

The Buzz

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Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

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August NLPNA Meeting

The first Tuesday in August (2nd) is National Neighborhood Night Out. Families and community groups across the country are encouraged to plan outdoor activities. NLPNA will again mark the occasion with a potluck supper in Lincoln Park. This is an opportunity to socialize with neighbors you don't often see and to meet new neighbors.

The festivities will begin at 7 p.m., a half hour earlier than our usual meeting time, in the hope that more families with young children will be able to attend. Bring a covered dish (with serving utensil) or beverage to share. Paper plates and plastic ware will be provided.

The Finance Committee will present a proposed budget for discussion and approval, and elections of NLPNA officers will be held.

ANC 6A Grants Available

Grant money is available from Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A to qualified organizations with proposals that would benefit residents of ANC 6A. Grants amounts are generally small, usually less than \$1,000. Restrictions do apply.

Please visit the Other Documents page of the ANC website, www.anc6a.org, for more details. It's recommended that you contact Elizabeth Nelson, Chair of the Community Outreach Committee, for advice before submitting an application. Send an email to anc6a@gallaudet.edu with "ANC 6A Grant" in the subject line.

Ward 6 ANC Redistricting

Now that the ward boundaries have been redrawn in response to population counts in the 2010 census, the next step will be to determine the new Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) boundaries. Currently, Ward 6 has four ANCs, each of which is further divided into single member districts (SMDs). Each SMD should include around 2,000 residents. However, several SMDs have experienced substantial growth in the past decade and may need to have some of their population reallocated. This could affect the ANC boundaries as well as the SMD boundaries.

Panels have been formed to consider each of the wards. The Ward 6 panel is chaired by Joseph Fengler and includes Antoinette Russell, Marge Francese, Tyler Merkley, Cody Rice, Raphael Marshall, Ken Jarboe, Donna Scheeder, and Skip Coburn. In July, they held a series of public "listening" meetings in each of the ANCs. Additional meetings will be held in August and September as they develop a final recommendation to be delivered to Councilmember Tommy Wells on September 26.

All meetings are open to the public and are announced on the ANC 6A website, www.anc6a.org. All documents related to this effort are also online in a Google Document Index accessible from the "Hot Topics" section of the ANC 6A homepage. Those unable to attend the meetings in person may send written comments to ward6rd@gmail.com or visit the blog at <http://w6tf.blogspot.com/>.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Aug. 2), 7 p.m., annual Neighborhood Night Out potluck supper. All are welcome! (See article.)
- **PSA 103 meeting**, 2nd Wed. (Aug. 10), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE.
- **School Beautification Day**, Sat. Aug. 20. (See article.)
- **DCPS school begins**, Mon. Aug. 22.
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Sept. 6), 7:30 p.m.
- **ANC 6A does not meet in August**. Next meeting 2nd Thurs. (Sept. 8), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

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We are also in need of folks who can make free or reduced-cost copies. Call 543-3512 or email elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

Library Programs

The Northeast Branch Library's programs include:

- ♦ Paint Your World, Mon. Aug. 1, 8 at 4 p.m.
- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Thurs. Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11:15 a.m.
- ♦ Travel the World - Asia, Tues. Aug. 2, 10 a.m.
- ♦ What in the world are you reading? Children's social club, Wed. Aug. 3, 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Advisory Group meeting, Wed. Aug. 3, 5-6 p.m.
- ♦ Music, Sat. Aug. 6 at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Story Times, Sat. Aug. 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. Aug. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Wrap-up Party for Summer Reading, Mon. Aug. 15, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Author Talk with Pam Ehrenberg, Tues. Aug. 16, 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. Aug. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Ronald McDonald, Thurs. Aug. 18, 3:30 p.m.
- ♦ Adult Book Club, Mon. Aug. 22, 7 p.m.

The library is hosting programs such as "Paint Your World" every Monday at 4 p.m. through August 8 and "What in the World Are You Reading," a social club for readers every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. through August 10.

The library, at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE (698-3320), is closed on Sundays.



Shop and Support NLPNA

NLPNA is enrolled with the igive.com[®] charity support organization. Stores and service providers at www.igive.com/nlpna will make a contribution to NLPNA every time you complete an online purchase. If you are an online shopper, please consider joining.

DCPS Beautification Day

Beautification Day for all DC public schools will be held Sat., Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a citywide "spruce up" in preparation for school opening. Volunteers will help with landscaping, light painting, planting flowers, picking up trash, and other beautification efforts.

Registration is available online through Monday, August 15. For more information or to register, click on the "Beautification Day 2011" link on the DC Public Schools (DCPS) website, www.dcps.dc.gov.

Volunteers will be particularly welcome at nearby Maury ES (13th St. & Constitution Ave. NE). Come meet Maury families! Choose to work inside or outside. Bring gardening or cleaning gloves if you like, or use those provided. To volunteer at Maury, email Heather, heysassy@yahoo.com.

Free Spring Bulbs

The Capitol Hill Garden Club will, once again, give free spring-flowering bulbs for planting in public spaces on Capitol Hill. Daffodil and crocus bulbs will be given out in October for street tree boxes, pocket parks, school grounds, libraries, and community centers. Applications are due by August 15 and must include a simple planting plan and the name and contact information of the person(s) responsible for the planting. ANC 6A has provided grant money to support the program within the ANC's boundaries.

The application is available at www.capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com. If you do not have internet access, contact Amy at 486-7655.

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What's "On" in August

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August is an especially good month for outdoor music. The 1812 Overture will be performed on the Washington Monument Grounds by the U.S. Army Band complete with cannons, Tues., Aug. 16, 8 p.m. Closer to home are the military band concerts on the west side of the U.S. Capitol on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (weather permitting) at 8 p.m.: Mondays – Navy; Tuesdays – Air Force; Wednesdays – Marine Corps; Fridays – Army. Free.

Fort Dupont Summer Concerts are Saturdays through Aug. 13 (rain or shine, except in the event of lightning), 8-10 p.m. Feel free to bring a picnic, a blanket, folding chairs. Dogs must be leashed. Fort Dupont Park, at Minnesota Ave. and Randle Circle SE, is one of Washington's largest parks. Entry to the concert venue will open at 5 p.m. and will be through three entrance areas that will serve as security checkpoints where all bags and coolers will be inspected. Aug. 6 – The Barkays; Aug. 13 – Mandril.

The Yards Park Friday Evening Concert Series continues through Aug. 19, 6-8 p.m. at N and 3rd Sts. SE. Food options will be provided by Devine Foods and Smokin Somethin BBQ, and a beer/sangria garden will be run by Mie N Yu. The FrontStage Wednesday Lunchtime Concert Series at Yards Park continues through Aug. 17, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

An interesting new market is opening East of the River. Providing fresh farm produce, Aya Community Market is open the third Saturday of each month, Aug. 20 through Nov. 19, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Pennsylvania Ave. Baptist Church, 3000 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.

Find out more at DC's coolest online calendar, www.whatsoncity.net.