

# The Buzz

North  
Lincoln Park's  
Neighborhood Newsletter

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## 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. The District government does not water street trees, relying on neighbors instead. 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 20 gallons each week; more may be needed in very hot, dry weather. The green watering bags on the newly planted street trees should be filled once a week. Read the directions on the back of the label.

Mulch is also important. A two- to four-inch layer is sufficient, but the mulch must be kept away from the trunk to discourage destructive insects. Cleaning weeds from the planting space 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*.

A map with the locations of newly planted trees can be found at [www.ddot.dc.gov/page/tree-planting-ddot-trees](http://www.ddot.dc.gov/page/tree-planting-ddot-trees).

## 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. Anyone wishing to sponsor a tree must commit to digging the hole and watering for the first two years. Email [elizabeth\\_knits@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com) with "trees" as the subject, or call 543-3512 before June 13. For more information, visit [www.treesforcapitolhill.org](http://www.treesforcapitolhill.org).

## Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of 11<sup>th</sup> St., 200 block of 12<sup>th</sup> St., 200 block of 15<sup>th</sup> St., and 300-400 blocks of 13<sup>th</sup> St. This is an opportunity for students to earn community service hours. Donations are appreciated; checks should be made payable to NLPNA and delivered to 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

## THE BUZZ EDITORIAL TEAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (June 2), 7:30 p.m., Maury ES, Constitution Ave. & 13 St. NE. All are welcome!
- **Truck Touch**, Sat. June 6, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., RFK Stadium Lot 7. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (June 11), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org).
- **Stephen Ayers, Architect of the Capitol, presented by CHRS**, Mon. June 15, 7 p.m. National Community Church, 535 Eighth St. SE *See article.*
- **CHRS Groff Court Walking Tour**, Sat. June 20, 10 a.m. Meet at 324 E St. NE. *See article.*
- *The Buzz* is available at [tinyurl.com/TheBuzzNews](http://tinyurl.com/TheBuzzNews). Contact us at 543-3512 or [elizabeth\\_knits@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com).

## NLPNA Yard Sale

The NLPNA Yard Sale took place the Saturday after Mothers Day. The weather was great: dry and sunny but maybe a little too hot. We didn't have many big-ticket items but we made out okay, taking in just under \$700, a respectable sum.

Many thanks to those who made this event a success, the folks who helped with setup and cleanup, the sales people, the donors, and, of course, the shoppers!

## Crime Map

You can check on what's happening in the neighborhood at <http://crimemap.dc.gov>.

## Hill Center Presents...

- Hill Center Concert Series: JP Jofre, Bandoneon Player, Jazz, Wed. June 3, 7:30-9 p.m. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 day of.
- Classic French Cooking w/ Chef Gérard Pangaud: Tour de France – The Art of Quenelles, Mousses, & Pates. Sat. June 13, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$85.
- Talk of the Hill with Bill Press: Garrett Peck, Author of “Walt Whitman in Washington, DC.” Tues. June 9, 7-8:30 p.m. Free.
- Hot 5 @ Hill Center: Jazz on a Summer’s Eve with Fred Foss, Sun. June 14, 5-7 p.m. Free.
- Classic French Cooking with Chef Gérard Pangaud, Wed. June 17, 7-9:30 p.m. \$85.
- DCPL: Capitol Hill Reads Book Club, Thurs. June 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$85. Free. June’s title is Phil Klay’s “Redeployment.”
- Mad Science Summer Camps, begins June 22, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. for rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Secret Agent; Science in Motion; Earth, Space, and Beyond; Blast Off; Crime Scene and Chemistry; Eureka!; Red Hot Robots. \$325/week; after care available. For details call Mad Science of Washington at 301-593-4777.
- Young Warriors Karate Camp, June 22-26 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. [www.warriorfusion.com](http://www.warriorfusion.com).
- Dounouya: Global Sounds on the Hill with Amadou Kouyate, Sun. June 28, 4 p.m. \$12 in advance, \$15 day of.

Hill Center at Old Naval Hospital is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. To register for a program, call 549-4172 or visit [www.hillcenterdc.org/home/programs](http://www.hillcenterdc.org/home/programs).

## ...and Super Heroes

Fourth graders at Maury ES are studying artist Mark Newport, best known for his life-sized, hand-knit super hero costumes. The kids’ own sock Super Heroes will be on view in the ground floor gallery at HillCenter throughout June.

## The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents...

### ... Groff Court Walking Tour

Tour this historic neighborhood, featuring Victorian houses, famous Washington builders, economic boom and bust, scandal, and life in the alley. Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m., rain or shine. Meet at 324 E St. NE. Free and open to the public; no reservations needed. Details: [chrs.org](http://chrs.org), [caphrs@aol.com](mailto:caphrs@aol.com), 543-0425.

### ...and Architect of the Capitol

On June 15, Stephen T. Ayers, FAIA, LEED AP, Architect of the Capitol will give a talk at 7 p.m. at the National Community Church, 535 Eighth St. SE. He’ll take us behind the scenes of the work on the Capitol dome and share plans to restore the Ulysses Grant memorial at the base of the Capitol’s west lawn. Free and open to the public; no reservations needed. Details: [chrs.org](http://chrs.org), [caphrs@aol.com](mailto:caphrs@aol.com), 543-0425.

## Truck Touch

The public is invited to attend a free, citywide “Truck Touch” Saturday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at RFK Stadium, Lot 7. A host of DC government agencies will be present and will demonstrate nearly 30 vehicles used to clean and repair streets, change traffic lights, collect refuse, clear snow, provide emergency services, administer mobile health care, and more. Visit [dpr.dc.gov/page/truck-touch-2015](http://dpr.dc.gov/page/truck-touch-2015).



## 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.

## Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Rindy O’Brien’s “Back to the Garden, opens June 4. Show includes photographs depicting gardens as well as handmade frames with pressed flowers from the Himalayan Cottage Industry. General gallery hours are: 9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.), 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fri., and 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sat. Through June 17 in the Gallery. Free.
- Working From the Figure, Fri. June 5 & 19, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Work on drawings or paintings in front of a live model, without an instructor. Bring your own materials. Easels are available. Session is \$20 for drop-in students, \$76 for a four-class pass.
- CHAW Performance Festival, Writing Day & Adult Student Show Opening, Sat. June 13. Full day of performances, exhibits, and workshops to include youth arts performances, adult food-writing workshop, concert by KIPP students in CHAW string residency program, adult student show reception, and more. Full schedule on website. Free.
- Sip & Paint, Fri. June 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30. Receive step-by-step instruction while enjoying snacks and wine. All materials included.
- The Art & History of Burlesque Dance Workshop – GiGi Holliday, June 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$25. Adults only.
- Painting Clay & Sipping Cabernet. Teaching artist Clay Hollenkamp will introduce attendees to the frisket technique – using stencils and paint on clay tiles – in a relaxed and fun happy hour atmosphere, Fri. June 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$40 includes refreshments and wine.

CHAW is located at 545 7th St. SE. For more information or to register for any CHAW event, call 547-6839 or visit [www.chaw.org](http://www.chaw.org).