

The Buzz

North
Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

January 2013

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The Capitol Hill Garden Club presents...

... "Let Me Tell You About My Garden" on Tuesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. Three club members will describe notable features of their gardens, and their experiences as gardeners – good and bad, followed by a question and answer session. The meeting will be held in the basement of the Church of the Brethren at North Carolina Ave. and 4th St. SE. Enter by the 4th St. side ground-level door. For more information on the Capitol Hill Garden Club, visit capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com.

Pack 3838 Pancake Breakfast

Maury Cub Scout Pack 3838 will be hosting its second annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, January 26, from 8 to 11 a.m. at Maury ES at 13th St. and Constitution Ave. NE. Homemade pancakes will be served hot from the griddle with sides and toppings including syrup, fruit compotes, and chocolate sauce. Also enjoy gourmet coffee, juice, and a fun time with your neighbors! Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (children under 3 are free). Reserve your tickets in advance at maury_cubs@yahoo.com. Drop-ins will be welcome, as space allows and supplies last!

Shop and Support NLPNA

NLPNA is enrolled with the give.com® charity support organization. If you are an online shopper, please consider joining.



Atlas Seeks Board Members

The Atlas is looking for new members of the Atlas Community Advisory Board. The mission of the Atlas Community Advisory Council is to serve as goodwill ambassadors to the community and to promote the mission of the Atlas Performing Arts Center. The Council provides suggestions and feedback on programming, communication, outreach, and future plans for the Atlas. Currently, the council consists of members of the Board, Atlas staff, and concerned community members. The chairman is and should be a community member. Members of the council are encouraged to have an active involvement through volunteering and patronizing the various activities and performances housed and produced by the Atlas. Please send a note of your interest to marquilyons@yahoo.com or Marqui Lyons, c/o the Atlas Performing Arts Community Council, 1333 H Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

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Donations are also welcome; checks should be made payable to North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and sent to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA does not meet in January.**
- **Capitol Hill Garden Club**, Tues. Jan. 8, 7 p.m., Church of the Brethren, North Carolina Ave. & 4th St. SE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Jan. 10), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast**, Sat., Jan. 26, 8-11 a.m., Maury ES, 13th St. & Constitution Ave. NE. *See article.*
- **Inaugural Ball** presented by Capitol Hill Village, Sat. Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m., Atlas Theater, 1333 H St. NE. *See article.*
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

The Hill's Own Inaugural Ball

Come dance to the music of Raggs and the All-Stars at "Swing for the Swearing In: Capitol Hill's Own Inaugural Ball" on Saturday, January 19, two days before the inauguration at 7:30 p.m. Held at the Atlas Center for the Performing Arts (1333 H St. NE), the event will offer food and drink and historical/political fun. You may also bid for any of more than a dozen vacation homes or sign up to dine with guests such as Pulitzer-prize-winning author and journalist Hedrik Smith.

For reservations, sign up online at www.capitolhillvillage.com or call 543-1778.

January at Hill Center

Byte Back: free computer courses (for adults)

Jan. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. For registration and more information, call Byte Back at 529-3395 or visit them online at www.byteback.org.

C3 3D Video Game Design (3rd – 8th graders)

In this exciting class, children will use 3D modeling skills to create their very own platform-based video game. They will continue to learn how to add characters, customize game attributes, and build their own virtual world from scratch. Students will acquire new computer programming skills, technology knowledge using mathematics, creativity, and basic problem-solving skills. Fridays, Jan 11 until Feb 15, two different classes:

- 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. first level (new students)
- 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. second level (returning students)

Cost: \$149 for either 6-week class
To register, visit www.hillcenterdc.org/home/programs/partners/47

Tai Chi Chuan (ages 13 to adult)

Tai Chi Chuan is a formulated set of movements designed for body and mind. Our classes are conducted in a relaxed, go-at-your-own-pace, collegial spirit infused with the seriousness that the study of Tai Chi demands. Stop by the Hill Center for a free lesson. Intermediate and advanced students learn push hands, saber, and sword. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from January 13 until May 30. Evening classes at separate times for beginners and intermediate/advanced students. Cost is \$150 per month for three classes per week.

To register and for additional information, call 301/388-8095, email washington.wustyle@gmail.com, 301/388-8095, or visit www.wustyledc.com/take-a-class/.

Tips for Reducing Chances of Being a Crime Victim

Submitted by 1D Commander Hickson

There has been an increase in street robberies across the city during the past year. Many of these offenses have occurred within residential neighborhoods along routes that residents take as they travel to and from their homes on their way to stores and public transportation. The assailants are targeting personal electronics and cash. Please take the following precautions.

- Always be aware of your surroundings, vigilant of activity around you, and attentive to individuals approaching; walk purposely and with confidence.
- Try to travel with others; walk in well-traveled, well-lighted areas.
- Do not allow yourself to be distracted by talking on your cell phone, listening to music, or reading.
- Resist the urge to multi-task while walking; wait to make phone calls, check your email, and listen to music at your destination.
- Protect your electronics by not displaying them.
- If you purchase an electronic device, check on the availability of a tracking system for it (usually free at time of purchase).
- Do not use ATMs that are located in remote areas; use ATMs during the daylight hours in well-populated areas.
- Do not display large amounts of cash when paying for items, and do not display excessive jewelry.
- Men: If you carry a wallet, place it in your front hip pocket or inside jacket pocket; do not carry it in your back pants pocket.
- Women: When walking in public spaces, carry a small handbag or purse that you can grasp with your hand.

More safety tips can be found at www.mpdccdc.gov/safety.

REMEMBER: Call 9-1-1 if you see suspicious persons or activity.

News from Miner ES

* CR Gibbs, a noted scholar, author, historian, and lecturer will present “Africa’s Gifts to the World” at the school (601 15th St. NE) on January 8 at 5:30 p.m.
* Men of Miner is looking for volunteers to read aloud to students while providing positive male role models. The next reading will be January 28 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. If you’re interested in volunteering, please contact LaVonne Taliaferro-Bunch or Donnita Tabron at 397-3960 or via email at LaVonne.Taliaferro-Bunch@dc.gov or Donnita.Tabron@dc.gov.

* Lorenzo Alexander, linebacker for the Washington Redskins, is bringing his ACES foundation to Miner. ACES volunteers serve as mentors to youth and seek to create a positive cycle by inspiring them to obtain a higher education, pursue a career, maintain a strong family unit, and give back to the community. On January 9 at 9:30 a.m., Mr. Alexander, with the help of psychology students from the Chicago School of Psychology, will read to fifth graders from the book *Gifted Hands*, the inspiring journey of Dr. Ben Carson from a childhood in inner-city Detroit to a position as director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital at age 33.

* Miner offers GED and diploma programs for adults. If you’re a Miner parent and need help getting your GED or high school diploma contact Ray Brooks or Donnita Tabron at 397-3960 or via email at Donnita.Tabron@dc.gov.

* Volunteers are needed to tutor students performing below grade level in reading and math. Tutoring is on Saturdays at 9 a.m. If you’re interested in volunteering, contact Sylvia Mills at 397-3960 or via email at sylvia.mills@dc.gov or LaVonne.Taliaferro-Bunch@dc.gov.

* Two plays will be performed at Miner ES in February. Check the February issue of *The Buzz* for details.

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... "How to Take Really Good Digital Photographs of Gardens and Flowers," Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. Karen Rexrode, horticulturist and artist, will discuss new digital techniques for photographing the plant world. The meeting will be held in the basement of the Church of the Brethren at North Carolina Ave. and 4th St. SE. Enter by the 4th St. side ground-level door. For more information on the Capitol Hill Garden Club, visit capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com.

Restaurant Recovery

Argonaut owners Scott Magnuson and Shaaren Pine have started "Restaurant Recovery" to help career restaurant workers find and pay for drug and alcohol treatment. They are looking for a volunteer web designer and graphic artist. For more information, please check out their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/RestaurantRecovery.

Maury Loves Disco

by Michelle Phipps-Evans

Trying to find a fun way to show love on Valentine's Day with the kids? Well, come and boogie down at Maury Loves Disco. This is a chance for you and the kids to shake it with fun music and tons of balloons. You can get your groove on for free. There will be a nominal price for food and trinkets to add to the fun on Thursday, February 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Maury Elementary, 13th Street and Constitution Avenue NE.

Let's rock the house!

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Photography Exhibition

The Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW) hosts its Seventh Annual Photography Exhibition and Reception on Saturday, February 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 545 7th St., SE. The exhibition features works from local and regional artists using a variety of photographic processes including black and white, color, traditional, alternative, material, and digital. Admission to the opening and exhibition is free. The show continues until March 1, 2013.

Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. (M-Th), 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. (F), and 9 a.m.-2p.m. (Sat).



Martini by Irene Clouthier

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- **Maury Loves Disco**, Thurs. Feb. 14, 6-8 p.m., 1250 Constitution Ave. NE. *See article.*
- **Maury ES Open House**, Wed., Feb. 20, 9-10:30 a.m., 1250 Constitution Ave. NE. *See article.*
- **Miner ES Open Houses**, Thurs. Feb. 21 and 28, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. *See article.*
- **Miner ES Performances "Black Images"**, Thurs. Feb. 28, 7 p.m., March 1, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. and March 2, 7 p.m., 601 15th St. NE. *See article.*
- **Permits 101: A Primer on the District's Permitting Process**, Wed. Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Maury ES, 1250 Constitution Ave. NE. *See article.*
- **Commemoration of 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington**, Sat. Feb. 23, 1-5 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol St. NE. *See article.*
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Were You There?

Remembering the 1963 March on Washington

Capitol Hill Village and the Overbeck Capitol Hill History Project are co-sponsoring a cross-generational commemoration of the historic 1963 March on Washington. It will take place on Saturday, February 23, 1- 5 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol Street NE (accessible from rear). There will be a keynote speaker, a moderator, and a panel to share personal stories of their experiences during the March. There will also be a contest for students at participating Capitol Hill schools to write their own "I Have a Dream" speech. The winners will receive scholarship money and will be invited to deliver their speeches at the event.

Volunteers are needed to assist on the day of the event. Contact Pat Brockett, pbrockett@dwx.com, 431-4099. Those who attended the March and would like to submit their memories of the event are invited to do so at www.capitolhillhistory.org/memories/.

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents...

"Permits 101: What You Need to Know," a primer on the District's permitting process. Representatives from various agencies will make a presentation at Maury Elementary (1250 Constitution Ave. NE) on February 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. Topics will include under what circumstances permits are needed, and how to get them. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and handicapped-accessible and the public is encouraged to attend. For more information, visit the website, www.chrs.org, or call 543-0425.

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New ANC 6A Commissioners

New terms have begun for the commissioners of ANC 6A. Only three of the eight have served before (David Holmes, 6A03; Nick Alberti, 6A04; and Andrew Hysell, 6A05), although Omar Mahmud, 6A01, served as Chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee for several years before being elected commissioner. Other freshmen are Gloria Nauden, 6A02; Jay Williams, 6A05; Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, 6A07; and Calvin Ward, 6A08. A map outlining the single member districts (SMDs) is available on the ANC Map page of the website, www.anc6a.org. Once you have determined your SMD, you can identify your representative on the Commissioners page, where their contact information is published. If you need assistance, email your questions to anc6a@galluadet.edu.

Hill Center Presents...

- A concert with Debra Tidwell, a DC-based jazz vocalist and cabaret artist, on February 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15. Register online at www.hillcenterdc.org.
- Library of Congress film: "Say Amen, Somebody" and special performance by Patrick Lundy and the Ministers of Music, February 23, 1 - 3:45 p.m. "Say Amen, Somebody" tells the uplifting story of how gospel got its roots in America, focusing on two of the movement's pioneers, Thomas A. Dorsey and Willie May Ford Smith. Patrick Lundy and the Ministers of Music present a special performance that honors gospel's legacy with a contemporary spin. Free. Sign up online at www.hillcenterdc.org or by calling 549-4172.
- *The Smithsonian Castle and The Seneca Quarry* – conversation and book signing with Garrett Peck, February 28, 7 - 9 p.m. Free.

The Hill Center is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.

Open Houses and Performances at Miner ES

Miner ES (601 15th St. NE) is hosting two open houses to introduce neighborhood families to their exciting programs. The first is Thursday, February 21 and the second is a week later on the 28th. In addition, Principal Taliaferro-Bunch encourages parents to stop by individually any time between 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. This will allow you to have a clearer view of the activities of a normal school day. She can be reached at lavonne.taliaferro-bunch@dc.gov, though appointments are not required.

Performances of "Black Images" will be staged on February 28 (7 p.m.), March 1 (1 p.m. & 7 p.m.) and March 2 (7 p.m.). Students ages 4-13 will participate, as curators and docents, in presenting artifacts in honor of Black History Month. Light fare will be available for purchase at the evening performances. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults and can be purchased at the door.

Maury ES Open House

Submitted by Michelle Phipps-Evans
Maury Elementary School will be hosting its final open house on February 20 at 9 a.m. Come, meet our energetic principal, experienced and caring 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.

The school is located at the corner of 13th 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.

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Evolve Urban Arts

Evolve Urban Arts Project is proud to announce the opening of an installation of work by Emma Steinkraus. Emma worked briefly as a curatorial assistant at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, and now teaches painting in here at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop and LivingSocial.

All are invited to an opening reception Thursday, March 28 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Assorted hors d'oeuvres and signature beverages will be paired with select works. The show runs through May 3 at 1375 Maryland Ave. NE.

Meanwhile, the current installation of work by local artist, Anne Marchand will hang at the gallery through March 21. Anne's themes are diverse. She searches landscape, cosmoscape and abstract designs in nature for structure and movement in her compositions.

To view either exhibit, please call 744-6439 for an appointment. Visit <http://art.evolvedc.com>.



Gas Station at Night by Emma Steinkraus

Capitol Hill Little League

Registration for the spring softball season closes March 12. Open to ages 9-12 and 13-16. New or experienced players are welcome. Cost: \$125. Visit www.capitolhilllittleleague.org.

The Buzz is Broke!

Once again, the "Buzz fund" has been nearly 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 Assn. and mailed to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

Assuming we continue...

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The Capitol Hill Garden Club presents...

... "New Orchids," Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Tom Mirenda, orchid specialist for the Smithsonian Institution, will discuss the amazing array of new orchids we can expect to see in U.S. markets. Growing Tips too. The meeting will be held in the basement of the Church of the Brethren at North Carolina Ave. and 4th St. SE. Enter by the 4th St. side ground-level door. For more information on the Capitol Hill Garden Club, visit capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com.

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- **Maury at the Market**, Sat. March 16, 7-10 p.m., Eastern Market North Hall. *See article.*
- **Preservation Café, "Caring for Historic Iron Work"**, Wed. March 20, 6:30 p.m., Ebenezers Coffee House, 2nd & F St. NE. *See article.*
- **Opening Reception**, Thurs. March 28, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Evolve Urban Arts Gallery, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE. *See article.*
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Hill Rag Puts Local Crime Info On-line

Buzz readers have asked for more local crime and public safety information, but our monthly publication cycle doesn't lend itself to timely coverage. Fortunately for us, the Hill Rag has become a daily news operation online. You can find all about the latest public safety issues in The Blotter at www.hillrag.com; type 'blotter' into the search engine.

Maury at the Market

by Lisa Mangi

Save the Date!! Maury's flagship fundraiser, Maury at the Market, will take place Saturday, March 16 from 7-10 p.m. in the North Hall of Eastern Market. Come join your neighbors at this fun event that includes a silent auction and limited live auction for exciting items like hotel packages, restaurant and spa gift certificates and sporting event tickets.

Tickets are \$30 in advance per person and \$35 at the door and may be purchased from your favorite Maury family or at www.mauryatthemarket.org. The ticket price includes heavy appetizers and beer and wine, which have been generously donated by Tunnicliff's and other local restaurants. Last year's event raised over \$60,000 and helps to fund teacher's aides' salaries and enrichment programs. Show your support for your community and join the fun on March 16!!!

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 "Caring for Historic Iron Work", Wednesday, March 20, 6:30-7:15 p.m. at Ebenezers Coffee House (downstairs), 2nd and F St. NE. Fred Mashack, an expert on iron work restoration, will talk about repair and replacement of front steps, fencing and other iron work elements that are central to the charm of Capitol Hill.

The event is free and handi-capped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend. No reservations required. For more information, visit www.chrs.org.

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Hill Center Presents...

- Hill Center Concert Series: Pamela Ferguson and Alouette the Dragon, March 9, 11 a.m. – 12 Noon. Free for kids 12 and under; \$10 for adults. Buy tickets online at hillcenterdc.org.
- DC Public Library Story Time, March 9, 11 a.m. – 12 Noon. Free. Register online at hillcenterdc.org.
- Hill Center Jazz Ensemble featuring Eric Wheeler, March 12, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15. Purchase online at hillcenterdc.org
- Step Afrika! Reads (Ages 2-5), March 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Step Afrika! Reads promotes reading and literacy skills and invites kids to get up on their feet to participate in a mini workshop. Free. Register at hillcenterdc.org or by calling 549-4172.
- Senator Bernie Sanders, Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m. Free but registration is required. Sign up online at hillcenterdc.org or by calling 549-4172.
- Environmental Film Festival: The Lost Bird Project, March 15, 7 p.m. (adults) Five short films for pre-school age children, March 16, noon. Seven short films for older children, March 16, 1 p.m. All are free. Register online at hillcenterdc.org.
- Senator Chris Dodd, Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m. Free but registration is required. Sign up online at hillcenterdc.org or by calling 549-4172.
- Hill Center is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave, SE.

Locating Stolen Property

MPD has recovered hundreds of stolen electronic items. If you believe your item may be among them, you may submit, to stolen.property@dc.gov, your ownership information, such as a serial number or other uniquely identifiable information that establishes ownership.

Lincoln Park Renovation

By Nick Alberti, ANC 6A04

The National Park Service has announced that it will begin refurbishing the hardscape in Lincoln Park in late February. During construction, the east side of Lincoln Park will be closed to all traffic to repair the interior park walkways. This will affect pedestrian access to the playgrounds, center panel, bulletin boards and water fountains. The sidewalk around the perimeter of the park will remain open. They project that the park will be reopened by this coming Memorial Day, May 27.

Joy Kinard, Central District Manager -National Capital Parks, East, promises future updates will be available at www.nps.gov/cahi.

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Burlesque for Beginners workshop on Friday, March 8, 7-9 p.m. at 545 7th Street, SE. Participants will learn basic burlesque skills and a flirty dance routine to take home and share. No dance experience is required. This workshop is taught by Lola Rose, a burlesque dancer and choreographer who runs the local company Burlesque Classique. Cost is \$25 for students ages 18 and up, and includes instruction, light refreshment, and two glasses of wine. Call 547-6839 to reserve your spot.
- Art Workshop at Mr. Henry's Restaurant's Family Night, Tuesday, March 12 from 6-8 p.m. at 6th and Pennsylvania Ave, SE. Kids of all ages can join CHAW teaching artists for arts projects. Free and open to all age levels.
- For more information on all CHAW events, call 547-6839 or visit www.chaw.org. The Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW) provides arts education to children and adults in the greater Capitol Hill area.

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NLPNA Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 18

Friends of Rosedale Library

Contributed by Dana Wyckoff

There's a brand new and easy way to show your support for the new library at 17th and Gales Street, NE... join the Friends of the Rosedale Library (FORL). Like other Friends groups in DC and across the country, FORL is a 501(c)(3) membership organization that encourages the use of the resources and services of our local library. We'll raise funds for materials and special programs, recruit volunteers for both FORL and the library, and advocate for the Rosedale Library and the DC library system. Rosedale Friends is a member of the Federation of Friends of the DC Public Library.

We are actively recruiting additional members. Dues are \$10 annually for individuals, \$5 for senior citizens and students under 18, and \$25 for businesses and organizations. All dues and additional contributions are fully tax deductible. To join, complete a membership form, available at the library. If you have questions or would like to receive the form electronically, email us at friendsoftherosedalelibrary@gmail.com.

Lemonade Days

Two neighborhood schools, Maury ES and Eliot-Hine MS, are partnering with George Washington University and Serve Your City (a local non-profit) in the first ever Lemonade Days. Support them by purchasing a refreshing drink on Sunday, April 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Eastern Market Metro Plaza or on Monday, April 15, 3:30 – 5 p.m. in front of Maury.

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- Tarantella & Pizza Family Night, Friday, April 12 from 6-8 p.m. at 547 7th St. SE. Eat a little pizza, dance a little Tarantella, paint a little fresco, have a lot of fun at CHAW’s family arts night and camp open house. Free, but RSVP by calling 547-6839 or emailing victor@chaw.org.
- CHAWbaret: “Take a Chance on Me,” Friday, April 19 at 8 p.m., and two shows on Saturday, April 20, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 547 7th St. SE. An evening of pop songs, standards, and show tunes focusing on taking chances and gambling. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Email victor@chaw.org or call 547-6839. Light refreshments will be served.
- Harmonica for Beginners Workshop, Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 547 7th St. SE. Cost \$75.

CHAW provides arts education to children and adults in the greater Capitol Hill area. For more information on all CHAW events, call 547-6839 or visit www.chaw.org.

Capital City Symphony – “OPERA! Scenes and Songs”

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. On Sunday, April 14 at 5 p.m. they will present a semi-staged concert of selected scenes and arias from Puccini’s *La Bohème*. Tickets are \$16-\$25. Age 16 and under are free. Details at www.capitalcitysymphony.org.

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 “Garden Architecture,” Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-7:15 p.m. at Ebenezers Coffee House (downstairs), 2nd and F St. NE.

The event is free and handicapped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend. No reservations required. For more information, visit www.chrs.org.

Locating Stolen Property

The Metropolitan Police Department has recovered hundreds of stolen electronic items. If you believe your item may be among them, you may submit, to stolen.property@dc.gov, your ownership information, such as a serial number or other uniquely identifiable information that establishes ownership.



Photo of CHAW student by Leslie Mansour

Hill Center Presents...

- Step Afrika! Reads (ages 2-5), April 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Step Afrika! Reads promotes reading and invites kids to get up on their feet to participate in a mini workshop. Free. RSVP online at hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172.
- All Politics is Local with NBC4 News Reporter Tom Sherwood: DC Special Election Forum, Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m. Free. RSVP online at hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172.
- Volunteer Capitol Hill, Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Free. Learn about opportunities for volunteer service in our neighborhood. Celebrate contributions of Nicky and Steve Cymrot.
- Adventure Theatre Children’s Group Performance, Sunday, April 21, 3 p.m. Free. RSVP online at hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172.
- Hill Center Concert Series: Flutar, Monday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. Cost \$15. Buy tickets online at hillcenterdc.org. This duo performs world music, classical, jazz, folk, and their own compositions. Register online at hillcenterdc.org.
- Red Cross Blood Drive, Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. RSVP online at hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172.
- Birth and Babies Fair, Sunday, April 28, noon – 5 p.m. Free. RSVP online at hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172. DC’s inaugural Birth and Babies Fair featuring a variety of exhibits and programs on doulas, health, cloth diapers, baby-wearing, parenting support, and baby foods. Learn more at dcbirthandbabiesfair.com
- My Animals and Other Family: Author conversation and book signing with Clare Balding and Liz Clarke, Monday, April 29, 7 – 9 p.m. Free. RSVP online at hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172.
- Hill Center is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.

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NLPNA Yard Sale Trash or Treasure?

The North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (NLPNA) yard sale will be held Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the triangle park between the 1300 blocks of North Carolina Ave. and A St. NE (between 13th and 14th streets).

This annual event is our primary source of funding for community building activities including tree plantings and *Buzz* distribution (!!!!). Plus awesome deals abound!

Donated items (tax deductible) to sell and volunteers to help stage the event are needed. Donations may be dropped off from 8-10 a.m. on the day of the sale. We cannot accept magazines and large upholstered furniture.

If you can post a flyer or two (in a place where you'll remember to remove it later), we can email it to you. For more information or to volunteer, call 543-3512 or e-mail elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com, with "yard sale" as the subject.

No Lines, Online at DMV

"Skip the Trip," and conduct DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) business online. DMV has more than 40 online services available. Computers provide access to www.dmv.dc.gov daily from 6 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. Also, all District public libraries have computers with secure Internet connections for conducting DMV online transactions with credit, debit, or bank cards.

The Buzz is (not quite) broke...

... but despite several generous donations (and offers of free printing) from loyal *Buzz* readers, we are still in need of additional funding. 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 Assn. and mailed to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of 11th St., 1100 block of E St., and 1500 blocks of Constitution Ave., North Carolina Ave., and A St.

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

Capitol Hill Classic

The NCB Capitol Hill Classic 10K will kick off its 34th annual run on May 19 at 8:30 a.m. The event includes a 10K, a 3K, and a kids' fun run, all of which start and finish in front of Peabody Primary School on Stanton Park. The 10K course goes out around RFK Stadium and back, while the 3K goes to Lincoln Park and the fun run is a lap around Stanton Park for kids of all ages. All proceeds from the Classic go to the Capitol Hill Cluster School.

To get more information, register, or volunteer to help with the Classic, visit capitolhillclassic.com or email Jason Levine at director@capitolhillclassic.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (May 7), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE. All are welcome!
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (May 9), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **CHRS House and Garden Tour**, Sat. & Sun., May 11-12. *See article.*
- **Preservation Café, "Garden Architecture,"** Wed. May 15, 6:30 p.m., Ebenezers Coffee House, 2nd & F St. NE. *See article.*
- **Dance Performance, "What Did You Say?"** Fri. May 17, 8 p.m., Gallaudet University's Elstad Stadium (800 Florida Ave. NE). *See article.*
- **NLPNA Yard Sale**, Sat. May 18, triangle park between 1300 blocks of North Carolina Ave. and A St. NE. *See article.*
- **Capitol Hill Classic race**, Sun. May 19. *See article.*
- **Capitol City Symphony**, Sun. May 19, 5 p.m., Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE. *See article.*
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Capital City Symphony – Season Finale!

The Capital City Symphony is a full-size symphony orchestra based as one of the arts partners at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE. On Sunday, May 19 at 5 p.m. they will present their season finale. The program includes:

* Dvorak's *Cello Concerto* with Brannon Cho, cello, winner of the 2012 Johansen International Competition

* Tchaikovsky, Waltz and Polonaise from *Eugene Onegin*

* Stravinsky's *Firebird*

Tickets are \$16-\$25. Age 16 and under are free. Details at www.capitalcitysymphony.org.

Brahim Bouchelaghem *"What Did You Say?"*

In "What Did You Say," dancer and choreographer Brahim Bouchelaghem merges the poetry of his mentor, Carolyn Carlson, with the story of his rise as a dancer. Set to audio and visuals produced by Carlson, the piece is a blend of hip-hop movement and lyrical expression. Presented by the Alliance Française at Gallaudet University's Elstad Stadium (800 Florida Ave, NE) on May 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$5-20. Graduating Gallaudet students free. Details at www.francedc.org.

Swarm of Bees?

It's spring, and beekeepers are really glad of it because it has been a bad winter for bees nationwide; a great many hives have been lost. If you see a swarm of bees, local beekeepers will be happy to catch them and give them a safe place to live. Call Toni at 255-4318 or email dcbees@dcbeekeeper.org and she will send an experienced beekeeper, quickly, to help you out. Insecticides truly will not take care of your situation, but beekeepers can.



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 "Solar Panels" on Wednesday, May 15, 6:30-7:15 p.m. at Ebenezer's Coffee House (downstairs), 2nd and F St. NE. Jeff Thomas of Solar Energy World, will discuss the benefits and logistics of installing solar panels; Frances McMillen of the District's Historic Preservation Office will be on hand to address considerations within the historic district.

The event is free and handicapped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend. No reservations required. For more information, visit www.chrs.org.

... and House & Garden Tour

Save Mother's Day weekend (May 11 and 12) for the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's (CHRS) 56th Annual House & Garden Tour. With the theme "In the shadow of the Capitol: Old traditions, new beginnings," this year's tour showcases one of the oldest parts of Capitol Hill. The 1.2-mile walkable tour, between First, Third, C, and South Carolina Ave. SE, includes modern renovations as well as traditional homes, from a one-bedroom alley dwelling to a three-story B&B. The refreshment break will be held at the American Legion hall.

The Capitol Hill House Tour is the longest continuously running house tour in the city, and it supports the many civic and historic preservation projects of the CHRS.

Tour tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 the weekend of the tour. They may be purchased online at www.chrs.org and at select venues around the Hill (see website for locations). CHRS will also have a booth at Eastern Market on weekends beginning April 19, where tickets and CHRS memberships can be purchased.

Hill Center Presents...

- Hill Center Concert Series: Pamela Ferguson and Alouette the Dragon, Saturday, May 11, 11 a.m. Adults \$10; children free. Pamela is a violinist and Alouette is, well, a dragon. Tickets online at hillcenterdc.org.
- Hill Center Concert Series: Jaun Pablo Jofre – Tango on the Hill, Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15, available online at hillcenterdc.org.
- Worldplay: Traditional Music of the World – Karpouzi Trio, Sunday, May 19, 3:30 p.m., \$15. Karpouzi plays music on traditional instruments from Greece. The band loves to play for dance parties and always invites the audience onto the dance floor! Tickets online at hillcenterdc.org.
- Revolutionary Optimists Film Screening, Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m. Free. RSVP at hillcenterdc.org or 549-4172.

Hill Center is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Sip & Paint, Friday, May 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 547 7th St. SE. Cost \$30. Step-by-step instruction from artists Ellen Cornett and Sheppard Bear. Enjoy snacks and wine. Register at 547-6839.
- Art Workshop at Mr. Henry's Restaurant's Family Night, Tuesday, May 21 from 6-8 p.m. at 6th and Pennsylvania Ave. SE. Kids of all ages can join CHAW teaching artists for arts projects. Free.

For more information on all CHAW events, call 547-6839 or visit www.chaw.org.

DC Crime Map is Back

You can check number of crimes for the day, month, or year for your address at crimemap.dc.gov/CrimeMapSearch.aspx.

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The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents...

"Do We Need the Height Act?", a free forum Wednesday, June 19, 7-9 p.m. at HillCenter 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE. The doors will open at 6:30 pm; the presentation will follow a brief business meeting of the CHRS membership. The speaker will be Laura Richards, an attorney who testified before Congressman Issa's Committee last summer in support of the Height Act. Her testimony emphasized that the Height Act of 1910 plays a positive, powerful role in shaping the cityscape and the experience of living in the District.

The event is free and handicapped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend. No reservations required. For more information, visit www.chrs.org.

On April 11, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the DC Office of Planning announced a study of the impacts of changes to the federal Height of Buildings Act of 1910. The study follows Congressman Darrel Issa's 2012 hearing on "Changes to the Height Act: Shaping Washington, DC for the Future.". NCPC will conduct outreach sessions on May 13 at Petworth Library and May 22 at NCPC's offices. Hearings will be held in June and a draft recommendation will be made in September 2013. Additional information will be provided at: www.ncpc.gov/heightstudy.

DC Crime Map

Crime information is available at crimemap.dc.gov/CrimeMapSearch.aspx

Buzz Update

In the April and May issues we reported that *The Buzz* was running out of money. But we have since received donations and offers of limited free printing from loyal – and generous – Buzz readers (thank you!!). Plus we may receive a new allocation when the budget is approved in August.

That said, we are still a bit short and 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 11th St., 1100 block of E St., and 1200 and 1500 blocks of Constitution Ave. and 1500 block of A St.

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Art and Performance Festival Saturday, June 8 from 2:30-10 p.m. at 545 7th St. SE. Youth ballet, violin students, vocal ensembles. Ceramics student sale. Zumba, burlesque, painting. Free.
- Summer arts classes and camps: Painting, printmaking, cartography, photography, dance, ceramics, guitar, jewelry making, writing, sewing and more. Early childhood classes include Music Together and Pre-Ballet/Ballet. Students in grades K-6 focus on the arts of Colombia, India, the American West, and Italy. Tuition assistance and payment plans are available.

For more information on all CHAW events, call 547-6839 or visit www.chaw.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (June 4), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE. All are welcome! *See article.*
- **Opening Reception**, Thurs. June 6, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Evolve Urban Arts Gallery, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (June 13), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **CHRS presents "Do We Need the Height Act?"**, Wed. June 19, 7-9 p.m., HillCenter, 921 PA Ave SE. *See article.*
- **NLPNA does not meet in July**
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

FORL Meeting

The Friends of the Rosedale Library (FORL) will hold a membership meeting on June 17, at 6 p.m. at the Rosedale Library (1701 Gales Street, NE). Like other DC Library Friends groups, FORL supports and promotes library programs and events, raises funds for materials and books, recruits volunteers, and advocates for Library issues. For more information, email them at FriendsoftheRosedaleLibrary@gmail.com or call 571-213-1630.

The **DC Summer Reading Program**, "Dig Into Books" is for all ages, and runs through August 24, with events, programs and prize opportunities for top readers. Stop by the Rosedale Library and check it out.

Please Water Trees

We are fortunate to have received many new street trees this year, but 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. They rely on the neighbors. You can help by joining the Urban Forestry Administration's Canopy Keeper program and adopting a tree near your home. For those concerned about the cost, this is much less expensive than you may think. Trees for Capitol Hill (TFCH) estimates that it costs less than \$10 to water a tree for an entire summer.

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 or basin. It helps 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. A 2-4 inch layer is sufficient, but the mulch must be kept away from the trunk to discourage destructive insects. Clean weeds from the planting space. This helps in two ways: First, the tree will not have to compete with the weeds for water. Second, the water bags are less likely to be punctured by mowers if there is nothing to mow.

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!

TFCH has a few bags and basins that can be borrowed for the season. If you want one, contact The Buzz.

To register as a Canopy Keeper, contact DDOT at ddot.dc.gov/canopykeepers. Service requests can be made on www.dc.gov or by calling 311.

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 with "trees" as the subject, or call 543-3512 before June 11.

For more information, visit <http://treesforcapitolhill.org>.

2013 PRIDE Exhibit

In celebration of 2013 Capital Pride, Evolve Urban Arts Project is hosting a show, through June 28, of work by local GLBT artists. The opening reception, 5:30-8:30 p.m. on June 6, is free and open to the public.

The Project space is located in the Pierce School Lofts at 1375 Maryland Avenue, NE.

To view this exhibit, please call 744-6439 for an appointment.

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.

NLPNA Yard Sale

The NLPNA Yard Sale took place the Saturday after Mothers Day. The weather stank. We may have been due for rain, as we've had dry skies the last few years, but it was still miserable. We made the best of it and took in \$860; not a banner year – but pretty good, considering.

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!

HillCenter Presents...

- *Three on a Match*, Friday, June 7, 7p.m. Free. Join New Yorker staff writer Margaret Talbot and movie critic Nell Minow for a screening and discussion.
- *A Guide to Civil War Washington DC* book signing with Cindy Janke, Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m. Free. From the story of one of the first African American army surgeons, Dr. Alexander Augusta, to the tireless efforts of Clara Barton, historian Lucinda Prout Janke renders an intimate portrait of a community on the front lines of war. Join Janke as she guides readers through the changing landscape of a capital besieged. Janke is a longtime resident of Capitol Hill.
- *All Politics is Local*, Wednesday, June 19, 7 p.m. Free. NBC 4 reporter Tom Sherwood and Chancellor of DC Public Schools, Kaya Henderson, will discuss current issues facing the DC public schools.
- Enrollment is still open for summer programs for kids at Hill Center, such as MathTree, Mad Science, C3 Cyber Club, Corcoran Camp Creativity, Writopia and more.

Hill Center at Old Naval Hospital is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. www.hillcenterdc.org

NLPNA June Agenda

The NLPNA will consider the feasibility and desirability of entering into pocket-park "adoption" agreements at the June 4 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Lane Memorial CME Church, corner of 14th & C Sts. NE.

Commissioner Alberti, ANC 6A04, will be present to meet with his constituents.

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NLPNA DOES NOT MEET IN JULY

August NLPNA Meeting

The first Tuesday in August (the 6th) 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, probably in Lincoln Park although other venues are under consideration. If it is held in an alternate location, it will be posted on the Community Calendar at www.anc6a.org. Bring a covered dish or beverage to share.

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, contact Gloria Junge, Chair of the Finance Committee. She will have a planning meeting in July and can be reached at 546-4143.

4th of July Parade on Capitol Hill

For the eleventh year, Capitol Hill will have its own, home-grown 4th of July parade! PTAs from Capitol Hill schools, the 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., and west on D St. to 7th St. where it will turn north toward Eastern Market.

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

Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of 11th St., 1100 block of E St., 1200 and 1500 blocks of Constitution Ave., and 1500 block 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.

We are also seeking free or low-cost printing. If you can print even a couple of hundred copies, that would be helpful. Donations are also appreciated; checks should be made payable to North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and sent to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

ANC 6A Grants

The Community Outreach Committee of ANC 6A is accepting grant applications for evaluation at their August 12 meeting and subsequent consideration by ANC 6A at their September 12 meeting. Requests must be received, electronically, by August 5. The primary benefit of any grant must be to residents of ANC 6A.

The application form, which includes filing instructions and funding guidelines, is available at www.anc6a.org/documents.html.

Potential grant applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Elizabeth Nelson at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com to obtain advice on the application process prior to submitting an application. A review of successful grant applications (similar in purpose), also on the website, is also encouraged.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA does not meet in July**
- **Capitol Hill Independence Day Parade**, Wed. July 4, 10 a.m., 8th St. SE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (July 11), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Aug. 8), 7 p.m., annual Neighborhood Night Out potluck supper. All are welcome! *See article.*
- **Application deadline, ANC 6A summer grants**, Mon., Aug 5, *See article.*
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

H Street Farmers Market

The H Street NE FreshFarm Market is open for its ninth season every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 13th Street and H Street NE. All local foods including fresh fruits and vegetables, pasture-raised meats and eggs, artisan breads and baked goods, pickles, jams, honey, plants, and flowers. New this season: Maryland crab cakes, dips, and soups from Shells Yes! and handmade croissants and fruit pies from Frenchie's. Shoppers using SNAP (Food Stamps), WIC, and SFMNP checks get free matching dollars to spend at the market. The market is open rain or shine! Visit www.freshfarmmarkets.org; Twitter: @FreshFarmHStNE

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Sip and Paint, Saturday, July 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Receive step-by-step instruction from teaching artists Ellen Cornett and Sheppard Bear while enjoying snacks and wine. \$30 includes all materials and refreshments.
- Creative Journaling, Friday, July 26, 7-9 p.m. Express your thoughts on paper using mixed media and collage techniques in this workshop with teaching artist Karen. No special abilities or art background is necessary. The workshop is \$10 per person and for ages 18+.
- Family Art Afternoon – Animal Collage, Saturday, July 27, 1-3 p.m. Using animal characteristics and qualities as inspiration, explore a wide variety of materials and techniques to create collage with teaching artist Lorraine Land. The workshop is \$10 per family and for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. CHAW is located at 547 7th St. SE. For more information on all CHAW events, call 547-6839 or visit www.chaw.org. CHAW offers a tuition assistance program and flexible payment plans.

Rosedale Library Presents...

- Poetry Workshop with Candice Iloh, Friday, July 5, 5:30 p.m.
- Pacific Rhythm Dancers, Thursday, July 18, 1 p.m.
- Smithsonian Preservation Program, “Preserving Artifacts,” Wednesday, July 24, 1 p.m. (ages 9 and up).

The library is located at 1701 Gales Street NE. For more information visit www.dclibrary.org/rosedale.

DC Crime Map

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June Meeting Report Pocket Park Adoptions

As advertised in *The Buzz*, at our June 4 meeting, the NLPNA considered the feasibility and desirability of entering into pocket-park “adoption” agreements. Those present agreed that we should form a working group to pursue such agreements for the purposes of (1) ensuring continued public access to public spaces and (2) establishing that neighbors have permission from the relevant District agencies to legally perform maintenance in these areas.

Meetings of the working group will be advertised in *The Buzz* when feasible, but the primary means of notification will be through posting on the Community Calendar page of the ANC 6A website. Messages will also be sent to anyone who submits an email address for this purpose.

The first three pocket parks to be considered for adoption are (1) the triangle between 13th and 14th St. on the 1300 blocks of North Carolina Ave and A St. NE; (2) the triangle at the intersection of Constitution Ave and North Carolina Ave at 14th St. (in front of Brown AME); and the triangle formed by 13th St. and Tennessee Ave, south of Constitution Ave NE. Others may be added to the list at the request of neighbors interested in doing the maintenance.

At this time, we don’t know what the process will be, since the parks are believed to be administered by the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT), not the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). While the DPR program is well established, it’s unclear how DDOT handles park adoptions. Guidance has been requested.

If you would like to join the email list, send your name, street address, and email address to elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com with “park adoption group” in the subject line.

HillCenter Presents...

- Hill Flicks/Hollywood on the Potomac: *Slam* Film Screening, Friday, July 12, 7 p.m. Free. Register at hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172. Join Hill Center and the Friends of the Southeast Library for a special screening of the film *Slam* (1998). Gritty, documentary-like first feature about a wayward DC youth from Southeast who redeems himself through the efforts of his teacher to get him into the slam poetry scene. Filmed entirely in the city, including scenes in the DC Jail. Mike Canning, author of *Hollywood on the Potomac*, will introduce the film and lead a Q&A after the film. Books will be available for sale.
 - WorldPlay: Traditional Music featuring the Children’s Choir of Tbilisi, Sunday, July 21, 3:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; Children’s tickets are \$10. Tickets are available at hillcenterdc.org. The Choir of the Evgeni Mikeladze Central Music School performs traditional folk and sacred choral music of the Republic of Georgia. Singers range in age from 8 to 18. The group is conducted by Badri Jimsheleishvili, who has toured as Director of the Chanters Group from the Church of St. Panteleimon the Healer, in Tbilisi. A conversation with the musicians about history, culture, and music, moderated by Mary Cliff of WAMU’s *Traditions*, will precede the performance.
- Hill Center at Old Naval Hospital is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. www.hillcenterdc.org.

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If you would like to help plan the budget, contact Gloria Junge, Chair of the Finance Committee. She will have a planning meeting in July and can be reached at 546-4143.

Landscaping Eastern Market Metro Plaza

Councilmember Tommy Wells is launching a community input effort to draw out ideas, suggestions, and support for the landscaping and beautification of the public spaces between 7th and 9th Sts. SE including the Metro plaza, the Pennsylvania Ave. medians, and the park north of Pennsylvania Ave., between 8th and 9th Streets.

The goal is to hear from as much of the community as possible before beginning the planning process. Two public input sessions were held in July.

Comments and suggestions will be posted on the project's website – www.easternmarketmetropark.com. The website will also accept direct input from community members. Visit the site and let your views be known.

DCPS Beautification Day

Beautification Day for all DC public schools will be held Saturday, August 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a citywide “spruce up” in preparation for school opening. Volunteers will help with landscaping, light painting, planting flowers, picking up trash, and other beautification efforts. Registration is available online through Monday, August 15.

For more information or to volunteer, click on the “Beautification Day 2013” link on the DC Public Schools website, www.dcps.dc.gov. You may email dcps.beautificationday@dc.gov or call 719-6601 with any questions or concerns.

Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 1300 block of North Carolina Ave., 1300 and 1500 blocks of A St., 1100 block of E St., and 1200 block of Constitution Ave. This is a good opportunity for a young person in need of community service hours. Call 543-3512 or email 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. Donations are also appreciated; checks should be made payable to North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and sent to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

DC Crime Map

Crime information is available at crimemap.dc.gov/CrimeMapSearch.aspx.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **Application deadline, ANC 6A summer grants**, Mon. Aug. 5. *See article.*
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Aug. 6), 7 p.m., east side of Lincoln Park. Annual Neighborhood Night Out potluck supper. All are welcome! *See article.*
- **Crab Feast**, Sat. Aug. 17, 2-6 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, corner of 14th and C Sts. NE. *See article.*
- **School Beautification Day**, Sat. Aug. 24, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. All DCPS schools.
- **ANC 6A does not meet in August**. Next meeting, second Thurs. (Sept. 13), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Sept. 3), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE. All are welcome!
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

Crab Feast

Lane Memorial CME Church is hosting a crab feast on Saturday, August 17 from 2-6 p.m. Cost is \$50. Call the church, 547-0407, for details and tickets.

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Elizabeth Nelson
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Hill Center Presents...

- Washington School of Photography: Foundations of Digital SLR Photography, series of four Saturday sessions, Aug. 3-24, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost \$245. Register at hillcenterdc.org. The Washington School of Photography will teach students how to operate their Digital SLR camera in manual exposure mode. Students will learn to choose their own aperture, shutter speed, and ISO, in addition to many other options like white balance, JPG vs. raw, and various compositional techniques..
- DC Public Library Story Time, Saturday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m. - noon. Free. Register at hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172. Story Time programs introduce young children to books, rhymes, music, and other fun activities.
- Italy Al Fresco: Italian Cooking with Chef Wendi of Le Cordon Bleu Paris, Saturday, Aug. 24, 2-4 p.m. \$65. Register at hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172. Prepare and enjoy Herb Marinated Skirt Steak, Crostini with Olive Tapenade, Lemon Herb Risotto, Tuscan Panzanella and Berry “Misu” Parfait

Hill Center at Old Naval Hospital is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. www.hillcenterdc.org.

Rosedale Library Presents...

- Story Tapestries with Storyteller Adrianna Ross (ages 6-12), Wednesday, August 14, 4 p.m.
- Summer Reading Finale Party (ages 0-19), Wednesday, August 14, 4 - 6 p.m.

The library is located at 1701 Gales Street NE. For more information visit www.dclibrary.org/rosedale. To join the Friends of Rosedale Library (FORL), email friendsoftherosedalelibrary@gmail.com.

Pocket Park Adoptions Update

An NLPNA working group has been formed to pursue pocket park “adoption” agreements with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), which administers most of these public spaces.

Several members attended the July 15 meeting of the Transportation and Public Space Committee of ANC 6A with representatives of DDOT. Unlike the Department of Parks and Recreation, which encourages community groups to enter into adoption agreements, DDOT does not offer such a program. However, strong sentiment was expressed that one should be developed. Neighbors maintain several small parks in the NLPNA area, such as the triangle between the 1300 blocks of North Carolina Ave. and A St. NE, but they currently have no legal standing to do so.

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Gilbert & Sullivan, “The Pirates of Penzance,” eight performances over two weekends, Aug. 1-3 and 8-10, at 545 7th St. SE. Evening performances begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling 547-6839 or at victor@chaw.org. Tickets for the matinee on Saturday, August 3, are \$10.
- Art Classes: CHAW is now registering for its fall classes in the visual and performing arts for all ages. The innovative after-school Youth Arts Program begins August 26. Adult and early childhood classes begin September 9.

CHAW is located at 547 7th St. SE. For more information on all CHAW events, call 547-6839 or visit www.chaw.org. CHAW offers a tuition assistance program and flexible payment plans.

DDOT Grants Public Space Permits without ANC Input

On a related matter, DDOT granted public space planting permits for a portion of Reservation 266 (triangle formed by 13th St. and Tennessee Ave., south of Constitution Ave.) to adjacent property owners without an opportunity for public input. Two large trees were removed and the southern half of the parcel is now bisected and hedged in a manner that discourages public uses. Some neighbors are pleased with the results, finding the appearance of the plantings attractive and an improvement over what was there previously. Others are deeply concerned by what they see as an impediment to free access of this public space and the lack of community input into a decision that has a lasting impact.

Regardless of one’s views on this particular project, it is troubling that DDOT did not first seek approval from the ANC. This puts all of our pocket parks at risk. DDOT could approve similar requests for any of our pocket parks, without community input, allowing them to be re-landscaped in a manner that compromises their usefulness as public spaces. Given our increasing population, especially children, we can’t afford to lose these amenities.

In this case, contention between neighbors could have been reduced, or avoided altogether, if DDOT had provided an opportunity to work out a landscaping plan that was satisfactory to most community members prior to granting permits.

At the T&PS Committee meeting, the DDOT representative was unprepared to respond to most questions regarding the permitting process, but did commit to providing answers, shortly. The questions and responses will be posted on Commissioner Alberti’s page of the ANC 6A website, www.anc6a.org/Com6A04.html.