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October Members Meeting Inaugurates 50th Anniversary of CHRS

Will Celebrate Preservation of Our Nation's Capital and Capitol Hill Community

by Charles McMillion

As CHRS volunteers prepare to begin our 50th anniversary, the October 6th members meeting will be a celebration of all who have worked to preserve the heritage of our nation's capital and our neighborhoods.

Our featured speaker for the evening is the President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Richard Moe. Since 1949, the National Trust has helped Americans protect the irreplaceable.

A private nonprofit organization with more than 200,000 members, the National Trust is the leader of the vigorous preservation movement that is saving the best of the country's past for the future.

As CHRS members know so well, when historic buildings and neighborhoods are torn down or allowed to deteriorate, a part of our past disappears forever. When that happens, particularly here in our nation's capital, we lose history that helps us know who we are, and we lose opportunities to live and work in the kinds of interesting and attractive surroundings that older buildings can provide.

Richard Moe has been president of the Trust since 1992, managing its



Richard Moe, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

many operations and educational programs. There may be no one in the country with a better perspective on the importance and successes of preservation efforts or on the severe challenges we now face.

CHRS is also inviting the presidents of organizations in other DC historic districts so that some of them might tell their own stories of the vital heritage that has been preserved in our diverse neighborhoods.

Please mark your calendars for this very special event at Saint Peter's Church (313 Second Street, SE) on October 6. A reception with light food and drink will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by a very short business meeting at 7:30 pm and the program will start promptly at 7:45 pm. All members of the Capitol Hill community are invited for an especially informative and enjoyable evening. ✧

At the Core for Fifty More

Planning has begun for events connected with the 50th Anniversary of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. At the August 10 Board of Directors Meeting, the Board unanimously resolved that the slogan for the CHRS 50th Anniversary will be "Looking ahead to 50 more years..."

The Board anticipates the production of a brochure outlining CHRS's accomplishments, feature articles on the Anniversary in the News, and the publication of a compilation of the biographies of the CHRS founders.

The 50th Anniversary programs will include the 50th Anniversary kickoff at the October 6, 2004 meeting. Other historic district civic associations will be invited to the October 6 meeting. A celebration (which may include fundraising) will also be planned for early 2005, possibly on a weekend night. ✧

President's Column

by Rob Nevitt

Your Board has spent some time considering a CHRS stand on the heightened security around the Capitol. I, personally, with others, feel that it is excessive, a misuse of resources, and shown by precedent to be ineffective. Certainly, it has changed the way we live in both practical and psychological terms. Others believe we should not publicly appear to endorse putting the Capitol at risk in the name of our own convenience, particularly since we have no alternative to propose, that the closed streets, etc., are a small price to pay for defense against a very real threat.

Therefore, I have shelved the idea of taking a definitive position in a letter to the media or even in this space, in favor of inviting discussion. Independently, Board member Gene Smith wrote the following personal reflection, which seems to me a good way to begin this debate. Email your thoughts to CapHRS@aol.com.

Remembering 9/11 — Did I Miss the Security Debate?

by Gene Smith

The perfect day, I thought, as I contemplated the gorgeous blue sky and the moderate temperature that was the perfect cross between an end-of-summer and early-fall day. It looked like business as usual on the Hill — school in session, and commerce humming along our city streets, with some modest tourism in the background for those who forgot to take their summer vacation. Personally, I was using the early morning to prepare for the birthday celebration of a close friend and colleague, jumping off the Metro to buy flowers and a card while considering the lunch options. (What an irony! This birthday has not been the same since.)

As I worked my way along 15th Street, NW, two blocks north of the White House, I heard the "BOOM" of the plane crashing into the Pentagon. We all know of the construction on the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge over the Potomac River, just south of Alexandria. My immediate thought: someone really overloaded that dynamite charge in laying the bridge pilings. Nothing changed in my world until I reached my office, and my secretary said abruptly, "Call your husband." My business partner uttered, "Oh, my God, there's a second one going into the Towers!" as he watched the TV screen in his office. My world went upside down, from a day of celebration and pure enjoyment of life, to incredulity, sorrow for those who suffered and those at risk, and fear for those I loved. Cell phones were a piece of small, non-functioning technology, as all lines within DC were overloaded with demands to reach New York City. Back in the streets, the exodus had begun, with no one going anywhere, gridlock never seen before, the outward bound Metro full before it shut down, unsure what to do. Luckily, I was back home, on the Hill, re-united with my family for a moment of sweet gratitude — before my husband, the MPD officer, took off to do whatever needed to be done.

Fast forward past many months of confusion and concern over the terrorist threat. The immediate responses of our government and our citizens have included the USA PATRIOT Act with its debate on balancing the rights of the government with those of the public, the funding of the new Capitol Visitors Center and the imposition of new security measures with the associated disruption of life around the Capitol for residents and tourists alike. It has gradually become clear — as new barriers were buried in the streets and checkpoints were

manned — that the street closures in the immediate vicinity of the Capitol that had looked temporary are fixed. The traffic stops and snarled traffic across the Hill and around the Capitol and the Supreme Court have become part of daily life.

It seems to work — the new system of closing streets, subjecting vehicles to inspection at checkpoints, and barring certain truck traffic — to secure the streets around the Capitol. Those of us who live near where we work are spared some of the adjustment of altered commuting time and diversion from our normal commuting routes. But that said, does this change really work? Is this the "plan"? Will authorities continue to stop and inspect every vehicle indefinitely? Is the idea that any dedicated terrorist would be dissuaded by the sheer irritation of waiting to get to the head of the line? What about the rest of us, who want to go about our lives, get to work, go to lunch and dinner, enjoy the sights and share them with our visiting family and friends?

Debate is in order. There are many options that might be considered and possibly that should have been considered. In the post 9/11 reality, life has moved on, but not necessarily with the consent of those affected. Here we are now, in security mode in a quiet village on the Hill, waiting for the next event — which will surely come. Are we safe and secure? Are we pushed to the limit by security constraints? Is it possible that the line needs to be re-drawn in the continuing battle to balance the need for security and the need for personal liberty?

Did I miss this debate? Or, while we are debating developments with family, friends and neighbors, has the government already reached its decision on its own? ✧

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Founded almost 50 years ago to preserve and protect Capitol Hill's residential character, the Society is now the largest civic association on Capitol Hill, and one of the largest in the entire District of Columbia. From the beginning, the Society has played a key role in maintaining the diverse, residential character of our neighborhood.

Penn East Formed to Promote Lower Pennsylvania Avenue Development

CHRS Backs Effort

by Brian Furness

Lower Pennsylvania Avenue development — long a community objective — is the objective of Penn East, a group recently formed to unite property owners, residents, and businesses behind the revitalization of Pennsylvania Avenue SE from 11th Street, SE to Barney Circle.

Penn East is organizing to build support for economic development that is sensitive to neighborhood desires and protective of the architectural context by attracting grants for planning and development. Following on the success of the 8th Street/Barracks Row effort, Penn East is exploring the possibility of a Re-Store D.C. or MainStreet grant. Other grants may also be available.

The Penn East organization — Bill Fecke has been elected interim president — builds on the efforts of Barney Circle Neighborhood Watch (BCNW) and Southeast Citizens for Smart Development, Inc. (SCSD). BCNW has promoted the Barney Circle neighborhood for over 15 years; SCSD was formed several

years ago to head up efforts to foster sensible “smart” development in the neighborhood around the Potomac Avenue Metro, in part by opposing Boys Town’s ill-considered plans for a large residential treatment facility at Pennsylvania Avenue, SE at 14th Street. Penn East’s efforts were given an enormous boost when Boys Town sold the property to developer JPI, which plans to build an apartment building with ground level retail.

The Penn East effort takes place in the context of the Ward 6 part of the Comprehensive Plan, which calls for a study of the area between the end of the Historic District at 13th Street, SE and Barney Circle. The results of this study are to be tied into the urban design part of the Comprehensive Plan that labels Pennsylvania Avenue a “special” street. One challenge will be to integrate the zoning and design controls on lower Pennsylvania Avenue to those within the Historic District.

CHRS is backing the new organization and its development objective. For more information — or simply to volunteer to help out — call Bill Fecke at 202-547-8354. ✧

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✧ Get a form at one of our many meetings

Starting at just \$25/year for a single membership, it's a great deal and the best way to help all your neighbors to maintain and improve our fantastic Capitol Hill Community.

CHRS Board Members Tour the Capitol Visitors Center



On Thursday, July 15, 2004, CHRS Board Members toured the Capitol Visitors Center (CVC). Tom Fontana, the Architect of the Capitol's Communication Officer for the Project, conducted the tour of the construction site. The Office of the Architect has been open to making the Capitol Hill neighborhood part of the project.

Left Top: Fontana explains CVC project details from the ground level on the East Front

Left Center: CHRS Board Members with Fontana on the Center Steps of the Capitol's East Front



Left Bottom: View of the underground approach to the CVC from the Center Steps of the Capitol's East Front

Right Above: View of the Capitol Dome from below ground level inside the CVC

Photos: Mike Eck

CHRS Celebrates 50th Anniversary

by *Trudy Petersen*

Do you think of Third and E Streets, NW as part of Capitol Hill? Fifty years ago the founders of the Restoration Society did.

Do you think that the restoration of Capitol Hill was spurred from the Southeast? All the Society's founders were from the Northeast.

Do you think that the House and Garden Tour is the reason the Society was formed? The tour was begun by Friendship House and only taken over by the Society when Friendship House elected not to continue it.

And do you think the Society predated other civic groups on the Hill? One of the founding members of the Society was the president of the already existing Stanton Park Citizens Association.

CHRS celebrates its 50th anniversary on January 28, 2005. That's the date that eight Hillites met at the 11 Third Street, NE house of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Paul L. McPherran to form a society with two purposes: to foster interest in restoring homes on Capitol Hill and to publicize the restorations. In rather high-flown language the group declared in a press release prior to the March meeting: "Our purpose is to accelerate the private restoration work that has begun in this locality, to offset the flight to the suburbs with encouragement to remodeling and to foster a civic and national pride in a distinguished and charming section of our city."

They named the newborn organization the "Capitol Hill Restoration Society," rejecting "Capitol Hill Restoration and Historic Society" and "Restoration

of Capitol Hill." The name stuck. One of the organizers, a fellow named John Poindexter (not the John Poindexter of later political fame), drafted the first by-laws. They were adopted on May 4, and Richard H. Stringfellow became the first elected president.

The first two meetings were in the McPherran's living room, but the interest was so great that a larger place was needed. The third meeting, in March 1955, was at the Alva Belmont House, the headquarters of the National Women's Party, at 144 Constitution Avenue NE. The Society would continue to meet at Belmont House until September 1959, when it outgrew that meeting room as well.

One of the first major activities of the Society, in August 1955, was to petition the National Capital Planning Commission to make a proper survey of the following areas, with a view towards declaring it a Renewal Area for advantageous purposes looking to the restoration of Capitol Hill:

- ✧ On the north — E Street from 3rd Street, NW to 11th Street, NE
- ✧ On the east — 11th Street from E Street, NE to G Street, SE
- ✧ On the south — G Street from 3rd Street, SW to 11th Street, SE
- ✧ On the west — 3rd Street from E Street, NW to G Street, SW

And for the past fifty years the Society has continued to petition the city, on behalf of all the people who live in the Capitol Hill area.

During this 50th anniversary year join with your neighbors and friends to look at where the Society has been and plan its future course. As the press release after the first meeting reported, the first meeting ended "with the fervent hope of its members for many more to follow." They could hardly have imagined that "many more" would last fifty years and beyond. ✧

Assets to Your Community?

by *Charles McMillion*

Maybe it's the summer heat but the Endowment Committee is thinking grand thoughts. Despite all the good works that we volunteers provide through CHRS, we are constantly limited in what we can do or support by lack of funds.

Beyond our meager dues, and unlike most similar organizations, CHRS has never sought contributions of assets such as real property or stocks from its members. Most of us already get more than enough of these solicitations from our colleges and other groups and we are not planning to launch a big campaign on behalf of CHRS.

But we do hope that each member will consider gifting an asset or including CHRS in your will. As a tax-exempt organization, gifts to CHRS can provide substantial tax advantages, particularly for property or stock that may have appreciated greatly in value.

One of the fantasies of the Endowment Committee is that someone will gift or deeply discount a currently abandoned, nuisance property to CHRS. The restoration would provide many community education opportunities — masonry, dry wall, wiring, plumbing, etc. — and the finished project would be of lasting benefit to the community. Revenue from the sale would add enormously to the CHRS Endowment and to our capacity to support other good works.

There are as many large and small possibilities like this as our members can imagine. We hope you will consider gifting an asset to CHRS. Talk with your tax advisor and call us at 202-543-0425 to discuss. ✧

Reserve Now for September 14 Overbeck Lecture: Washington's Homestead Grays

As the major league baseball season moves toward its climax and our city struggles once again to attract a team of its own, we launch our new Overbeck lecture season with a look at Washington in the 1940s, when we had not one but two professional teams here. The Washington Senators were an embarrassment in those years, but when they were out of town, DC fans flocked to Griffith Stadium to cheer the Homestead Grays, one of the greatest teams in the history of the Negro Leagues.

On Tuesday, September 14, award-winning sports reporter and author Brad Snyder will describe how the contrast between the two teams made Washington, DC a focal point in the campaign to integrate major league baseball. You won't need to be a baseball fan to appreciate this fascinating look at a bygone era and some genuine heroes in the struggle to end Jim Crow.

Snyder is author of the widely acclaimed *Beyond the Shadow of the Senators: The Untold Story of the Homestead Grays and the Integration of Baseball* (Contemporary Books, 2003). The *New York Times Book Review* called it "a rich panorama of Washington as it evolved from a Southern provincial town to a large city with a black majority ... Snyder's book is not just the history of a team but the tale of one city in all its social complexity."

In the early 1990s, Snyder was a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun*, where he covered the Orioles and also Baltimore city crime and Capitol Hill. He left the *Sun* to earn a law degree at Yale and later practiced briefly with Williams and Connolly LLP, but he has since returned full-time to his first love — writing about the business and sociology of sports.

You can learn more about Snyder's book at www.beyondtheshadow.com. Please note also that there will be a book signing and a chance to meet the author at the end of the lecture.

The event will be held, as usual, in the grand meeting hall of the Naval Lodge at 330 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE at 8:00 pm. Although admission is free, seating is limited

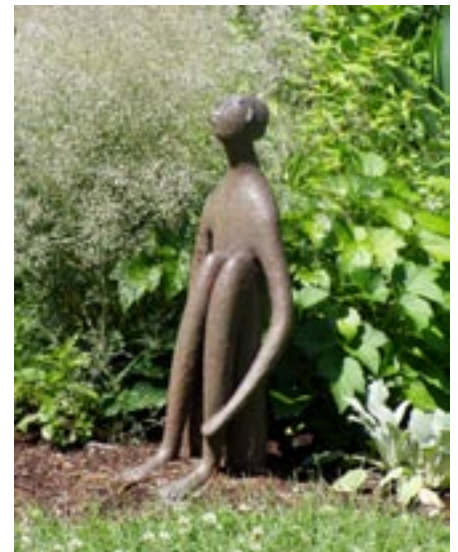
and a reservation is required, so please email OverbeckLecture@aol.com or leave a message at 202-544-1845 to reserve seats. If you phone, please provide your name, phone number and email address so our reservations coordinator, Janice Kruger, can get back to you with a confirmation and any updates.

Hope to see you there! ✧

One Last Chance

September 30 will be your last chance to view the Capitol Hill Sculpture Project along East Capitol Street in the 300 – 900 blocks. Partially supported by a grant from CHRS, the project seeks to illuminate the role that front gardens play on Capitol Hill — a visually accessible public green space that is, however, under the care of the private home owner. ✧

Photos: Charles McMillion



CHRS Proposed Annual Budget, Fiscal Year 2005

by Mike Canning

The Society's proposed budget request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 shows what looks like a significant negative cash flow, down more than \$6,000 from FY 2004. That prospective "loss" comes about essentially because of a reassessment downward in our net income from the annual House and Garden Tour. In the previous three fiscal years — starting with FY 2002 — the estimated net from the tour was \$35,000, a number based on a record tour attendance of several years ago. With more modest attendance in recent years, the estimate of tour income has been revised downward to represent more realistic income prospects. Among budget increases, note a one-time expenditure of \$2,000 is included for projects related to the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Society, which will take place in 2005.

Also note that this year, the Budget is presented somewhat differently, hopefully with more clarity. It now consists of an "Operating Budget" (basic expenses and revenues), a "Capital Budget" (incorporating some sale items and equipment purchases) and an "Endowment Fund." The sum of the first two elements constitutes the total cash flow of the Society and is distinct from the Endowment Fund, whose monies are generated from the Society's investments and are treated separately. Only with negative overall cash flow are endowment funds drawn upon (which has been a relatively rare occurrence).

The Society's bylaws require that the membership must approve the budget before it takes effect. This appearance in the News constitutes the proposal of a "draft" budget to the full membership, scheduled to meet in September. At that meeting, members will have the opportunity to ask questions about the budget presented here and to offer changes to it before the final figures are presented for a vote. ✧

	FY2003 Budget	FY2004 Budget	FY2005 Budget Request
I. OPERATING BUDGET			
a. Expenses			
Administrative Expense . . . . .	.6000	.5000	.5000
Accounting Services . . . . .	.3500	.3500	.3500
Salaries . . . . .	.7700	.6000	.6000
Employment Expense . . . . .	.1000	.1000	.1000
Rent Expense . . . . .	.8500	.8700	.8500
Grants . . . . .	.7000	.7250	.7500
President's Party . . . . .	.2000	.2000	.2000
Elections . . . . .	.1000	.800	.800
City Planning Committee . . . . .	.2000	.2000	.2000
Community Develop. Comm. . . . .	.1500	.500	.200
Environment Committee . . . . .	.1000	.500	.100
Historic Preservation Comm. . . . .	.9450	.3665	.4000
Membership Committee . . . . .	.1200	.3000	.2000
Zoning Committee . . . . .	.500	.200	.200
50th Anniversary Commem. . . . .	.0	.400	.2000
Newsletter . . . . .	.8500	10500	10500
Website . . . . .	.1000	.600	.700
Forums Expense . . . . .	.1000	.700	1000
Miscellaneous . . . . .	.0	.500	.100
Subtotal – Expenses	62850	56815	57100
b. Revenues			
Membership Fees	18500	22000	22000
Contributions . . . . .	.0	.500	.200
House Tour (Net)	35000	35000	28000
Interest . . . . .	.0	.0	.200
Miscellaneous . . . . .	.0	.200	.500
Subtotal – Revenues	53500	57700	50900
TOTAL – OPERATING BUDGET	-9350	.885	-6200
II. CAPITAL BUDGET			
Equipment Purchases . . . . .	.5000	.1000	1000
Historic Dist. Guidelines Sales . . . . .	.0	.200	.250
Old House Journal Sales (Net) . . . . .	.600	.400	.0
Promo Items Sales . . . . .	.500	.100	.300
TOTAL – CAPITAL BUDGET	-3900	-300	-450
TOTAL CASH FLOW	-13250	.585	-6650
III. ENDOWMENT FUND			
Interest Earned	600	3000	2500
Capital Gains . . . . .	.0	.0	.200
Expenses . . . . .	.0	.200	.100
TOTAL – ENDOWMENT FUND.	600	2800	2600

Wanted: The Best and Worst Capitol Hill Treeboxes

by Gene Smith

Nominations for noteworthy treeboxes on Capitol Hill are now being accepted. Prizes will be awarded for winning entries in one of two categories as follows:

- ✧ **Class A/Blue Ribbon category.** We're looking for the "best of the best" treeboxes. Submissions accepted from one and all (self-nomination acceptable; neighbors eligible to suggest candidates).
- ✧ **Class F/Walk on the other side of the street category.** We're looking for the "worst of the worst" among Hill treeboxes, the unloved and neglected, the treeboxes that epitomize the failure to consider the treebox as a part of the community. Self-nomination only is acceptable.

The criteria for judgment in both categories are loose, but based on the premise that "you know it when you see it." The overall winning element for Class A will be contribution to the street landscape and that "awesome" sense that comes from any display of close-at-hand beauty. There may be entries that show best in the spring with spring-blooming bulbs, in the sum-

mer with the splash of summer annuals, or in the fall with mums and other bursts of seasonal color. There may be a bloom cycle in that very special treebox that has managed, with experimentation, to address all seasons, with a nicely mulched covering during winter months. Whatever the style, the height, the variety, beauty is not meant to be quantified but to be simply sensed.

The overall winning element for Class F will be the "whew!" factor. For those who loath treebox scrutiny, the minimum remedy for a potentially "worst of the worst" box is weeding and application of mulch. (My own preference is to weed the treebox, layer some biodegradable newspapers to suppress the weeds, and throw on a bunch of mulch.)

Enough said.

The prizes will be awarded based on the decision of a panel of judges (yet to be determined). Volunteers are eagerly being accepted for judges willing to take any part in this fall contest. In the absence of a panel, the decision of the organizer will be binding. Winners will be announced in an upcoming issue of the *CHRS News*.

The prizes:

- ✧ **Class A.** A gift certificate for \$50 for use at the restaurant of the winner's choice on Capitol Hill (valid till May 2005). The winner will earn bragging rights and the right to sit back and reminisce on what it took to put that treebox in place — the moments of planning, buying, planting, weeding and watering, of retrieving trash from man and animal alike.
- ✧ **Class F.** A gift certificate for \$30 from Gingko Garden so that this winner can correct the error of his/her ways. That amount should be enough to immediately buy a gardening tool or two, a bag of bulbs to appreciate in the thrill of spring, some mulch, and even some pansies or liriopie to put the box in order through the winter.

A survey of DC treeboxes shows that there have been some very organized efforts to beautify whole blocks by addressing the lowly treebox. One block (in another historic section of the city) organized neighbors to coordinate the planting of tulips in all treeboxes on the block. I'm told the "look" gained a place on a TV series set in the District. (I never saw the show, but I can imagine the effect must have been truly spectacular.)

Nominations will be accepted with or without photos. Please provide an address and description of the nominee treebox (it can be with or without the name of the gardener; efforts will be made to identify the responsible party). The name and contact information for the nominating party would be appreciated. Please fax your nominations to 202-887-1395 (Attention: Gene Smith), or email your nomination (only one digital photo per nomination) to gsmith@smithbrandon.com. Happy strolling, to find that one perfect treebox! ✧

Help Wanted

Administrative Assistant (part time) to President of the Society. Work 12-15 hours per week at Society's office at 420 10th Street, SE. Work schedule can be flexible. Pay is \$11 per hour and the only other benefits are involvement in a wide range of community service matters.

We need a mature, personable, well-organized person with general office skills including computer familiarity. Members of the Society and residents of Capitol Hill preferred.

Work includes maintaining membership records of the Society, responding to telephone and email inquiries by supplying routine information and publications or by referring inquiries to the proper Board member, helping prepare for Board and Membership meetings, maintaining stock of literature and promotional materials, and assisting in preparations for the Annual House and Garden Tour. If interested, call the CHRS office, 202-543-0425. ✧

Looking Back on Capitol Hill

by Nancy Metzger

Scattered all over Capitol Hill are brick row houses built during the 1960s and 1970s. Some have garages in the front facades; most would be considered derivative of colonial or federal style row houses. There is one stretch of these row houses at 8th and C Streets, SE, opposite the Hine Junior High School playground. Fifty years ago this was the site of St. Ann's Academy or the old St. Cyprian's School. If you go in the alley between 8th and 9th Streets, you should find an old street sign proclaiming "St Cyprian's Way."

In an oral history interview, long-time Capitol Hill resident Georgiana Barnes talked to interviewer Sharon House about the school, the nuns, and their impact on her family:

"All together I had twelve children. And they all went to — they all graduated from old St. Cyprian's School, which at first was called St. Ann's Academy right there on 8th Street. Right here on 8th Street, SE before the Oblate Sisters sold it and now it's a townhouse there. It was St. Ann's Academy; then it was old St. Cyprian's School. ... It went to the 8th grade ... from kindergarten to the 8th grade. ... I'm always grateful to the Oblate Sisters of Providence. They were nuns, black nuns. And the Josephite Fathers, they were priests from the Josephite Fathers. ... They really saw that your children ... that they learned. If you had a child that [was slow to learn] the nuns would always get in touch with you. 'Cause I always went to the meetings that they had for the parents — PTA meetings, I'd always go to them and talk with the nuns and everything. And they'd tell you too if any of

your children was failing, not getting their work like they should, they would tell you. Then too they would — the elderly nuns that weren't teaching at the time, they would take the children that was slow in the work. I had one son, William, he was — I think he had failed in the second or third grade. We had a Sister Irene, she would take children — she had got elderly and she wasn't teaching. And she would take these children and coach them and they were thinking from then on; they would really excel in their work. That's what my son did."

Oral histories from Capitol Hill residents can be read on the Ruth Ann Overbeck Oral History Project Website, www.capitolhillhistory.org. ✧

CHRS Announces 2004 Community Grants

by Laurence Pearl

Continuing its tradition of devoting part of the proceeds of the annual House and Garden Tour to the Capitol Hill community, CHRS has approved the following grants:

1. Trees for Capitol Hill. TCH is awarded a grant of \$650 to preserve a large healthy elm tree at 13th Street and Tennessee Avenue, NE. Dutch elm disease has leveled many elms on the Hill, but elms that are still healthy can receive a preventive treatment that protects them from this deadly disease.
2. The Association for the Preservation of Congressional Cemetery is awarded a grant of \$1000 to support an exhibition on past educators (more than 30) who have had a DC public school named after them and are buried at Congressional or Woodlawn Cemeteries. The exhibit will also highlight the history of the two cemeteries. The Summer School Museum and Archives (1201 17th Street, NW) will host the exhibit from September 2004 to February 2005.
3. The Peabody Outdoor Project at the Peabody School is awarded a grant of \$1500 to renovate and maintain the garden in the schoolyard. CHRS had previously provided a grant to replace the chain link fence surrounding the garden/playground with a wrought iron fence. This grant is for vines, plants and tools to support the broader outdoor environment. It will be used in conjunction with a gift from the DC Department of Environmental Quality that will replace cracked asphalt with a permeable paving product. ✧

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SEPTEMBER

9 Thursday, 7:30pm

CHRS Zoning Committee Meeting.
To consider the following cases:

- 925 North Carolina Avenue, SE
- 721 H Street, NE
- 408 East Capitol Street, NE
- 704 East Capitol Street, NE
- 1610 H Street, SE

Kirby House, 420 Tenth Street, SE
Contact pgarylaw@aol.com for agenda.

14 Tuesday, 8:00pm

Overbeck Lecture: Washinton's
Homestead Grays and the
Integration of Baseball.
Grand Meeting Hall of the Naval
Lodge, 330 Pennsylvania Ave., SE

21 Tuesday, 6:30pm

CHRS Board Meeting.
Kirby House, 420 Tenth Street, SE

22 Wednesday, 7:00pm

Eastern Market Community
Advisory Committee (EMCAC)
Public Meeting.
Rumsey Aquatic Center

OCTOBER

6 Wednesday, 7:30pm

Membership meeting on
Preservation of the Capital and the
Capitol Hill community.
St. Peter's Church, Basement Hall
Second and C Streets, SE

16 Saturday, 1:00pm and 2:30pm

Hill East Historic Walking Tour.
Meet at Congressional Cemetery
Gate, 1801 E Street SE.
Participants will receive a free copy
of the Capitol East Historical Guide
& Tour Book. Call 202-544-0178.
Email: hilleast@aol.com

Check Out the Call Box Project at September's Preservation Café

Have you looked at the call box at Lincoln Park and 11th Street, SE yet? Would you like to know what is planned for the call box near you — or how you can help with restoring that call box or another one in the neighborhood? The September Preservation Café will provide an update on the Call Box Project. The popular free forum, sponsored by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, begins its Fall series on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 from 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm at Trattoria Alberto (top floor), 506 8th Street, SE (one block from Eastern Market Metro).

If you are interested in learning more about the Call Box Project and how you can get involved, this is your chance to find out. The Café will answer your questions on the many volunteer opportunities, how folks who've signed up for a box can get going on the art, the mechanics, fund-raising, the whole process. The Call Box Project covers call boxes all across the Hill, from M Street, SE to H Street, NE, from the Capitol to the Armory.

The next cafés in the fall series will be Wednesday, October 20 and Wednesday, November 17, from 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm. The programs for the October and November cafés will be announced in September. For more information, please contact the CHRS office at 202-543-0425 or CapHRS@aol.com. ✧



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