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The Restoration of the Old Naval Hospital Fence

by Donna Hanousek

The D.C. Office of Property Management (OPM) has recently contracted with BELLArchitects to perform the preliminary design work needed for restoration of the fence surrounding the Old Naval Hospital (ONH) site.

The fence, reported in the 1994 Historic Structures Report as the signature element of the site, dates from the original construction of the ONH and was cast by a firm located on the Anacostia River. The fence was erected around the entire perimeter of the site, with detailed square columns at the corners and openings. The distinctive features of the fence include square corner and gate posts, section uprights, pickets, rails, compass circles, stars, fillets, and points. The south entrance gate fence, which was originally the main entrance, terminates in a doubled column motif. The columns consist of four cast iron panels that fasten together and form the shaft and base, which supports an egg and dart motif capital with a finial. The west entrance gate, where the carriage house sits, is less elaborate, bracketed by a single column motif. We know that the current fence placement on the north side of the property, where the lower elements of the fence are buried in concrete, was an addition. There are also questions about whether the current openings in the fence are the same as the original and what the original

Wanted: Any Information on the Whereabouts of ONH Fence Pieces

We know that some good neighbors have rescued pieces of the ONH fence that were at risk of destruction, and we thank you for your good stewardship. We are now ready to inventory the missing pieces and make plans to retrieve and reuse them. Not only will these pieces help to maximize the amount of original fabric used in the rehabilitation, but they will also provide critical information to conservators



regarding the overall finish on the fence. If you have any piece of the ONH fence, please provide a description of the piece to the architects at ONH.fence@bellarc.com or at 202-548-7570, and they will make arrangements with you to retrieve them. Thank you. ✧

gates looked like.

BELLArchitects will be working with an archeologist to do an historical analysis of where and how the fence was originally located. The historical research will be coupled with state-of-the art laser scanning that will provide precise measurements of the fence in the context of its site. These studies, combined with an April 2000 inventory that docu-

mented all fence pieces, will help the architects develop plans for as accurate a restoration as possible. There is one obstacle to the precise restoration we all want to see, and that is the lost fabric and information from the many missing pieces of fence. (See feature box.) We should be seeing design proposals in the coming months, with the start of the restoration expected this summer. ✧

President's Column: The *Post* Gets it Wrong—Again

by Dick Wolf

I don't often sound off about newspaper coverage of neighborhoods in the District, mostly because there is little coverage unless there is some violent event like a murder at 14th and U Streets, NW. But Marc Fisher's recent column in the *Washington Post* regarding the oppressive nature of historic preservation rules in the Mt. Pleasant Historic District takes the cake for all-around prejudicial, I've-got-an-agenda commentary. In a recent column concerning the matter of a very substantial alteration to the front porch and yard of a row-house, ostensibly to accommodate an elderly parent, the owner and parent are characterized as having been victimized by historic preservation requirements. But the column didn't stop there. Mr. Fisher

proceeded to lay the wood to white elitists, who he claimed had taken the neighborhood from its African-American residents.

Mr. Fisher's antipathy to his modern day, "Colonel Blimp" neighbors in Northwest, where he lives, is well known. They are NIMBYs and nay-sayers, hold-

neighborhoods, planning, zoning, and historic preservation that it misses the many-layered aspects of city life. So when it rails about the deterioration of schools, it doesn't get into the neighborhood dynamics that are part of the problem. The high-profile rantings of a Marc Fisher are all that people are able to

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ing back progress whenever they struggle with increasing density along Wisconsin Avenue. But he is a columnist—an opinion writer, thus entitled to his opinion, as wrong-headed and factually incorrect as it may be. Unfortunately, the *Post* does so little coverage of

read about the neighborhoods—no reporting, no understanding.

The *Post* is well aware of this shortcoming. Its many talented reporters know of the problem. It's a case of what sells newspapers, and our issues and concerns just don't make it beyond the editor's red pencil. Twenty years ago, the complaints from neighborhood organizations got so bad that the *Post* invited a bunch of community leaders to a luncheon with its editors. For those of us there, it was an amusing and futile effort, with serious-looking editors taking many notes while we talked. Both sides of the table knew that this was just symbolic and placation.

So how do you fix the problem? Well, we have two other dailies in town, plus neighborhood papers and even e-mail newsletters like the Dorothy Brizill/Gary Imhof Inthemail.com. But what we don't get, and won't ever get, is the kind of coverage of the city that used to be offered by the *Evening Star*. The *Washington Post* is simply not a home town newspaper, and its coverage of the city and its residents seems forever be a footnote to national politics and foreign affairs. The big dog will be off hunting in far places, with an occasional snarl in our direction. ✧

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Looking Back on Capitol Hill

by Nancy Metzger

Many years ago I read an account by Michael Shiner of the British entering Washington in 1814. What made this account so extraordinary, apart from the very descriptive language, was that it was the remembrance of a man who had been a young slave at the time, working in the Navy Yard. The Library of Congress now has the *Diary of Michael Shiner, 1813—1865* in its collection. Unfortunately, a typescript of the document has never been published, so reading it takes time and effort, given the fact that spelling and grammar were not standardized at that time.

Since this is Black History Month, it is encouraging to learn that Ms. Leslie Morales of the Alexandria Public Library has made a transcription of the document which she has submitted to an academic press. After learning of her efforts, both Paul Cromwell and Stephen Ackerman, Capitol Hill residents, gave Ms. Morales information that they had found during their research efforts.

There are many subjects covered in the diary (fires, the changes in Navy Yard technology, daily life in Washington, sightings of presidents and dignitaries), but as with many such diaries, the weather plays a big role in the remembrances. Shiner and his fellow workers had to contend with cold, snowy winters and the frozen waters of

the Eastern Branch (Anacostia) and the Potomac River. On December 16 and 17, 1831, strong northwest winds shattered six or seven 12-by-18-foot windows at the Navy Yard, leading Commodore Isaac Hull to close the Yard. In the days before strong interior lights, an eclipse on February 12, 1831, lasting from 11:30 am to 3:30 p.m., also stopped work. Then there was the drought of 1838:

" We had a smart of rain in May and in June there were but little rain. And in July it [was] hot and dry and everything on the earth [was] suffering for vegetation and no rain in August. The ground [was] so hot that the heat would extend through the soles of your shoes, particularly thin soles, and we hadn't any until the middle of September 1838."

Note: Until there is a published version of Michael Shiner's diary, a microfilm copy is located in the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress. Also, John Sharp, a former employee of the Naval Historic Center, wrote *The History of the Washington Navy Yard Civilian Workforce, 1799—1962*, published in 2005. Most of the Shiner material can be found on pages 16–19 and Appendix B. Copies of the book should be at the Library of Congress, the Washingtoniana Room of the Martin Luther King Library, and the Washington Historical Society Library. *

Free Home Energy Audits Offered by DC Agency

Until May 30, 2007, DDOE is offering free Home Energy Audits to DC homeowners (available for detached homes, rowhouses, but not multi-family buildings). Contact: 673-6750. DDOE can be found at www.ddoe.dc.gov. *

Zoning Report: Dreyfus Modifies Capitol Place Plans, AppleTree School Wins Appeal

by Gary Peterson

Dreyfus PUD

On January 12 Dreyfus Property Group (Dreyfus) filed a modified application for their Capitol Place project. The property has frontage on Second, Third, G, and H Streets, NE (see stories in the May and July/August 2006 *News*). In the modified application, Dreyfus requests an up-zoning of only the northwest portion of the property. The remainder of the property on Third and H will remain zoned C-2-B, and the property at Second and G will stay C-2-A. The bulk of the density will be put on the up-zoned portions, and the building will match the height of the Abdo building on H Street to the north.

In the July/August issue of the *News*, CHRS proposed changes to the project. Below are the proposed changes, with Dreyfus' response in the new application shown in parentheses:

1. The part of the building fronting G Street will be lowered to 65 feet in height above G Street and will be entirely residential. There will be no retail at the corner of Second and G. (*The building is now set at 65 feet, and Dreyfus proposes some retail at the corner of Second and G.*)
2. The building fronting Second Street will be lowered to 75 feet in height above Second Street. (*The building is 65 feet in height until the northern third of Second Street, where the building jumps to 104 feet to match the Abdo development.*)
3. The building fronting H Street will remain unchanged. The portion of the building at Second and H Street can be as high as 100 feet. (*The building*



The G Street residential section, shown in the top rendering, will be 65 feet tall. The "look" of the building (especially along H Street, shown above) needs improvement, and further modifications are expected.

- remains 4 feet higher than recommended.)*
4. Since part of the property is in the H Street Overlay, the restrictions in the Overlay will apply to the entire property. (*Dreyfus agrees.*)
5. The amenity package as previously discussed will not be lessened. (*Dreyfus now proposes to also make the building LEEDS*

certified—an environmental and energy-efficient building.)

In the main, Dreyfus has agreed to our requests. The "look" of the building needs improvement, and further modifications are expected. As of this writing, there will be a public meeting hosted by ANC6C, Stanton Park Neighborhood Association, and

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New Topics, New Location for Preservation Cafés

The Historic Preservation Committee has announced the first three Preservation Cafés to be held in 2007. These three will all be held at Ebenezer's Coffee House, at the corner of Second and F Streets, NE, in the downstairs room. This room is handicapped-accessible.

- "Pros and Cons of Conservation Easements" will be the topic of February's Preservation Café, to be held on Wednesday, February 21, from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Carol Goldman, president of the L'Enfant Trust, the city's oldest easement-holding organization, will be outlining the process, benefits, and problems of donating façade easements for a tax deduction. Although donating historic preservation façade easements for a tax

deduction has been possible since 1978, last year Congress passed legislation that affected the process, particularly the assessment and donation valuation. Ms. Goldman will have that update, as well as information about possible IRS scrutiny of such donations. There will be handouts and an opportunity for questions and answers.

- On Wednesday, March 21, the topic will be "House History—How to Start and Where to Find Information" with local historian Matthew Gilmore, who will arm you with the basics so you can understand what is involved in researching buildings and how to start gathering information. Since Mr. Gilmore has also taught evening-long house-history seminars, this Preservation

Café should be considered just an introductory lesson.

- For those of you who have been confused about the zoning process and players, the Preservation Café on April 18 will be a presentation by Richard Nero, deputy director, Office of Zoning, and Sara Bardin, Special Assistant to the Director. Zoning decisions affect all neighborhoods, so it helps for everyone to understand how those decisions are made, who makes them, and what part citizens can play in the process.
- The topic for the Preservation Café on May 16 is still to be decided.

For more information, contact the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, 543-0425, CapHRS@aol.com. ✧

Zoning Report *continued from previous page*

CHRS on February 1. The Zoning Commission is expected to hear this case in March or April.

AppleTree

The Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) on January 9, 2007, sustained AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation's (AppleTree) appeal of the April 28, 2006, ruling of the Zoning Administrator. AppleTree purchased 138 12th Street in 2005 with the intention of housing a charter school of some 70 students at this R-4 zoned property. In February of 2006, the Zoning Commission (ZC) adopted emergency regulations regarding public schools and charter schools that would require AppleTree to apply for a special exception before development of the property as a school.

Despite the new regulations, AppleTree applied for a building permit, and the applica-

tion was denied by the Zoning Administrator, who found that AppleTree did not meet the requirements for lot area, lot width, and number of parking spaces. AppleTree appealed the findings



of the Zoning Administrator and, after a hearing, prevailed. The BZA found that AppleTree did not have to apply for a special exception.

The adverse ruling has not been put in writing and published in the DC Register, as is required to become a final order. The Advisory Neighborhood Commission, CHRS, and the neighbors opposed the appeal. The community is currently exploring options. The BZA ruling has citywide implications, and would allow charter schools to locate anywhere in residential areas.

Zoning Cases for February 15 CHRS Zoning Committee meeting:

706 East Capitol Street, NE
1235 Independence Avenue, SE
284 15th Street, SE
656-660 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
740 9th Street, SE
748 9th Street, SE
1705-1729 East Capitol Street, NE ✧

A Closer Look at Historic Preservation Issues and the Mount Pleasant Porch Case

by Nancy Metzger

In December *Washington Post* columnist Marc Fisher wrote a column taking the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) to task for not approving an application in the Mount Pleasant Historic District to make extensive alterations to a house and the public space to accommodate an elderly couple in frail health. Fox News ran a piece on the subject in January. However, what neither piece mentioned was that the proposed alterations would not meet the city's building code and that both the HPRB and the Historic Preservation staff had suggested ways to meet both building and fire codes without substantially altering the front façade of the house.

Historic Preservation Review Board Chairman, Tersh Boasberg, in a letter to ANC 1D, noted that both the Historic Preservation Office

(HPO) and the HPRB take great pains to accommodate the elderly and disabled, and routinely make provision for entrances, exits, ramps, elevators, etc., principally in the rear of historic properties. He then listed the following pertinent facts:

1. The Lucases' son owns the historic rowhouse, which, by the way, is assessed at around \$630,000. Because there is a grade sloping up from front to back, there already exists an at-grade, normal-sized entry/exit door in the back of the house that connects their parking/driveway pad to this basement entrance (which they now use). This basement unit now complies completely with DC codes and ADA accessibility guidelines, as well as historic preservation standards.
2. The parents are currently living in the basement, but the son desires to turn both the basement

(1) and the first and second floors (2) into two rentable units. He has proposed a major rehab job (in excess of \$250,000) to take the insides down to the studs and to replace all the mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, etc. The basement apartment would be completely reconstructed with even better access to the parents' parking area.

3. During the proposed renovation, the house will not be habitable, and the parents will be forced to live elsewhere.
4. The son wants to put in a large front entrance and entrance court, with a wide, steep ramp leading from the front of the basement unit to the street, ostensibly to provide a second emergency exit. The proposed ramp, however, is four times too steep to meet ADA requirements that are incorporated into the DC building codes. If and when he applies to DCRA for a permit, it would have to turn him down. It also doesn't qualify as an ADA ramp because the proposed grass surface would be unsafe, and a narrow (14" wide) set of steps down the middle of it would be hazardous. This is the proposed second emergency exit that was turned down by the HPRB because it would entail destroying most of the character-defining front porch, cutting a huge swath through public space (the front lawn), and cutting through the front stone wall.

Suggested Solutions:

The Historic Preservation Office and the Historic Preservation Review Board have worked diligently with the Lucases to meet their wish for a second emergency exit. Here are some of their suggestions:

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Historic Preservation Brief

Anne Archbold Hall

At the end of a special Mayor's Agent hearing in January, Judge Rohulamin Quander indicated that he would be finding that the revised Hill East Development plan at Reservation 13 is a project of special merit. This ruling will allow the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation (AWC) to remove the 1949 wing from the Anne Archbold Hall, the colonial revival building erected in 1932 to house the Capitol City School of Nursing. The Capitol Hill Restoration Society and the DC Preservation League filed a landmark application for the building in December 2003 when it became apparent that the original Reservation 13 plan called

for the demolition of the entire building. AWC has revised the initial street plan to focus more attention on Anne Archbold Hall and to reduce some of the originally envisioned "super blocks" to block sizes more in keeping with residential Capitol Hill. At the hearing on the AWC request to demolish the 1949 wing, both CHRS and ANC 6B spoke about the importance of the revised plan to the neighborhood. CHRS also stressed the importance of Anne Archbold Hall as a city landmark, the fact that the demolition of the wing could occur without damage to the original structure, and the importance of protecting the building from further deterioration. ✧

Summary of a Memorandum to the Board and Staff of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation

December 21, 2006

I am Richard N. Wolf, President of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. CHRS is a community organization of some 1,000 members that has focused on planning, zoning, and historic preservation in the greater Capitol Hill area for more than 50 years. We participated in the development of the Reservation 13 plan and the subsequent zoning proposal. After attending the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation (AWC) public meeting a month ago at Eastern High School regarding their plans for Reservation 13, I informally raised some of the following concerns with members of this Board.

1. We are concerned that the development proposal is really about pushing big, blocky buildings, and not about the scale and feel of adjacent Capitol Hill, of which Reservation 13 was to be an extension. There is no way from the drawings to get a feel for what your consultants have done by way of site planning. Can you do more extensive CAD-CAM and other techniques to demonstrate what is being proposed?
2. As time has passed, certain public policy issues have come to the fore which bear consideration in planning and development for this site. During the Comprehensive Plan Task Force meetings—I was the appointee

of the then-Ward 6 councilmember, Mrs. Ambrose—it became very clear that the fastest disappearing part of DC's population is families. This problem—and it is a big problem—has been the focus of recent studies by both the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute. The Catholic Church in this area has announced it is closing a number of its schools, including one in Kingman Park, because of a lack of children. AWC knows that Van Ness school in SE has been closed for that reason. AWC has a strong commitment to low- and moderate-income housing for Reservation 13. What is its commitment to accommodating families? Capitol Hill is one of the few areas in the city where there is an increase in young families, and the city has initiated a \$3 billion program to improve the schools. Where are the children who will attend those schools?

3. There is no clear understanding by citizens of how the planning of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) for the waterfront and park areas to the north of Reservation 13, of the DC Sports and Entertainment Commission, and the plans of AWC will interact.
4. There is no clear understanding by citizens of the planning for roads on Reservation 13.

There appears to be a conflict on this subject regarding the "Park Road" and the proposed Massachusetts Avenue bridge among District Department of Transportation, the Park Service, NCPC, and AWC. The citizens of Capitol Hill and Hill East have made themselves very clear on this subject many times. You need to clarify this matter.

5. There needs to be a clear understanding between AWC and citizens as to what the consultant planners/architects, developer/advisors, and other consultants are doing regarding Reservation 13. We need to see the contract statements of work and know who is doing which job in terms of background and personnel.

To sum up, there needs to be a much finer-grained understanding on the part of citizens as to what you are doing in developing Reservation 13 and adjacent lands. Don't forget, this is not supposed to be just a developer party, but also a positive addition to the neighborhood. As you know, the Council has enacted a requirement that the incoming mayor shall, within 120 days of taking office, do a study of both National Capital Revitalization Corporation and AWC. We will be participating in that study and hope that your responses to this communication will help inform our participation. ✧

Mount Pleasant Porch Case *continued from previous page*

1. For fire protection, install a sprinkler system, since the premises are proposed to be gutted anyway, and that alone may be more effective than a second entrance.
2. Retain the existing stairway from the basement to the first floor, and leave its door unlocked at the top.
3. Put in a stair or chair lift to the existing stairway from the basement, if necessary.
4. Enlarge the basement window opening in the front and use a small chairlift (rather than an entrance court and large, illegal ramp) to reach ground level.

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society has a copy of the material the Historic Preservation Office is sending to people who are interested in this situation, including the staff report, photos, and a fact sheet. If you are interested in seeing these, please contact the CHRS at 543-0425 or CapHRS@aol.com. ✧

Anacostia River Goose and Bird Counts

by Elizabeth Purcell

Goose Count on December 7, 2006

The count went well. Volunteers counted 1,036 non-migratory Canada geese (*Branta canadensis maxima*) in the Anacostia River area. The population is stable (despite oiling geese eggs during the last three springs, to prevent them from hatching). The count data will be passed to the National Park Service. A \$6 million public investment in wetlands was made near RFK Stadium to pump in mud to grow aquatic plants (e.g., wild rice). In summer, wild rice reaches 10 feet high and offers food and shelter to a variety of birds. Because the geese are consuming the plants which hold the mud in place, the mud is now eroding, and the investment is literally slipping away.

Bird Count on December 16, 2006

Every year the National Audubon Society sponsors an annual bird count in December and January

(“the Christmas count”). This was the 64th count in DC. The annual count provides valuable longitudinal data on numbers and types of wild birds in the U.S. The DC Audubon Society and Audubon Naturalist Society manage the count in DC, including the Anacostia Sector, which includes the National Arboretum, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, Kingman Island, Fort DuPont Park, and Congressional Cemetery. Twenty-five volunteers performed the count, including three CHRS members.

At Congressional Cemetery, we identified the following: Carolina wren, mockingbird, cardinal, starling, red-bellied woodpecker, ring-billed gull, crow species, chickadee, merlin, and Cooper’s hawk.

Some of the day’s highlights included great egrets at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, a palm warbler in Kenilworth Park, a brown thrasher at Ft. Dupont, peregrine falcons at Mt. Olivet Cemetery and Congressional Cemetery, hooded mergansers at Kingman Island, and

a pine warbler and red-breasted nuthatch at the Arboretum.

Washington, DC Christmas Bird Count List for 2006)

Area: Anacostia, Sector 2

Birds Identified:

Great egret	2
Turkey vulture	8
Canada goose	591
Mallard	128
Hooded merganser	3
Common merganser	5
Bald eagle	1
Sharp-shinned hawk	7
Cooper’s hawk	4
Red-shouldered hawk	7
Red-tailed hawk	4
American kestrel	5
Peregrine falcon	2
Killdeer	8
Ring-billed gull	358
Herring gull	27
Great black-backed gull	4
Rock dove	99
Mourning dove	66
Great horned owl	1
Barred owl	1
Belted kingfisher	6
Red-bellied woodpecker	50
Yellow-bellied sapsucker	5
Downy woodpecker	52
Hairy woodpecker	5
Northern flicker	12
Pileated woodpecker	4
Eastern phoebe	1
Blue jay	116
American crow	153
Fish crow	82
Crow species	183
Carolina chickadee	49
Tufted titmouse	39
Red-breasted nuthatch	1
White-breasted nuthatch	22
Brown creeper	2
Carolina wren	99
Winter wren	2
Golden-crowned kinglet	2
Ruby-crowned kinglet	4
Eastern bluebird	43
Hermit thrush	5
American robin	784
Northern mockingbird	68

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Recycling Computer Hardware

The District's Office of Recycling offers two days each year to recycle hazardous waste, electronics, and computer hardware. These materials may not be placed in the regular trash pick-up. While the City's dates have not been set for 2007, several computer manufacturers offer recycling for their products.

Computer equipment and accessories typically contain material that are potentially hazardous if placed in landfills, e.g., arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, lead). Several computer manufacturers offer to recycle old computers (often for free) when someone purchases a new computer, and any time after paying a ship-

ping charge; some will arrange to donate old computers to charity. The following chart shows basic information on recycling offered by computer manufacturers. Because manufacturers reserve the right to change these programs without notice, please contact them if you are interested. *

Hardware mfr	Contact	Shipping cost	Comments
Apple	www.recycleapc.com/ apple 888-638-2761	(1) Free shipping/ recycling w/ purchase of Apple computer (2) \$30 shipping charge per box	Recycle computers, monitors, peripherals from any mfr
Dell	www.dell.com Click on "commitment" then "product recycling"	(1) Free shipping/ recycling of Dell-branded computers- no replacement purchase required (2) Free shipping/ recycling w/ purchase of Dell computer (3) \$10 per unit fee	Donations to www.cristina.org 203-863-9100
Hewlett-Packard	www.hp.com/recycle 888-485-1849	\$13-34 per item shipping charge	No donation option HP will buy-back certain equipment
IBM	www.ibm.com/ibm/environment		Donation available to Gifts in Kind Int'l; IBM will buy-back certain equipment
Donating hardware to charity	For a list of organizations in the DC area that accept computers, visit www.techsoup.org Click on "home", "products", "recycled hardware", "donate hardware", then enter zip code to search.		

Goose and Bird Counts *continued from previous page*

Brown thrasher	1	White-throated sparrow	461
European starling	656	Dark-eyed junco	259
Cedar waxwing	7	Northern cardinal	98
Palm warbler	1	Red-winged blackbird	219
Pine warbler	1	Rusty blackbird	2
Yellow-rumped warbler	6	Common grackle	3
Eastern towhee	19	Purple finch	1
Fox sparrow	8	House finch	16
Song sparrow	80	American goldfinch	18
Swamp sparrow	5	House sparrow	131

Annual totals of bird species seen in the Anacostia Sector:

2006 - 65	2000 - 57
2005 - 68	1999 - 65
2004 - 54	1998 - 54
2003 - 53	1997 - 53
2002 - 70	1996 - 47
2001 - 61	1995 - 54 *

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FEBRUARY

3 Saturday, 10:00 am-3:30 pm

Citizens 1D1 Crime Summit. Opportunity for neighbors to meet with key elected and appointed leaders and police officials to discuss strategies to improve public safety. Expected to attend are Mayor Adrian Fenty, Councilmembers Tommy Wells and Phil Mendelson, Police Commander Diane Grooms, US Attorney Jeff Taylor, and others. Lunch and light refreshments provided. Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 1636 East Capitol Street, NE. Reservation essential. Details: Stephanie Nixon, smnixon6a@prodigy.net or 396-7234.

5 Monday, 6:30 pm

CHRS Historic Preservation Committee, Kirby House, 420 10th Street, SE, first floor. Details: Nancy Metzger, 546-1034.

13 Tuesday, 8:00 pm

Overbeck History Lecture: "The Past and Future of the National Mall" by Judy Scott Feldman. Feldman, a native Washingtonian, art historian, and chair of the National Coalition to Save Our Mall, will discuss how the Mall has evolved from L'Enfant's original vision to its reality today and how it might look in the future. Admission is free, but a reserva-

tion is required due to limited seating. E-mail OverbeckLecture@aol.com or call 544-1845 with your name, address, and phone number to make a reservation. Naval Lodge Hall, 330 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE.

15 Thursday, 7:30 pm

CHRS Zoning Committee, Kirby House, 420 10th Street, SE, first floor. Details: Gary Peterson, 547-7969.

20 Tuesday, 6:30 pm

CHRS Board of Directors, Kirby House, 420 10th Street, SE, first floor. Details: Dick Wolf, 543-4353.

21 Wednesday, 6:30 pm

CHRS Preservation Café: "The Pros and Cons of Conservation Easement," Carol Goldman, President of the L'Enfant Trust, will discuss the process, benefits, and problems of donating façade easements of historic properties, including legislation passed by Congress last year that affects the process. Note new location! Ebenezer's Coffee House, 201 F Street, NE. Details: Nancy Metzger, 546-1034.

22 Thursday, 10:00 am

Historic Preservation Review Board, 441 4th Street, NW (#1 Judiciary Square), Room 220 South. Details: Nancy Metzger, 546-1034.

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CHRS Preservation Café on "House History: How to Start and Where to Find Information." Local historian Matthew Gilmore will provide basic tips and introductory guidelines on how to conduct building research and key sources for information. Ebenezer's Coffee House, 201 F Street, NE. Details: Nancy Metzger, 543-1034.

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