

# The Buzz

North  
Lincoln Park's  
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**NLPNA DOES NOT MEET IN JANUARY**

## Hill Center Programs

Hill Center is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE (www.hillcenterdc.org). Their January offerings include:

- ♦ Shelly Steitz Stitching Class: Six-week introductory course – students will incorporate basic knitting stitches into their own knitting projects.
- ♦ C3 Cyber Club-3d Lego Design (K-2nd graders): Take the fun concept of traditional Legos and combine it with the digital world of 3D modeling.
- ♦ Video Game Design (3rd-6th graders): See how professional games are made. Learn cutting-edge computer skills through 3D game design.
- ♦ Courses from The Writer's Center: Tapping the Creative Well – Poetry; Researching and Writing Neighborhood Profiles; Close Readings in Contemporary Poetry; Teen Creative Writing; Creating Characters That Walk Off the Page; Mastering "Real Talk": Creating Authentic Dialogue.
- ♦ Travel Blogging: Create a travel blog and dynamic postings to report a recent journey or lay groundwork for a future trip

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## ANC 6A Library Grant

The Eliot-Hine PTSA recently won a \$5,000 grant from ANC 6A to purchase books for the school library. Sadly, the school had a librarian but the library shelves were bare. The PTSA plans to move quickly to have the volumes in place soon after the students return from their winter holiday. This grant application is an example of the successful collaboration between the Maury PTA and the Eliot-Hine PTSA, who also worked together to acquire landscaping supplies for the middle school.

For more information on the ANC 6A grants program, visit [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org).

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## Evolve Urban Arts Project:

The Evolve Urban Arts Project enriches the lives of residents and neighbors in the H Street community by providing free exhibition space to artists based in the Washington metropolitan area.

The Project draws inspiration from the loft conversion movement – started by artists – that transformed downtown New York City warehouses and industrial spaces into functional live/work studios. Decades later, the process of gentrification has promoted the loft lifestyle across America, but few reflect upon the artistic roots of this movement. The Pierce School Lofts, home to the Project, was itself an abandoned elementary school before being adaptively re-used as rental loft apartments. Evolve has chosen to honor the building's history and the artistic heritage of the greater loft movement by creating the Urban Arts Project, giving artists center stage in the building's public spaces.

The Project sponsors approximately five exhibitions a year in a variety of formats and media and is entirely philanthropic, taking no payment for use of the space. Artists may make their work available for purchase, or they simply may choose to share their work with the community. By acting as an incubator for artistic talent, the Project aims to make Washington, DC a more dynamic, creative, and fascinating place to live.

Evolve Urban Arts Project is located in the Pierce School Lofts at 1375 Maryland, Ave.NE, in the H Street Arts and Entertainment District. Exhibits at Evolve Urban Arts Project are available by appointment. In addition, artist receptions are generally scheduled with each new exhibition.

For further information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Geoff Ault, the Project's curator, at 744-6439 or by email at [geoff@evolveDC.com](mailto:geoff@evolveDC.com).

## Evolve Urban Arts

Submitted by Geoff Ault

Evolve Property Management presents works by Beth Cartland at the Evolve Urban Arts Gallery @ Pierce School Lofts, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE.

Cartland uses a wide range of techniques and materials in her exploration of artistic expression. She combines a mastery of classic technique and an innovative view of our world, resulting in a collection of powerful works.

Cartland's primary focus is on painting and collage, but she also uses found and natural object to create small sculptures. She lives and paints in Washington, DC.

The exhibit is free and runs through March 23. To view it, please call 744-6439 for an appointment. To learn more, visit <http://art.evolvedc.com>.



"Repeat/Rewind" Oil on Canvas by Beth Cartland

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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 19. Thank goodness for sunny skies and moist soils as seventeen new trees were planted, six of them in our immediate neighborhood. Of special interest are the fall blooming camellia in front of 1330 block of North Carolina Ave, the Chinese Pistache in the triangle at Constitution and North Carolina Aves at 15<sup>th</sup> St., the Buckeye on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and A St. NE, and the Rivers Purple Beech planted in memory of Ronald Mace in the triangle at North Carolina Ave and A St. The planting crew included several first-timers including Nick and David Heim, Cindy Steel, and Kris Laurente.

The Capitol Hill Garden Club (with a grant from ANC 6A) provided daffodil bulbs that were planted around the root balls.

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!



Lisa Turner with her new sweetgum



ANC Commissioner Nick Alberti plants a buckeye near the Car barns

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## *Orchestra Meets the 21st Century ...*

Combine a traditional orchestra with an amplified small ensemble then add live electronic processors, and you have a whole new take on the classical music experience. Under the baton of hipster maestro John Devlin, the Capital City Symphony will invite audiences to experience re-imagined classics and new musical styles, including a world premiere concerto for Fx trumpet (an electronic effects instrument) and orchestra by composer David Matthews featuring trumpet soloist Neil Brown. The program will also feature Beethoven's *Egmont Overture* and a 21st-century reinterpretation of the Kyrie from Dufay's *Missa l'Homme Arme*.

Two performances are scheduled at the Atlas Performing Arts Center (1333 H St. NE), Saturday, February 25 at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for Intersections concerts are available from [intersectionsdc.org](http://intersectionsdc.org).

Don't miss a musical night to remember!

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## **Cupid's Undie Run**

This fundraiser for the Children's Tumor Foundation will start at noon on Saturday, February 11 with pre-race festivities at the Pour House Bar & Grill and Capitol Lounge on the 300 block of Pennsylvania Ave SE. At 2 p.m. participants will strip down to their skivvies for the Undie Run up Pennsylvania Ave. and 1st St., past the Capitol, to Constitution Ave., and back. Expect street closings and enjoy excellent people-watching!

For additional info and a detailed map, visit [cupidsundierun.com/dc](http://cupidsundierun.com/dc).

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Commissioner Nick Alberti will be present to meet with his constituents.
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- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Feb. 9), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org).
- **Cupid's Undie Run**, Sat. Feb. 11, 2 p.m., 300 block of Pennsylvania Ave SE. *See article.*
- **Family Engineering Day**, Sat. Feb. 18, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW. *See article.*
- **Capital City Symphony performances**, Feb. 25 & 26, Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE. *See article.*
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## Maury Open House

By Amy Weedon, PTA President  
Maury Elementary School will be hosting its final open house on February 7 at 9 a.m. We invite you to come meet our energetic principal, experienced teachers, and involved parents who work together to make Maury a great school. Learn about our curriculum, before- and aftercare programs, extracurricular activities, and community partnerships. Tour our newly renovated facility and discover what makes Maury a special learning environment for our children.

The school is located at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> St. and Constitution Ave. NE. No reservations are necessary and visitors are always welcome. If you can't make it to the open house, call 698-3838 to arrange a tour, or visit [www.mauryelementary.com](http://www.mauryelementary.com).



Kindergarteners visit Botanic Garden



Guitar ensemble at winter concert



Family Literacy Night

## New PSA Boundaries

By David Holmes, Chair ANC 6A  
Police Chief Cathy Lanier and her district commanders have just completed a reassignment of resources to better target and balance police personnel assignments and responses to criminal activities. Several police districts and police service areas (PSAs) were over- or understaffed for the amount of criminal activity taking place within their boundaries.

The PSAs serving the NLPNA area are:

- ★ PSA 104, south of Florida Ave. to Maryland Ave. (west of Lincoln Park) and Massachusetts Ave (east of Lincoln Park), east of 1st St.
- ★ PSA 107, from the border with 104 south to G St. SE and east to 13th St.
- ★ PSA 108, east of 13th St. to the river between Maryland Ave and Massachusetts Ave.

Here is a listing of the new PSAs and their lieutenants:

- ★ PSA 104: Lt. Christopher Micciche, cell 487-4182, office 729-3792
  - ★ PSA 107: Lt. Eddie Fowler, cell 425-2826, office 698-0090
  - ★ PSA 108: Lt. Michael Thornton, cell 425-7659, office 698-0090
- Other phone numbers:
- ★ First District detectives: 299-2025
  - ★ Vice Unit/SMU: Lt. Jeffrey Parker, cell 497-1524, office 299-2048
  - ★ Domestic Violence Unit: Det. Marcia Mbonisi, 299-3395, Det. Rosslyn Rushing, 299-3408

Maps and further details for the First District can be found at [mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/lib/mpdc/info/districts/1st/pdf/1d\\_psas\\_123011.pdf](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/lib/mpdc/info/districts/1st/pdf/1d_psas_123011.pdf). Or check the link on the homepage at [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org).

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## Outdoors Indoors

Need a break from the cold and damp? Find a tropical paradise at National Botanic Garden at 100 Maryland Ave. SW, where the orchids are always in bloom. Or visit the Smithsonian Natural History Museum's Living Butterfly House (10th St. and Constitution Ave. NW). It's open daily from 10:15 a.m. Usually, there is a fee but it's free on Tuesdays. Plus the first floor installation by artist Shih Chieh Huang is totally cool, featuring glowing robotic creatures inspired by bioluminescent marine organisms.

## Discover Engineering Family Day

The National Building Museum and the National Engineers Week Foundation invite you to debunk the myths of engineering and discover how professional engineers turn an idea into reality with a hands-on, fun-filled celebration on Saturday, February 18 from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at 401 F St. NW.

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## Maury at the Market

by Heather Schoell

Saturday, March 24 from 7-10 p.m. at the Eastern Market North Hall (Seventh St. and North Carolina Ave. SE)

This is Maury Elementary's biggest fundraiser of the year – a night out for adults – fun and for a great cause! This event pays for the extras that help make Maury a great learning environment.

Items for bid include a weekend cabin getaway, estate planning, laser teeth whitening, and original art.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 after March 18. Price includes drinks and heavy appetizers. Food is catered, and beverages are courtesy of Schneider's! A Pajama Party babysitting service is available through Polite Piggy's for a small fee.

We need your help to make this event great! The Maury PTA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so donations not in exchange for goods or services are tax deductible. If you would like to be a sponsor, purchase tickets, make a donation, or learn more about the event (including Pajama Party) and our sponsors, visit [www.mauryatthemarket.org](http://www.mauryatthemarket.org).

Maury at the Market thanks our title sponsor, National Capital Bank. Thank you!

## The Moon Landscapes etc The Art of Dilip Sheth

The Evolve Urban Arts Project will host an opening reception March 29 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The show runs through May 4 at 1375 Maryland Ave. NE. To learn more, visit <http://art.evolvedc.com>.

## Rock 'n' Roll USA Marathon The Runners are Coming!

The Rock 'n' Roll USA Marathon & Half Marathon will take place on Saturday, March 17. The race will start at 7:20 a.m. C and 19th Sts. NE and end around 1 p.m. on East Capitol St. near the Armory.

The course map and road closure times are posted on their website (<http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/usa/road-closures>).

Be prepared for major inconvenience and noise. Not only will sections of the Hill be impassable, but amplified music will be presented on multiple stages throughout the course. It's been proposed that residential parking not be permitted on several blocks in our area, and cars may be towed.

## Mozart and Brahms – Together Again ...

The Capital City Symphony, a local full-sized orchestra based at Atlas, and the Capitol Hill Chorale are collaborating in a Mozart and Brahms program. Performances will be held March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church (4th St. and Independence Ave. SE) and March 18 at 5 p.m. at the Atlas Performing Arts Center (1333 H St. NE).

Program includes Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni, Brahms' Nänie, and Mozart's Requiem. Tickets are \$20-25 for adults, \$16-20 for seniors and students. Children (age 16 and under) are free.

Tickets for March 17 are available at [www.capitolhillchorale.org](http://www.capitolhillchorale.org), tickets for March 18 at [www.capitalcitysymphony.org](http://www.capitalcitysymphony.org).

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- **Mozart & Brahms**, Sat. March 17, 7:30 p.m., Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church and Sun. March 18 at 5 p.m. at the Atlas Theater. *See article.*
- **Preservation Café**, Wed. March 21, 6:30 p.m., Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd & F St. NE. *See article.*
- **Maury at the Market**, Sat. March 24, 7-10 p.m., Eastern Market North Hall. *See article.*
- **Health & Fellowship Fair**, Sat. March 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE. Games, music, food, health screenings & information.
- **Community Forum on City's historic preservation program**, Tues. March 27, 7 p.m., Maury ES, 1250 Constitution Ave. NE. *See article.*
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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 Wednesday, March 21, 6:30-7:15 p.m. at Ebenezer's Coffee House (downstairs), 2nd and F St. NE. Amanda Molson, a preservation specialist at the DC Historic Preservation Office (HPO), will talk about the window guidelines recently adopted by the HPO for buildings in DC's historic districts, and what they mean for Capitol Hill residents and property owners.

The event is free and handicapped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend. No reservations required. For more information, visit [www.chrs.org](http://www.chrs.org).

### **...and a Community Forum**

Catherine Buell, Chair of the DC Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) will be the speaker Tuesday, March 27 in the multipurpose room at Maury ES, 1250 Constitution Ave. NE. The doors will open at 6:45 p.m. with the presentation to begin at 7 p.m.

Topics will include how the city's historic preservation program works, issues and challenges affecting historic preservation in the city, trends in cases reviewed by the HPRB and its staff, and historic preservation homeowner grants.

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## **Shake Rattle & Roll, A 1950s American Cabaret**

The Congressional Chorus will be "shaking it up" at the Atlas Performing Arts Center (1333 H St. NE) March 22, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m., and March 25 at 4 p.m.

Come on down to H Street to join Congressional Chorus as they recreate the sights, sounds, and moves of the 1950's. From Chuck Berry, Hank Williams, and Jerry Lee Lewis to Doris Day and Patti Page, it will be a rockin' musical blast with a live 50's band that will set your toes tappin' in your blue suede shoes!

All three cabaret performances sold out a month in advance last year, so this year they are adding a fourth performance. Don't miss out on the fun!

Get general seating tickets for \$35 at the Atlas box office or call 399-7993, x2. Reserved tables of six are available from \$300 to \$500, with a portion of the reserved table ticket price as a tax-deductible donation; call 399-7993, x182 or email [info@congressionalchorus.org](mailto:info@congressionalchorus.org).

### **View Public Space Permits**

The District's Department of Transportation has a tool on their website that allows a search of public space permits by location. This can be a useful means of identifying and predicting the presence of moving vans, storage lockers, repaving of sidewalks, repouring of concrete driveways, valet permits, tree cutting, etc. It can also be used to determine whether these activities have the proper permits. Visit <http://gis.ddot.dc.gov/PermitLocator/#Home>.

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- ♦ DC Read-In, Sat. March 10, 1-5:30 p.m.
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### **Happy Birthday, NE Library!**

The Northeast Branch Library opened in March of 1932. On Saturday, March 10 at 2 p.m., their Friends will throw an 80th birthday party for the Branch featuring music, cake, children's activities, music, and other fun. Book (and party) lovers won't want to miss this fun event!

### **Kapital Kids Strings**

Affordable group instruction in violin, viola, and cello is available at Hill Center (921 Pa. Ave. SE) for children 8-12 years of age, all skill levels, \$15 per 45-minute session. Classes are Thursdays between 4 and 7 p.m. More details at [hillcenterdc.org/home/programs/133](http://hillcenterdc.org/home/programs/133). Contact the instructor, Phyllis Fleming, at [flemingp@gmail.com](mailto:flemingp@gmail.com).

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The "Buzz fund" has been depleted and distribution may have to end with the May issue. If you enjoy receiving *The Buzz* and would like to see it continue, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution. Checks should be made out to North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and mailed to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

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We are also seeking free or low-cost printing. If you can print even a couple of hundred copies, that would be helpful.

## NCB Capitol Hill Classic 10K

The NCB Capitol Hill Classic in support of the Capitol Hill Cluster School will be held on May 20 at 8:30 a.m., starting and ending in front of Peabody School (at Stanton Park). Not interested in running? Sponsor a Cluster School scholar. Information and registration forms are available at [www.capitolhillclassic.com](http://www.capitolhillclassic.com). To volunteer or for more information, contact Mike Soderman at [info@capitolhillclassic.com](mailto:info@capitolhillclassic.com).



## NLPNA Yard Sale Trash or Treasure?

The North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (NLPNA) yard sale will be held Saturday, May 19, 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 including tree plantings and *Buzz* distribution. Donated items (tax deductible) to sell and volunteers to help stage the event are needed.

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## Thank You from Maury!

by Heather Schoell

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- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (May 1), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE. All are welcome.
- **CHRS House and Garden Tour**, Sat. & Sun., May 12-13. *See article.*
- **NLPNA Yard Sale**, Sat. May 19, triangle park between 1300 blocks of North Carolina Ave. and A St. NE. *See article.*
- **Capitol Hill Classic race**, Sun. May 20. *See article.*
- *The Buzz* is available at [www.anc6a.org/publications.html](http://www.anc6a.org/publications.html). Contact us at 543-3512 or [elizabeth\\_knits@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com).

## Tommy Wells' H Street Community Office Hours

Councilmember Tommy Wells is available to meet with his constituents from 8-9:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at various locations on H Street, usually SOVA Espresso & Wine located at 1359 H St., NE. This is an opportunity for residents to discuss issues or concerns in the neighborhood.

## **The Capitol Hill Restoration Society House & Garden Tour**

Save Mother's Day weekend (May 12 and 13) for the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's (CHRS) Annual House & Garden Tour. This year's tour showcases the architectural heritage of southeast Capitol Hill, including a look at the \$10 million renovation of the Old Naval Hospital into the community-focused Hill Center. More than a dozen traditional and contemporary properties and artfully landscaped gardens will be on view for the 55th annual house tour. The homes feature a delightful blend of the past and the present.

Tour tickets are \$25 in advance (\$20 for CHRS members), \$30 the weekend of the tour. They may be purchased online at [www.chrs.org](http://www.chrs.org) and at select venues around the Hill (see the CHRS website for locations). CHRS will also have a booth at Eastern Market on weekends beginning April 14, where tickets and CHRS memberships can be purchased.

## ***The Moon Landscapes etc: The Art of Dilip Sheth***

This show will run through May 4 at the Evolve Urban Arts Project, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE. The exhibit is free. Please call 744-6439 for an appointment to view the exhibit. To learn more, visit <http://art.evolvedc.com>.



Blue Moon by Dilip Sheth

## ***H Street Farmer Market***

FreshFarm Markets, which has operated the producer-only farmers market on H Street NE since 2004, lost its site in the parking lot of 645 H Street NE and is actively seeking a new location in the immediate neighborhood. FreshFarm Markets plans to open April 21 with the same stellar line up of farmers and producers, cooking demos, live music, and activities for children.

The Market will continue to offer its Matching Dollars program to SNAP, WIC, and Senior FMNP and, in honor of the organization's 15th anniversary, it will increase the amount of free matching dollars given to these shoppers to \$15 per day.

For more information (or to provide leads on a new location) please call 202/362-8889 or visit [www.freshfarmmarkets.org](http://www.freshfarmmarkets.org).

## ***The Market at Miner***

by Jon Wadsworth

Miner Elementary School is proud to announce the launch of "The Market at Miner." Come out to Miner's own open-air street market! This market helps to make Miner a great school for our community. Fresh produce! Great deals on collectibles! Great food! Antiques, jewelry, baked goods, quality clothing, wood carvings, toys, natural body products and cosmetics, and much more!

Located in the school parking lot, 601 15th St. NE, this event will recur every Sunday and the second and third Saturdays of each month, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. through December.

New vendors are always welcome. For information, contact Omowali Sia. 240-464-0268.

Sponsored by the Miner Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), this is a great opportunity to support a neighborhood school!

## ***Library Programs***

The Northeast Branch Library's programs include:

- ♦ Spring/Summer Board Game Night, Mon. April 2, 4-6 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. April 3, 10, 17, 24 & Thurs. April 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11:15 a.m.
- ♦ Children's Book Club, Tues. April 3 at 4 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Advisory Group meeting, Wed. April 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Music & Egg Hunt, Sat. April 7 at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Story Times, Sat. April 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. April 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. April 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thurs. April 19, 4-5 p.m.
- ♦ Story Time for 3-6 year olds, Mon. April 23, 30, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Adult Book Club, Mon. April 23 at 7 p.m.

The library, at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE (698-3320), is closed on Sundays and on April 23.

## ***Campaign Finance Reform Ballot Initiative***

A ballot initiative has been proposed that would prohibit corporations and other business entities from making direct contributions to political campaigns in DC. Currently, there is a cap on individual donations but no limits on those from corporations. Supporters of the initiative believe this is an important step in reducing the influence of business interests over local politics. A petition drive is underway to bring this issue before the voters in November.

For more information, visit [dcpublictrust.org/wordpress1/](http://dcpublictrust.org/wordpress1/) or [www.facebook.com/dcpublictrust](http://www.facebook.com/dcpublictrust).



# The Buzz

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## **The Buzz is Back in the Black!**

In the April and May issues we reported that the "Buzz fund" had been depleted and distribution might have to end with the May issue. We're ecstatic to report that we've had a reprieve, having received donations and offers of limited free printing from loyal – and generous – Buzz readers (thank you!!). It costs about \$120-\$150 to photocopy each issue (depending on the free printing support we receive). Based on that, it looks like we will make it through the end of the year, especially since donations are still coming in. Plus we may receive a new allocation when the budget is approved in August.

That said, we will continue to accept donations going forward. Checks should be made out to North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and sent to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of 15th St., 300 block of 14th Pl., 1100 block of E St., 1500 block of Constitution Ave., 1500 block of North Carolina Ave., and 1400 and 1500 blocks of A St. This is a good opportunity for a young person in need of community service hours. Call 543-3512 or email [elizabeth\\_knits@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com).

We are also seeking free or low-cost printing. If you can print even a couple of hundred copies, that would be helpful.

### **THE BUZZ EDITORIAL TEAM**

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## **NLPNA Yard Sale**

The NLPNA Yard Sale took place, as usual, on the Saturday after Mothers Day. And what a glorious day it was! Perfect weather, that's for sure, sunny, breezy, and not too hot. Plus we made a lot of money, \$1,450 – one of our best years, ever. We sold a ton of small items and a beautiful, pristine living room set. It was fun to watch everyone eyeing it, wishing they could find a space for it in their own homes.

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, of course, the shoppers!

## **NLPNA Finance Committee**

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

## **Ward 6 Family Day at Rosedale Recreation Center**

Join Councilmember Tommy Wells and your neighbors to celebrate the reopening of the Rosedale Recreation Center (1700 Gales St. NE) at the 6th Annual Ward 6 Family Day, Saturday June 23 from noon to 4 p.m. There will be free food, music, games, and tons of fun for the whole family. Several government and community organizations have been invited to be a part of our best Ward 6 Family Day yet! Details posted at [www.tommywells.org](http://www.tommywells.org).

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (June 5), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE. All are welcome.
- **Historic House Toolbox**, Sat. June 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (June 14), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org).
- **NLPNA will not meet in July**
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## **The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents**

### **Historic House Toolbox**

### **Give Your House Some Love!**

Join the DC Preservation League and CHRS to receive free individualized attention from contractors and seasoned professionals who can answer questions on a range of topics, including working with architects and contractors, roofing, wood windows, ironwork, energy efficiency, and much more. Two sessions will focus on researching house history and greening your house without compromising historic integrity.

This event is free, open to all, and will take place at Hill Center (Old Naval Hospital), 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Register at <https://dcpres.wufoo.com/forms/historic-house-tool-box/>. Walk-ins are also welcome.

## *Handwritten No-Parking Signs No Longer Legal*

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has announced that all signs posted in public space for Emergency No Parking restrictions must now be electronically printed. Handwritten Emergency No Parking signs are no longer permitted in public space; they will be removed by inspectors and a \$25 fee may be issued for each improperly posted sign.

The change will make it easier to track the posting of Emergency No Parking signs and help residents determine if posted signs are properly permitted. A Public Space Permit Lookup Tool (<http://gis.ddot.dc.gov/PermitLocator/>) allows users to enter an address or area and pull up all public space occupancy/construction permits issued for that location and see to whom the permits were granted and for how long.

Applications for public space permits can be submitted using DDOT's Transportation Online Permitting System (TOPS), and Emergency No Parking signs can be printed at the Public Space Permitting Center, 1100 4th St. SW, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and at most Metropolitan Police Department stations.

All Emergency No Parking signs issued for public space permits should be printed and include the following information:

- date(s) and hours for which parking is prohibited,
- public space permit number or DDOT contract number,
- date the signs were printed, and
- contact name/phone number.

Utility companies responding to an emergency – such as a gas or water leak – may post handwritten signs if necessary, provided the signs include an emergency work request number.

If you believe a posted no-parking sign is not valid, please call the Public Space Inspections office at 671-2036.

## *Please Water Trees*

We are fortunate to have received many new street trees this year, but they have little chance of survival without our assistance; they will need supplemental water for at least their first two to three summers if they are to survive, and the District government does not water street trees. It is up to the neighbors to do the watering. You can help by joining the Urban Forestry Administration's Canopy Keeper program and adopting a tree near your home.

A quick blast from a hose encourages poor root development. It's much better to let the water trickle for 20 to 30 minutes – or better still, use a watering bag. It provides a useful way to measure the amount of water you are delivering, and a garden hose connected to a nearby water source makes the job easy. The trees will need an absolute minimum of 10 gallons each week – but as much as 20-30 gallons may be needed in very hot, dry weather.

Mulch is also important in keeping a tree hydrated. A 2-4 inch layer is sufficient, but the mulch must be kept away from the trunk. Clean weeds and debris from the planting space. This helps in two ways: First, the tree will not have to compete with the weeds for precious water. Second, the water bags are far less likely to be punctured by mowers if there is no vegetation to mow.

The Casey Trees website ([caseytrees.org](http://caseytrees.org)) posts moisture conditions but even if you think that Mother Nature has been providing enough rain, it doesn't pay to be over-confident. By the time a tree looks like it needs water (is shriveled or drops leaves), it has already been damaged. Don't wait. Be proactive!

Trees for Capitol Hill has a few bags that can be borrowed for the season. If you want one, contact *The Buzz*. Watering devices are also available from DDOT; go to

[www.ddot.dc.gov](http://www.ddot.dc.gov), click on "Tree Planting," then click on "Canopy Keepers: Adopt a Tree." You will be asked to submit an agreement online or by mail to the Urban Forestry Administration, DDOT, 55 M St. SE, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20003.

Service requests can be made on [www.dc.gov](http://www.dc.gov) or by calling 311.

## **Library Programs**

The Northeast Branch Library's programs include:

- ♦ Story Time for 3-6 year olds, Mon. June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 4 p.m.
- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. June 5, 12, 19, 26 & Thurs. June 7, 14, 21 at 11:15 a.m.
- ♦ Children's Book Club, Tues. June 5 at 4 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Advisory Group meeting, Wed. June 6, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Story Times, Sat. June 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. June 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. June 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thurs. June 21, 4-5 p.m.
- ♦ Adult Book Club, Mon. June 25 at 7 p.m.

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

## **Want Trees?**

NLPNA will be partnering with Trees for Capitol Hill again this fall to plant trees on public property. Funds from NLPNA and Trees for Capitol Hill 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. Email [elizabeth\\_knits@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com) with "trees" as the subject, or call 543-3512 before June 11.

Trees for Capitol Hill now has a website; visit <http://treesforcapitolhill.org>.