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Growing Pains: Modernization at Maury Elementary

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Beginning in January, Maury Elementary will undergo an 18-month modernization to meet the needs of a growing student population. Currently, 400 students attend grades PS3-5. This growth, coupled with a 2014 boundary expansion, led DCPS to project that enrollment would reach 513 students by 2020.

According to the latest plans, the historic 1896 building will be preserved and upgraded, to include HVAC system and ADA improvements. The two-story 1960s building along 13th Street will be demolished and replaced with a three-story wing. The buildings will be linked by a glass-roofed atrium and multipurpose space. The new layout will include an additional 11 classrooms, for a total of 5 classrooms for early childhood, 4 each for grades K-3, and 3 each for grades 4 and 5.

During the renovation, staff and students will relocate to the Maury "Village" at Eliot-Hine, modular buildings on the athletic fields of the middle school campus. The move is an opportunity to build a closer relationship between the feeder-pattern schools (including Miner, Payne, and School-Within-School at Goding). Maury's Principal Albert-Garvey and Eliot-Hine's Principal Young are working closely to minimize disruption and maximize collaboration between the two school communities.

Additional details can be found at: www.mauryelementary.com/modernization.

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Distributors are needed. This is a good way for young people to earn community service hours.

Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The Anacostia Playhouse is opening a new fun-for-the-whole-family holiday production, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." A series of mishaps (broken leg, rambunctious kids, church "ladies" in a huff, a fire) nearly derail a church's traditional and predictable Christmas pageant. But the community watches in surprise as the same old Christmas story is rejuvenated by the creativity, energy, and sincerity of a misunderstood young family.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever opens Saturday December 9 and runs through December 23 at 2020 Shannon Pl. SE. Thursday – Saturday, 7:30 p.m. plus weekend matinees, 2:30 p.m. Adults \$20, Youth (14 and under) \$10. anacostiaplayhouse.org.

Brickie Awards

Councilmember Charles Allen invites all Ward 6 residents to celebrate the season and congratulate outstanding businesses and community members at the annual "Brickie" Awards, Wednesday, December 6 on the SW Wharf. Time and exact location to be determined. Visit charlesallenward6.com for details.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **Ward 6 "Brickie" Awards**, Wed. Dec. 6, details TBD. *See article.*
- **Capital City Symphony: Holiday Cheers**, Sat. Dec. 9, 8:30 p.m. 1333 H St. NE. *See article.*
- **Best Christmas Pageant Ever**, Sat. Dec. 9, Anacostia Playhouse, 2020 Shannon Pl. SE. *See article.*
- **Capital City Symphony: Holiday Singalong**, Sun. Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m. 1333 H St. NE. *See article.*
- **Army Band Holiday Concert**, Mon. Dec. 11, 7 p.m. Holy Comforter Church, 1357 East Capitol St. SE. *See article.*
- **Capitol Hill Village lecture: "Issues in Policing: Locally and Globally,"** Mon. Dec. 11, 7-8 p.m. NE Library, 330 7th St. NE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Dec. 14), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. www.anc6a.org.
- *The Buzz* is available at tinyurl.com/TheBuzzNews. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

Capitol Hill Village Presents...

... **Village Voices: Issues in Policing: Locally and Globally.**

Gary Abrecht has been a policeman, an officer, and a gentleman in both the DC police force and the Capitol Police. Hear him discuss his career in law enforcement and the issues facing our society today. Monday, December 11, 7-8 p.m. at the Northeast Library, 330 7th St. NE. For more information, visit capitolhillvillage.org.

Hill Center Presents...

- Holiday Concert: Handel's Messiah with DC Strings, Fri. Dec. 8, 7 p.m. \$18.
- Holiday Cookie Baking with *The Washington Post's* Bonnie Benwick, Sat. Dec. 9, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$75.
- Contemporary Watercolors, Sat. Dec. 9, 1-3:30 p.m. \$48.
- Brunch with Bubbly: Quiche + Crêpes, Sun. Dec. 10, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$59.
- Hill Center Galleries Holiday Reception & Gift Sale, Sun. Dec. 10, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Free. Works by six artists who have solo shows at Hill Center Galleries, including Jonathan Bessaci, Rachel Bohlander, Karin Edgett, Michael Ford, Judith Peck, and Scott Warren. Several additional artists will be on site with their artisan goods, including Gordon Ritchie: Birdhouses, Sandy Hassan: Purses, Dan Finnegan: Pottery, and Carol Press: Handmade Chenille Scarves.
- Soul of a People: Writing America's Story, Tues. Dec. 12, 7 p.m. \$10. The film "Soul of a People" explores one of the most controversial public assistance programs of its time and illustrates the creation of America's first ever self-portrait. Plus discussion of the Works Progress Administration's Writers' Project, active between 1935 and 1942.
- Holiday Chef's Table w/ Gérard Pangaud, Fri. Dec. 15, 7 p.m. \$160.
- Infant & Child CPR, Sun. Dec. 17, 1-3 p.m. \$65.
- Mad Science Winter Break "Science Mysteries" (Grades 1-5), four-day camp from Tues. Dec. 26 to Fri. Dec. 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$260 for four days.

Hill Center is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. To register for a program, call 549-4172 or visit hillcenterdc.org/home/programs.

Capitol City Symphony Presents...

Holiday Cheers: A Night of Live Music, Champagne & Fun for Grown-Ups, Saturday, December 9, 8:30-10 p.m. Warm up the holidays with an elegant yet lively night of cherished holiday music performed by Capital City Symphony and Congressional Chorus. Your ticket includes concert admission, two champagne vouchers, and treats – both savory and sweet. \$50.

12th Annual Holiday Concert and Sing-Along, Sunday, December 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Capital City Symphony, Congressional Chorus, and American Youth Chorus perform a variety of holiday favorites in this perennially loved performance that is fun for the entire family.

Audience members are encouraged to join in the singing. Continue the celebration after the concert with complimentary cookies and good cheer. This event sells out very quickly. Tickets \$12-20.

The Capital City Symphony is a full-size symphony orchestra based at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE. Visit capitalcitysymphony.org.

Theft from Auto

It's never a good idea to leave anything of value in your car, but as the gift-giving season approaches it becomes even more important. Please help discourage crime by keeping your car as empty as possible.

Report Package Theft

Those who have experienced package theft sometimes feel it's not worth the trouble to report it. But it helps MPD identify "hot spots" if victims file a police report. To make an online report, visit mpdc.dc.gov/service/file-police-report-online.

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Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Faction of Fools presents *Foolish Fairytales*. Four actors bring an entire fairytale world to life in a physical flurry of bears, pigs, witches, slippers, and more. Fri. Dec. 8, 15, 22 at 6:30 p.m., Sat. Dec. 9, 16, 23 @ 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. \$10-30. Tickets at www.factionoffools.org.
- Paint and Sip with Ellen Cornett. CHAW hosts an evening of painting and wine. Dec. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Receive step-by-step instruction from Ellen Cornett and Sheppard Bear as you create your own masterpiece, all while enjoying snacks and wine. \$30 includes all materials and refreshments.
- Juggling Workshop with Christian Kloc, Fri. Dec. 8, 6-7:30 p.m. \$5 (or more) donation benefits tuition assistance program. All ages welcome; equipment provided.
- CHAW Adult Student Show Opening Reception, Sat. Dec. 9, 6-7:30 p.m. Free.
- CHAW Holiday Sale, Sat. Dec. 9, 5-8 p.m. CHAW artists will be showcasing and selling their beautiful works of art in an evening of holiday joy.
- Drop-in Figure Drawing, Fri. Dec. 15 & 22, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Work in front of a live model with artist Will Fleishell. Bring your own materials; easels available. \$15.

CHAW is at 545 7th St. SE. For more info or to register, call 547-6839 or visit chaw.org.

The Holidays in Concert with 257th Army Band

The band will be offering a free concert Monday, December 11, 7 p.m. at Holy Comforter Church, 1357 East Capitol St. SE. Donations of non-perishable food will be accepted. For details, visit 257armyband.wordpress.com.