpayer-funded assets provide their full environmental, economic, and social benefits for years to come.”

Please contact the UFA at 671-5133 or visit ddot.dc.gov and click on the “Trees” link to become a Canopy Keeper, receive a free watering device, and help street trees survive the summer.



Young Ballaz Vs. Disciples at Kingsman Field, July 17.

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The Shakespeare Theatre's remarkable "Twelfth Night" continues at Sidney Harman Hall through Sunday, Sept. 5. Tickets this year, for the first time, are by online lottery. Follow the prompts at www.shakespearetheatre.org/ffa. There will be a standby line for every performance.

The National Labor Day Concert on the U.S. Capitol grounds is Sunday, Sept. 5 at 8 p.m. The rehearsal is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. the same day. You are welcome to bring blankets, food, and lawn chairs (no alcohol). The rehearsal is much less crowded than the performance.

The annual Black Family Reunion Celebration is on the Mall between 7th Street and 14th Street on Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept. 12 from noon to 8 p.m.

The Washington Opera's free simulcast of *Un Ballo in Maschera* (The Masked Ball) is on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. at Nationals Park.

The National Book Festival on the Mall is Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (rain or shine).

To find out more about these events and performances, visit What's On, Washington at www.whatsoncity.net.

Barracks Row Fall Festival

Barracks Row Main Street's annual street festival, Capitol Hill's Oktoberfest, will be held Saturday, Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 500-700 blocks of 8th St. SE. There will be food, music, children's activities, and much, much more. Don't miss it!

Library Programs

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- ♦ Ken Burns "Civil War," Mon. Sept. 13, 20, 27, 5:30-7 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Advisory Group, Wed. Sept. 1, 5-6 p.m.
- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Thurs. Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, 11:15 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. Sept. 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Story Times, Sat. Sept. 11, 18 (French), 25, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Storytime & Craft, Mon. Sept. 13, 20, 27, 4 p.m. Ages 3-8.
- ♦ Book Club for ages 8-12, "Crazy Lady," Thurs. Sept. 9, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. Sept. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thurs. Sept. 16, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.
- ♦ Adult Book Club, Mon. Sept. 27, 7 p.m.

The library, at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE (698-3320), is closed on Sundays and Sept. 6 (Labor Day).

Library Book and Bake Sale

The Friends of the Northeast Library will hold a Book and Bake Sale at the library on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vote Early

Although the primary election is scheduled for Sept. 14 at the usual polling places, early ballots may be cast using electronic voting machines. The nearest location for voters in the NLP area is in the Hine JHS auditorium at 335 8th St. SE, near Eastern Market. It will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Sept. 4 to 11 (except Sun. Sept. 5). http://dcboee.org/pdf_files/nr_375.pdf

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- **KidsFest**, Sat. Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincoln Park. *See article.*
- **Evolve Gallery Opening**, Sat. Sept. 11, 4-8 p.m., Pierce School Lofts, 1375 Md. Ave. *See article.*
- **H Street Music Festival and Bazaar**, Sat. Sept. 18, 100-1300 blocks H St. NE. *See article.*
- **Barracks Row Day**, Sat. Sept. 25, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., 500-700 blocks of 8th St SE. *See article.*
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3. Get your caricature done by a professional artist. Listen to great live music and a DJ.

4. Wander the wonderful gallery and see terrific art created by local artists. Most works are one of a kind. Start making your list of favorites.

5. Listen up at about 8:30 p.m., when names will be drawn. Each person chooses a piece of art when his or her name is called.

6. Join us for a farewell toast to Paul Douglas as he bids adieu to Theater Alliance and embarks on new and exciting artistic endeavors.

7. Be happy. You've given money to a great cause and you are going home with a piece of art. What's not to like?

All this for only \$150 (\$250 for two)! All proceeds go to Theater Alliance productions. Wanna join the party and skip the art? Only \$75! To buy tickets, visit www.theateralliance.com.

Health Inspection Reports

DC Department of Health inspection reports are now on line. Search the database by ZIP code, name of establishment, or health inspector.

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 Wednesday, October 20, 6:30-7:15 p.m. at Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd and F St. NE. The speaker will be Michael Beidler on "What to Expect from an Architect."

The event is free and handicapped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend.

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- ♦ Storytime & Craft, Mon. Oct. 4, 18, 25, 4 p.m. Ages 3-8.
- ♦ Ken Burns "Civil War," Mon. Oct. 4, 18, 25, 5:30-7 p.m.
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- ♦ Story Times, Sat. Oct. 9, 16 (French), 23, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. Oct. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thurs. Oct. 21, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.
- ♦ Halloween Stories & Party, Wed. Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Ages 2-10.

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- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Oct. 5), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th and C St. NE. All are welcome! Meet ANC 6A candidates. *See article.*
- **Walk to School Day**, Wed. Oct. 6, 7:30 a.m., Lincoln Park. *See article.*
- **PSA 103 meeting**, 2nd Wed. (Oct. 13), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE.
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Oct. 14), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **Art 4 Art VI**, Sat. Oct. 16, 7 p.m., GalleryOonH, 1354 H St. NE. *See article.*
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Capital City Symphony

The Capital City Symphony is a full-sized symphony orchestra based as one of the arts partners at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St.NE.

You won't want to miss their performance on Sunday, October 17 at 5 p.m. This concert takes the theme of the dance through some twists, from Liszt's "Dance of Death" to the dead dancing on Bald Mountain, and concludes with Beethoven's 7th Symphony, which Wagner referred to as "the apotheosis of the dance" because of its lively rhythms. Pianist Sarah Barham, winner of the 2010 Novik Memorial Concerto Competition, will be the featured artist.

* Liszt, Totentanz, with pianist Sarah Barham

* Mussorgsky/Rimsky-Korsakov, Night on Bald Mountain

* Beethoven, Symphony No. 7

All children 16 and under are admitted free but need tickets. Ticket for adults can be purchased at AtlasArts.org.

Eastern Market Music

Enjoy live music at Eastern Market on Sundays through Oct. 10. For more info, visit www.capitolhillcommunityfoundation.org/emm/fallseries.html.

Oct. 3 10:30 a.m.: *Runakuna*
(Andean Traditions)

1 p.m.: *The Capitol Hillbillies*
(New Orleans Jazz)

Oct. 10 10:30 a.m.: *The Lovejoy Group* (Jazz)

1 p.m.: *Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen* (Bluegrass)

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Meet ANC 6A Candidates

Candidates for seats in ANC 6A have been invited to attend the October NLPNA meeting (*see calendar*) so you can meet them. This will not follow a "candidates forum" format. Instead, each candidate will be given space in the room to meet with potential constituents and have informal conversations. If you are unclear which is your single member district, you can find a map on the ANC 6A website, www.anc6a.org. As we go to press, the names below are expected to appear on the ballot:

Contested:

6A01 Adam C. Healy, 812 11th St.

6A01 Angelia Rice, 1100 K St.

6A01 Lawrence "Russ" Russell,
821 Florida Ave.

6A05 Sharee Lawler, 1240 C St.

6A05 William R. Mohring, 415
11th St.

6A07 Necothia "Nikki" Bowens,
1770 E St.

6A07 Gladys Ann Mack, 703 18th
St.

Uncontested non-incumbents:

6A06 Andrew J. Hysell, 1364
Emerald St

6A08 Lia Veenendaal-Selck, 222
17th Pl.

Uncontested incumbents:

6A02 Drew Ronneberg

6A03 David Holmes

6A04 Nick Alberti

Walk to School Day

The annual Walk to School Day celebration at Lincoln Park will take place on Wednesday, October 6. Students from the Capitol Hill Cluster School, Maury Elementary School, and other Capitol Hill schools will gather at the park at 7:30 a.m. to join their friends and neighbors in support of physical fitness, fresh air, and creating a walkable community. Following warm-up exercises and healthy snacks, participants will walk to school in groups.

To learn more about this international event, visit www.walktoschool.org.

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On Friday, October 22 take a Candlelight Tour of the Washington Navy Yard. Join U.S. Navy Museum docents as they share the rich history of the Washington Navy Yard during a tour of the Central Yard, the oldest part of the complex. The tour begins at 7 p.m. at the 6th and M Streets, SE entrance. Free but reservations are required, 433-6826.

Saturday, October 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 6p.m., Arena Stage (1101 6th St., SW) will celebrate its reopening with theatrical performances and children's activities at seven venues. Tickets are free at www.arenastage.org.

The Marine Corps Marathon runners will run around the Capitol on Sunday, October 31. For more details and a course map, visit www.marinemarathon.com.

Way too much is going on in our neighborhood to cover here. Go to What's On, Washington at www.whatsoncity.net for tons more.

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H Street Festival

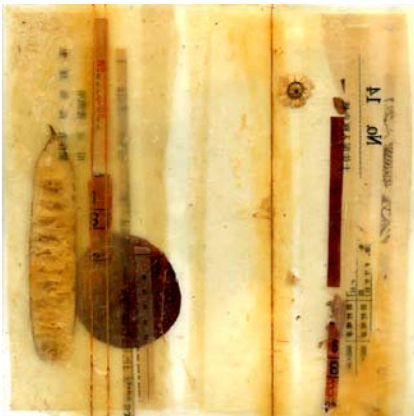
The 2010 H Street Festival will be held on Sept. 18 from noon to 6 p.m. This year, it will expand to include the blocks from 8th to 14th Street – six blocks of fun, with two concert stages, the fashion stage, the popular kids' area, and great food.

The festival will be fun for all ages with lots of free activities for everyone. The exciting Art Cars exhibit will return. The Green Street exhibit will be expanded and will have activities for kids. They are installing a dance floor on the street in front of the Atlas and Joy of Motion for demonstrations of some of their great classes, and then the public will get to join them for some "dancing in the street." They are also expanding transportation options this year, so plan to use the shuttle buses from Gallery Place or Eastern Market – or take advantage of free bike valet service.

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"Rip" by collage artist Marty Ittner

Maury Yard and Bake Sale

by Heather Schoell, Maury PTA
Clean out your closets to make room for the new treasures you'll find at the Maury Elementary Yard and Bake Sale! On Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., we'll be in the triangle park on the 1300 blocks of A St. & North Carolina Ave. NE. Sale items will include clothes, shoes, housewares, and more. Drop off donations of baked goods or yard sale items (receipts available upon request) – we appreciate it!

Funding will support Maury programming. Support your school!

....and TB Testing!

Once again, Maury is providing the services needed to become volunteers in DCPS schools. TB tests will be administered for \$15 at the same time and location as the Maury Yard and Bake Sale (see above). Followup results and fingerprinting will take place at Maury on Monday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

.and Nats Maury Day!

Sept. 12 is Maury Day at Nationals Park. For tickets (\$10), visit www.mauryelementary.com or ask your favorite Maury family. Kids 4 and older run the bases after the game! Game starts at 1:35 p.m.

and La Lomita!

If you needed a reason to enjoy great Mexican food and drinks, the second Monday of each month will be Maury Night at La Lomita, 1330 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. Starting on Sept. 13, a percentage of the proceeds will go to the Maury PTA. Vamonos!

NLPNA Budget & Officers

The NLPNA celebrated National Neighborhood Night Out on what turned out to be an unusually pleasant (for August) evening. Officers were elected (Elizabeth Nelson, Ruth Oyen, Heather Schoell, and Gloria Junge), and a budget was approved, including funding for *The Buzz* and tree planting.

Eastern Market Music

Enjoy live music at Eastern Market on Sundays. For more info, visit www.capitolhillcommunityfoundation.org/emm/fallseries.html.

Sept. 5 10:30 a.m.: *Bad Hair Day* (Classic Rock)

1 p.m.: *Finnegan's Jig* (Celtic, Contemporary)

Sept. 12 10:30 a.m.: *Gibraltar* (North African)

1 p.m.: *Blue Ribbon Boys* (Blues, Swing)

Sept. 19 10:30 a.m.: *Karen Collins & Backroads* (Vintage Country)

1 p.m.: *Janine Wilson & Max Evans* (Acoustic Roots)

Sept. 26 10:30 a.m.: *Archie's Barbershop Jambassadors* (Blues)

1 p.m.: *Seth Kible & Bay Jazz Project* (Jazz)

Oct. 3 10:30 a.m.: *Runakuna* (Andean Traditions)

1 p.m.: *The Capitol Hillbillies* (New Orleans Jazz)

KIDSFEST in Lincoln Park

A family activity day is planned for Lincoln Park, Saturday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Enjoy face painting, a tattoo parlor, bike decorating, honey bee hoedown, square dancing, capture the flag, 3-legged race, dog treats, and more! Bring your own picnic! Be sure to be there at 10 a.m. for a special performance from the renowned band "Rocknoceros"!

Come out for a great day in Lincoln Park sponsored by your friends at the Capital City Church.

Car Break-ins

There has been a rash of car break-ins in the area. Please, do not leave anything in your car, even out of view. As long as criminals are rewarded for their bad behavior – by acquiring loot when they break in – they will continue to do so. The police do what they can to catch the offenders, but the only way to stop the activity entirely is to make it a waste of time.

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FARMER'S MARKET ON H ST. – OPEN ANOTHER MONTH

By popular demand, the season of the H St. FreshFarm Market has been extended to November 20. Now you can fetch groceries and festive decorations for Thanksgiving from the local farmers and producers who have been coming to our neighborhood every Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. EBT/SNAP food stamps, WIC, and Seniors' Farmers Market Coupons are accepted. The market is at 625 H St. NE (across from H St. Self Storage), 362-8889, www.freshfarmmarkets.org.

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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 Wed., Nov. 17, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. at Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd and F St. NE. The speaker will be Daragh Cassidy of Capitol Hill's Galway Bay Woodworks on "Wood Furniture and Cabinet Preservation."

The event is free and handicapped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend.

...and Architecture, Architects and Builders of Hill East

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) is sponsoring a free presentation by EHT Traceries, the architectural history firm that has been documenting the history of buildings outside the boundaries of the Capitol Hill Historic District. This event marks the completion of the survey of the southeast portion of greater Capitol Hill and will showcase its diverse and handsome building stock. Wed., Nov. 10, 6:30-8 p.m. at Center City Public Charter School – Capitol Hill Campus, 1503 E. Capitol St. SE (enter from parking lot in rear).

...and Walking Tour of Hill East Alleys

CHRS is also leading a free walking tour of five alleys (Harrison Alley/Harrison Court, Guethler's Court, Fitzhugh Court, King's Court, and 15 ½ St.) where residences were once located. Meet on the northwest corner of 14th & E St. SE at 1 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 13 to learn more about early alley dwellings in the District.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- **Trees for Capitol Hill Fall Planting**, Sat. Nov. 6. Call 543-3512 or e-mail elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.
- **PSA 103 meeting**, 2nd Wed. (Nov. 10), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE.
- **CHRS presentation on Hill East Architecture**, Wed. Nov. 10, 6:30-8 p.m., 1503 E. Capitol St. SE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Nov. 11), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **CHRS Walking Tour**, Sat. Nov. 13, 1 p.m., northeast corner of 14th & E St. SE. *See article.*
- **Evolve Gallery Opening**, Sat. Nov. 13, 4-8 p.m., Pierce School Lofts, 1375 Md. Ave. *See article.*
- **Preservation Café**, Wed. Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd & F St. NE. *See article.*
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The Capital City Symphony is a full-sized symphony orchestra based as one of the arts partners at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St.NE.

You won't want to miss their Annual Family Concert, "The Case of the Missing Melody," Sun. Nov. 14, 2:30 & 4:30 p.m., featuring:

- * Adolphe, Three Pieces for Kids and Chamber Orchestra
- * Rossini, Barber of Seville Overture
- * Wagner, Flying Dutchman Overture
- * Tchaikovsky, Sleeping Beauty Waltz

This program is designed to appeal to children and is preceded by an instrument "petting zoo." Children 16 and under are free but need tickets, which can be obtained at www.capitalcitysymphony.org.

The free Holiday Carol Sing Concert, in collaboration with the Congressional Chorus, the American Youth Chorus, and the Atlas Performing Arts Center, is a neighborhood tradition. This year there will be two performances, Sun. Dec. 5 at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. This popular show plays to full houses. Tickets are free but need to be reserved at www.AtlasArts.org.



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Library Programs

The Northeast Branch Library's programs include:

- ♦ EuroKids Story Time (Germany), Mon. Nov 1, 4 p.m.
 - ♦ Ken Burns "Civil War," Mon. Nov. 1, 8, 15, 5:30-7 p.m.
 - ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Thurs. Nov. 4, 18, 11:15 a.m.
 - ♦ How to do a Research Paper, Wed. Nov. 3, 10, 17, 4 p.m.
 - ♦ Storytime & Craft, Mon. Oct. 4, 18, 25, 4 p.m. Ages 3-8.
 - ♦ Teen Advisory Group, Wed. Nov. 3, 5-6 p.m.
 - ♦ EuroKids Story Time (Malta), Mon. Nov 8, 4 p.m.
 - ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. Nov. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
 - ♦ National Gaming Day, Sat. Nov. 13, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 - ♦ Origami Club, Thurs. Nov. 18, 4-6 p.m. Ages 6-12.
 - ♦ French Story Time, Sat. Nov. 20, 23, 10:30 a.m.
 - ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. Nov. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- The library, at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE (698-3320), is closed on Sundays and on Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) and Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving).

Walk to School Day

The annual Walk to School Day celebration at Lincoln Park was held October 6. Students from Maury, Tyler, the Capitol Hill Cluster School, and other Capitol Hill schools joined their friends and neighbors in support of physical fitness, fresh air, and pollution-free commuting. Walking (or scootering or biking) is a great way to fit physical activity into a busy schedule.

Following warm-up exercises, healthy snacks, a performance by the Maury Cheerleaders, and pep-talks from Councilmember Tommy Wells; Howard Koh, Assistant Secretary of Health; and Shellie Pfohl, Executive Director of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition, the kids headed off to school in groups.

What's "On" in November

by Kathleen Donner

Daily ice skating begins at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden in mid-November. Skating is \$7 for adults and \$6 for kids under 12, students with i.d., and seniors over 50. A season pass is \$195.

Take tango lessons in Eastern Market's North Hall on Thursdays and every first Saturday of the month. Beginners are at 7 p.m., intermediate dancers at 8 p.m., and at 9 p.m. dance into the morning. It's \$10 per lesson and an additional \$12 to stay for the dancing.

The U.S. Botanic Garden invites you to remember that the best things in life are free – the fragrance of a freshly cut fir tree, the magic of holiday lights and decorations, and the delight of a child discovering the make-believe world of model trains. "Seasons Greenings" opens on Thanksgiving and remains open every day of the holiday season (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) through January 2. The exhibit features an expansive indoor train display, one of Washington's largest indoor holiday decorated trees, blooming seasonal plants, and a collection of National Mall landmarks replicas, handcrafted from natural plant material.

The original Emancipation Proclamation, which is rarely shown, will be on display as part of the "Discovering the Civil War" exhibition at the National Archives. See it November 10, 11, and 12 from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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Brand New Trees

Once again, Trees for Capitol Hill and NLPNA teamed up for the annual tree-planting on Saturday, November 6. Thank goodness for sunny skies and moist soils as 18 new trees were planted, eight of them in our neighborhood. Of special interest are the Fragrant Snowbell on the 1300 block of A St. NE and the Red Buckeye in the triangle park on the 100 blocks of Tennessee Ave and 13th St.

The Capitol Hill Garden Club (with a grant from ANC 6A) provided daffodil bulbs that were planted around the root balls. Keep your eyes peeled for their cheery white or yellow faces next spring.

Many, many thanks to Trees for Capitol Hill for heavily subsidizing the purchase, to the neighbors who contributed toward the cost, and to everyone who helped plant!



Kempton family Sweet Gum on A St.



Maple at 15th & C St. bus shelter

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- ♦ Adult Author Talk with Terence Samuels, Mon. Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ Story Times for Ages 3-8, Mon. Dec. 6 & 13, 4 p.m.
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BLACK NATIVITY

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For tickets or information, call 399-7993 ext. 2 or visit www.theateralliance.com. Group rates are available.

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Lincoln Park UM Church

A message from the new pastor, Diane Dixon-Proctor, at Lincoln Park United Methodist Church:

"I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the new pastor at Lincoln Park United Methodist Church, 1301 North Carolina Ave NE. I have been serving there for over a year now, and I have had the opportunity to meet many of you. I invite you to worship with us on Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday School and 10 a.m. worship. Each Wednesday join us for "One Hour of Power Bible Study" at 12 noon. After, we make sandwiches for the homeless and take them to Church of the Brethren or Silver's Place. We also have a Bible Study at 6:30 on Wednesdays. Lincoln Park is a 'church on the grow,' and we invite you to come and grow with us."

Dr. Dixon-Proctor can be reached at 543-1318 or ddpny@aol.com.

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On Wednesday, December 8 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., the Daughters of the American Revolution welcomes you to their annual Christmas open house. This is a delightful family-oriented way to spend a December evening. The White House tree (a half block away) will not be lit until the next evening. If you don't have tickets, you can't attend the ceremony, but the tree itself can be visited every day through the holiday season. There is live entertainment every weekday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. and every weekend evening starting at 4 p.m.

On Saturdays and Sundays, December 11, 12, 18 and 19, enjoy live holiday caroling in the rotunda of the National Gallery of Art - west building at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Volunteer for the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count from December 14 through January 5. Every year tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas take part in this adventure. For details, visit www.audubon.org.

On Thursday, December 2 at noon, hear The McIntosh County Shouters in a "Homegrown: The Music of America" Concert at the Library of Congress Coolidge Auditorium in the Jefferson Building.

Find hundreds of things to do every day in DC and the neighborhood at www.whatsoncity.net.

