

# The Buzz

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Lincoln Park's  
Neighborhood Newsletter

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## NLPNA WILL NOT MEET IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER

### **An American Tale Symphony Season Opener**

The Capital City Symphony season opens Sunday, October 18 at 5 p.m. with a celebration of three American composers. The performance will include the world premier of Charlie Barnett's Mid-Century Mambo, Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring, and Leonard Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story. The Capital City Symphony is a full-size symphony orchestra based at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE.

Tickets are \$15-25. Visit [capitalcitysymphony.org](http://capitalcitysymphony.org) for details.

### **DC Compost Cooperative at Lovejoy Park**

submitted by Faith Hall

How much fruit, vegetable, and yard waste do we all throw out each week!? It's easy to divert it to the composting cooperative at Lovejoy Park (at 12th & E Streets NE). The Department of Parks and Recreation provided the containers; when you participate, you agree to help rotate every three months or so. It's a minor amount of work for a lot of community gain. All you gardeners – we are in particular need of yard waste.

The site managers at Lovejoy are Lisa and Thaddeus. They can be reached at [espinosa.lm@gmail.com](mailto:espinosa.lm@gmail.com) or [thaddeus.arnold@gmail.com](mailto:thaddeus.arnold@gmail.com). For more info on composting, visit <http://dpr.dc.gov/page/community-compost-cooperative-network>.

#### **THE BUZZ EDITORIAL TEAM**

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### **Hothouse New Play Development Series**

Theater Alliance presents the Fourth Annual Hothouse New Play Development Series, featuring the work of four DC-based playwrights. Readings will take place at the Anacostia Playhouse, 2020 Shannon Place SE, followed by a discussion with the playwright, director, and audience.

- Oct. 5 | Alan Sharpe's Play Ball
- Oct. 12 | Dane Figueroa Edidi's Absalom
- Oct. 19 | Kitty Felde's Western & 96th
- Oct. 26 | Chinita L. Anderson's We R Punk Rock

Visit [www.theateralliance.com](http://www.theateralliance.com).

### **The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents...**

...the **Preservation Café series**, a free forum with topics of interest to the greater Capitol Hill community.

David M. Epley, Green Building Program Manager at DCRA, will speak about Energy Code Fundamentals for Residential Construction on Wednesday, October 21.

Cliff Kornegay will discuss Home Maintenance Tips on Wednesday, November 18.

Both presentations will begin at 7 p.m. in the Kaiser Permanente building at 700 2nd St. NE. Details on Calendar at [chrs.org](http://chrs.org).

### **The Capitol Hill Garden Club presents...**

... Derek Thomas of Thomas Landscaping will discuss small space gardens in an urban setting on Tuesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Northeast Library, 330 7<sup>th</sup> St. NE. [www.capitolhillgardenclub.org](http://www.capitolhillgardenclub.org).

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- **Walk to School Day**, Wed. Oct. 7. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A**, second Thurs. (Oct. 8 & Nov. 12), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. [anc6a.org](http://anc6a.org).
- **Capitol Hill Garden Club**, Tues. Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., NE Library, 330 7<sup>th</sup> St. NE. *See article.*
- **Literary Feast**, Sat. Oct. 17. [www.aliteraryfeast.org](http://www.aliteraryfeast.org).
- **Capital City Symphony**, Sun. Oct. 18, 5 p.m. 1333 H St. NE.
- **CHRS Preservation Cafe**, Wed. Oct. 21, 7 p.m., Kaiser Permanente, 700 2nd St. NE. *See article.*
- **Choir Concert**, Sun. Oct. 25, 4 p.m., Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, 1357 East Capitol St. SE.
- **CHRS Preservation Cafe**, Wed. Nov. 18, 7 p.m., 700 2nd St. NE. *See article.*
- **Trees for Capitol Hill Planting**, Sat. Nov. 21. To volunteer, contact *Buzz* (info below).
- *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).

### **Buzz Distributors Needed**

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Donations and/or assistance with printing are needed. Checks should be made payable to NLPNA and delivered to 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

## Hill Center Presents...

- HillCenter Concert: Pipa Virtuoso Mix Xiao Fen. Wed. Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. \$15 in advance/\$20 day of.
- Comida Criolla (Cooking) with the Peruvian Brothers, Thurs. Oct. 8, 7-9 p.m. \$85.
- The Life of a Poet: Conversations with Ron Charles featuring Poet Brian Turner, Thurs. Oct. 8, 7 p.m. Free.
- American Roots Music Series: Foghorn Stringband with special guests Joel Savoy and Jesse Lege. Tues. Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. \$15 in advance/\$20 day of.
- Trick or Treat! Halloween Cookery with the Kids, Sat. Oct. 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$49 for one adult and one child; \$15 for each additional child.
- City Bees: Understanding Urban Beekeeping Series, Mons. Oct. 26 – Nov. 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$12.
- Pottery on the Hill: Preview Reception, Fri. Oct. 30, 6:30 p.m. \$25/advance, \$30/day of.
- Pottery on the Hill: Show & Sale, Sat. Oct. 31, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free.
- Hill Center Concert: Hill Center Jazz Ensemble led by saxophonist Marshall Keys. Thur. Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. \$15 in advance/\$20 day of.
- The Life of a Poet: Conversations with Ron Charles featuring Poet Alice Fulton, Wed. Nov. 4, 7 p.m. Free.

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).

### Choir Concert

On Sunday October 25 at 4 p.m., the Choir of Holy Comforter- Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, 1357 East Capitol St., SE, will hold its 43rd Annual Concert. The theme is “heal our land,” and it will be presented with full orchestration. Tickets, advance sale only, are \$20. To purchase call 546-1885.

## Triangle Redo on the Table

by Heather Schoell

DPR wants to spend a million dollars on a “zen garden” in the triangle at North Carolina Ave./15th St./Constitution Ave. NE. The design calls for:

- replacing grass with paving, increasing storm water run-off;
- mounding soil around the trees and digging down between them, although changing the soil level is damaging to tree roots and can kill a tree in short order; and
- adding planting beds.

Because of the heat reflecting from the surrounding streets, that triangle is so, so hot. The trees that neighbors and I planted there ten years ago still require watering (thank you, Elizabeth) because it is so hot. Further stressing the trees would be counterproductive.

Adding plants sounds great, but who will care for them? As it is, maintenance crews come through and mow everything down, including the daffodils. They’ve fatally damaged trees by tearing into their bark. They barely manage their current responsibilities; we can’t expect them to succeed with weeding, pruning, and clipping around stepping stones. And there are no plans to provide water.

Another troubling aspect is that this triangle is clean (thank you, Bettina) and adds to the District’s green canopy with its many trees, yet the city wants to spend over a million bucks to redo it. This is frivolous, wasteful spending. We have other more urgent needs on Capitol Hill – our homeless families, our schools with buildings in disrepair and not enough library books, and dated infrastructure. This plan is anti-environmental and fiscally irresponsible.

ANC 6A heard from the planners at a Public Space Committee meeting; it may go to the commission at a later date. Draft plans are on the [anc6a.org](http://anc6a.org) homepage.

## Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Taffety Punk presents the world premiere of a play by Liz Maestri, “Inheritance Canyon,” thru Oct. 10. Schedule and ticket purchase (\$15) at [www.taffetypunk.com/shows/shows.html](http://www.taffetypunk.com/shows/shows.html).
- Capitol Hill Art League Small Works Show opening, Fri. Oct. 3, 5-7 p.m. Free. Show on view thru Nov. 6.
- Art & History of Burlesque, Fri. Oct. 9 & Nov. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$25. No dance experience needed and no nudity involved. The class is part lecture and part movement.
- Paint & Sip, Fri. Oct. 9 & Nov. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30. Receive step-by-step instruction while enjoying snacks and wine. All materials included.
- Figure Drawing, Fri. Oct. 2, 16, Nov. 6 & 20, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Work in front of a live model in a session without formal instruction facilitated by artist Will Fleishell. Bring your own materials. \$20.
- Painting Clay & Sipping Cabernet, Fri. Oct. 16 & Nov. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$40 includes refreshments and wine.
- Halloween SPOOKtacular Concert & Reception, Sat. Oct. 31, 2-4 p.m. Music, treats, and building tours.
- Capitol Hill Art League Small Works Show opening, Fri. Nov. 14, 5-7 p.m. Free. Show on view thru Dec. 5.

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).

### Walk to School Day

The annual Walk-to-School Day celebration will take place on Wednesday, October 7 in Lincoln Park. Students from several Hill schools will gather in the park at 7:30 a.m. and walk (scooter or bike) to school in groups after the program.