

# The Buzz

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Lincoln Park's  
Neighborhood Newsletter

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## NLPNA will not meet in September

### 1511 A St. NE Zoning Case

by Brian Alcorn

Neighbors on the 1500 block of A Street NE are fighting against an excessively large building that a developer wants to build on their block. 1511 A St. NE, a 1920s porch-front house, was formerly zoned commercial (C-2A) and is now zoned RF-1 (the zoning for Capitol Hill rowhouses). Due to a mistake in the application of the zoning laws, a developer obtained a permit that would allow demolishing the rowhouse and building a five-story, 18-unit building that would tower over the two- and three-story houses on the block. DCRA cancelled this erroneous building permit and the developer is appealing that cancellation.

Neighbors have hired an attorney to defend the cancellation of this erroneous permit and to protect their block. ANC 6A is also an appellant in a related case (#19412). A hearing was held at the Board of Zoning Adjustment on July 19 but the outcome is not yet known.

Your financial support is needed to help our neighbors fight to maintain the quality of life and streetscape on Capitol Hill. To contribute to this effort, you can make a tax-deductible contribution through the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. Make checks payable to "CHRS," put "1511 A Street NE zoning case" in the memo line, and mail it to P.O. Box 15264, Washington, DC 20003.

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

#### ...An Underground "Tour" of Congressional Cemetery – Preservation Cafe

This fun, illustrated presentation will delight you with the fascinating history and entertaining tales of goats, unique fundraising, and some of the more unusual people buried in what the *Washington Post* describes as "America's Hippest Cemetery." Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the NE Library, 330 7th St. NE.

...**"Ironwork on the Capitol Dome."** Seth Baum from Historical Arts & Casting, Inc. will discuss the work done by his firm on the dome of the U.S. Capitol building, Wednesday, September 27, 7-8:30 p.m., Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. The company specializes in cast architectural and ornamental metalwork. Fabulous photos, videos, and exhibits.

...**House Expo.** Meet with contractors/vendors in the Eastern Market North Hall. 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday, October 22.

All events are free and handicapped accessible and the public is encouraged to attend. Details: Calendar at [chrs.org](http://chrs.org).

#### Cat Food Donations Sought

Past donations are much appreciated but ongoing help is needed to feed our ferals. Jill will gratefully accept any type, including open packages of whatever your own cat declines to eat. Just drop off on the covered porch at 1602 D St. NE.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Sept. 13), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org).
- **CHV Lecture: "Changing the Odds for America's Children,"** Mon. Sept. 11, 7-8 p.m. NE Library, 330 7th St. NE.
- **CHRS Preservation Cafe**, Weds. Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m., NE Library, 330 7th St. NE. *See article.*
- **Maury ES Yard Sale**, Sat. Sept. 16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 13th St. and Constitution Ave. NE. *See article.*
- **Overbeck Lecture: "Union Market, Then and Now,"** Mon. Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m., Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. *See article.*
- **CHRS "Ironwork on the Capitol Dome,"** Wed. Sept. 28, 7 p.m., Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. *See article.*
- **A Literary Feast**, Sat. Oct. 21. Reservation deadline is Sept. 30. *See article.*
- **CHRS House Expo**, Sun. Oct. 22, Eastern Market North Hall. *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).

### Capitol Hill Village Presents...

... **Village Voices:** "Changing the Odds for America's Children" with MaryLee Allen, Director of Policy at the Children's Defense Fund, Monday, September 11, 7-8 p.m., at the Northeast Library, 330 7th St. NE. [capitolhillvillage.org](http://capitolhillvillage.org).

## Hill Center Presents...

- Swing Dancing with Gottaswing Sun. Sept. 10–Oct. 29, beginners 4-5 p.m. intermediate 5-6 p.m. \$120 per eight-week session.
- Eastern Market Art Series and Teachings: Collage, Sun. Sept. 10, 3-5 p.m. Free.
- On the Cooling Rack with Frenchie's: Cake Explosion, Mon. Sept. 11, 7-9 p.m. \$49.
- The Art of French Cooking with Chef Gérard Pangaud, Sat. Sept. 16, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. \$85.
- "Iola's Letter: The Memphis Crusade of Ida B. Wells," a play by Michon Boston, Wed. Sept. 13, 7 p.m. \$12 (includes donation to the Gwen Ifill Fund for Journalism Excellence).
- Barbecue Boot Camp with Andrew Evans, Sat. Sept. 16, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. \$85.
- Contemporary Watercolors Sat. Sept. 16, 1-3:30 p.m. \$48.
- Open House: Hill Center Language Courses, Tues. Sept. 19, 6-8 p.m. Free. Spanish and French classes will begin in Oct.
- Hill Center Galleries Closing Reception, Wed. Sept. 20, 7:30-9 p.m. Free.
- Kitchen 101: Pasta Making with Chef Wendi James, Thurs. Sept. 21, 6:30-8 p.m. \$49.
- Master Class: Italian with Chef Amy Brandwein, Sat. Sept. 23, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. \$85.
- Historical Homebrewing Class: Oktoberfest, Sun. Sept. 24, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. \$85, includes ingredients for homebrewing.
- Sewing 101, Sun. Sept. 24, 12-3 p.m. \$90.
- Dinner on a Dime: Mediterranean with a Southern Flair, Tues. Sept. 26, 7-9 p.m. \$49.
- American Roots Concert Series: Session Americana, Sun. Sept. 24, 4 p.m. Free.

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

## Overbeck Lecture: *Union Market, Then and Now*

On Monday September 25 at 7:30 p.m., Laura Hughes will present an illustrated lecture on the past and present of the Union Market warehouse district, notable for its unified design, architectural flourishes, and history. Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. Reservation required. 549-4172.

## Buzz Distributors and Brochure Boxes

Volunteer distributors are needed for several blocks. This is a good way for young people to earn community service hours.

Donations and/or assistance with printing are needed. These donations are fully tax-deductible. Checks should be made payable to NLPNA and delivered to 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

## Maury Yard and Bake Sale

Maury Elementary will have its annual sale at the school, 1250 Constitution Ave. NE, on September 16, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sale items will include clothes, toys, housewares, and more. You can drop off donations at the school during the week prior to the event. This is a great opportunity to clear your closets and score bargains while supporting a neighborhood school.

## A Literary Feast

The Literary Feast is a series of dinner parties held at homes across Capitol Hill, all on one evening. Proceeds support the Capitol Hill Community Foundation's Grants to Neighborhood Schools.

This year's event will be held Saturday, October 21. Visit [aliteraryfeast.org](http://aliteraryfeast.org), or email [info@aliteraryfeast.org](mailto:info@aliteraryfeast.org) for more information. Registration closes September 30.

## NLPNA Budget

Funds have been allocated for continued printing of *The Buzz*.

## Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Mind-Magic and Merlot with TV Mentalist Alain Nu, Fri. Sept. 8, 7-9 p.m. \$35-45. Part performance, part instruction in the mystic arts.
- CHAW Faculty Gallery Show Reception, Sat. Sept. 9, 6-7:30 p.m. An opportunity to meet the artists, see their work, learn more about CHAW, and enjoy wine and cheese. Free.
- Drop-in Figure Drawing, Fri. Sept. 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Work in front of a live model with artist Will Fleishell. Bring your own materials. \$15.
- Juggle Jam Workshop, Christian Kloc, Fri. Sept. 15, 6-7:30 p.m. \$5 (or more) donation benefits tuition assistance program. All ages welcome; equipment provided.
- Actor's Day with DC Film Alliance. Sat. Sept. 16, 1-5 p.m. Seminars on how to break into and maintain a career in acting. Free.
- Light Switch Dance Theatre Presents: *Importance of Touch Tour*. Sept. 23, 4 p.m. Site specific work by Sandra C. Atkinson (in collaboration with LSDT Performers) explores the notion of human connection through touch in an age of technology. \$15.
- Taffety Punk Theatre Company presents *She Rode Horses Like the Stock Exchange*. An absurdly funny and terrifying ride through downsized, foreclosed America.
  - Previews, Wed. Sept. 27 & Thurs. Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. Pay-what-you-can.
  - Fri. Sept. 29, 8 p.m. and Sat. Sept. 30, 2:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. \$15. Performances continue Wed.-Sat. through Oct. 14.

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).