

The Buzz

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DCPS Beautification Day

Beautification Day for all DC public schools will be held Saturday, August 23 from 9 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. Prepare to get dirty and bring your own gardening tools, if you have them. Tools and supplies are provided but sometimes run short.

Close to home, Eliot-Hine Middle School (1830 Constitution Ave. NE) is particularly eager to welcome volunteers. By all means register through the link below, but you can also contact the school's community volunteer coordinator, Heather Schoell (heysassy@yahoo.com, 547-1819). If you need to contact the school directly, email or call Mrs. Morgan (ophelia.morgan@dc.gov, 939-5380).

For more information or to volunteer, visit the DC Public Schools website, www.dcps.dc.gov, and enter 'beautification day' in the search box. Email dcps.beautificationday@dc.gov with any questions or concerns.

Crab Feast

Lane Memorial CME Church, 1423 C St. NE, is hosting a crab feast on Saturday, August 16 from 3-7 p.m. Enjoy music, food, and fellowship. The cost is \$55, \$35 for children 12 and under. For information and tickets, call Rob at 202-234-7145 or Doug at 240-416-5727.



August NLPNA Meeting

The first Tuesday in August (the 5th) 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, probably in Lincoln Park. Bring a covered dish or beverage to share; paper and plasticware will be provided. ANC Commissioner Nick Alberti will bring his bocce ball set.

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

ANC 6A Grants

The Community Outreach Committee of ANC 6A is accepting grant applications for review at their August 18 meeting and subsequent consideration by ANC 6A at the September 11 meeting. The submission deadline is August 11. The primary benefit of any grant must be to residents of ANC 6A and the applicant must be a non-profit organization. Awards are small, with most less than \$1,000.

The application form, which includes filing instructions, funding guidelines, and contact information, is available at www.anc6a.org/documents.html. Grant applicants are encouraged to obtain advice on the application process prior to submitting. A review of successful grant applications, also available on the website, is recommended.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Aug. 5), 7 p.m., annual Neighborhood Night Out potluck supper in Lincoln Park. All are welcome! *See article.*
- **Application deadline, ANC 6A summer grants**, Mon. Aug. 11. *See article.*
- **Lane Memorial CME Crab Feast**, Sat. Aug. 16, 3-7 p.m., 14th & C Sts. NE. *See article.*
- **DCPS Beautification Day**, Sat. Aug. 23, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at all schools. Eliot-Hine MS, 1830 Constitution Ave. NE, is eager for volunteers. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A does not meet in August**. Next meeting second Thurs. (Sept. 11), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Sept. 2), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C Sts. NE. All are welcome!
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 300 block of 14th Pl., 200 block of 12th St., 200 block of 15th St., and 1400 block of Ames Pl. This is a good opportunity for young people needing community service hours.

Donations are appreciated; checks should be made payable to NLPNA and delivered to 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

Hill Center Presents...

- Hill Center Stage with Rebecca Sheir: A conversation with Michael Kaiser, Mon. Aug. 11, 7 p.m. Free. A discussion with Michael Kaiser, just two weeks prior to his departure from the Kennedy Center. Moderated by Rebecca Sheir, host of WAMU FM's "Metro Connection." Register at www.hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172.
- Silent Film Series with DC Public Library. Free.
 - Three short films starring Gloria Swanson, Thurs. Aug. 7, 7 p.m. Enjoy some of this film diva's earliest work.
 - *The Cameraman* starring Buster Keaton, Thurs. Aug. 14, 7 p.m. Keaton's work is some of the most thrilling, inventive, and delightful filmmaking ever.
 - *All Night* starring Rudolph Valentino, Thurs. Aug. 21, 7 p.m. A married society couple persuade an unmarried pair to take their places at a party while they pretend to be the servants.
 - *Pollyanna* starring Mary Pickford, Thurs. Aug. 28, 7 p.m. Pollyanna is a comedy about an orphaned girl who manages to stay positive by playing the "glad game."

Hill Center at Old Naval Hospital is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.

Hazardous Waste Disposal & Document Shredding

The city offers weekly electronic and hazardous waste dropoff at the Fort Totten Transfer Station on Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., and also on the first Thursday of the month from 1-5 p.m. The station is located at 4900 John F. McCormack Drive.

Document shredding is offered on the first Saturday of each month. For more information, see "Where can I recycle..." in the right hand column of the DC Recycler blog, www.dcrecycler.blogspot.com/.

Tutoring at Miner ES

If you're at least 50 years old and can volunteer five hours a week tutoring and mentoring a child, AARP needs you. Their Experience Corps is currently recruiting 15 volunteers to tutor K-3rd grade kids who are struggling to read at Miner Elementary School, 615 15th St. NE. Instruction takes place on-site during school hours. A background check is required. For more information call 434-6495 or email dcexperiencecorps@aarp.org.

Please Water Trees

New trees need supplemental water, a minimum of 20 gallons each week, for at least their first two to three summers if they are to survive. You can help by 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. Let the water trickle for 20 to 30 minutes – or better still, use a watering bag or basin. The green watering bags (or basins) should be filled at least once a week.

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*.

Cat Food Donations Sought

The man who died in the recent Isherwood fire had been tending to a colony of feral cats. One of his neighbors, Jill, has taken over this responsibility but could really use your help with donations of cat food. She'll 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.

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Gilbert & Sullivan's "Patience, Bunthorne's Bride," Aug. 7-9. Evening performances begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20; \$10 for the Aug. 2 matinee. Call 547-6839 or email bwashington@chaw.org for tickets.
- Sumi-e Workshop, Sat. Aug. 9, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$76. Jon Leniz will teach this Chinese ink wash bamboo painting technique, with the theme Flowers and Birds. To register, call 547-6839 or email bwashington@chaw.org.
- Girls' Songwriting Workshop, Sat. Aug. 9, 1:15-3:15 p.m. \$25. Explore your world through emotions and senses while learning the fundamentals of songwriting. No instruments or previous musical training necessary. Participants will develop inspiration and foundation to continue songwriting in their own time. To register, call 547-6839 or visit www.chrs.org.
- Drop-in Figure Drawing, Fri. Aug. 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$20. Work on drawings or paintings in front of a live model, without an instructor. Bring your own materials. Easels are available.
- Family Film Workshop, Sat. Aug. 16, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$55 per parent + child. Learn puppetry and collage techniques for stop-motion animation. This class will empower kids (and their parents) with the foundations of storytelling, stop motion animation, rhythmic filmmaking, and fine arts techniques as they collaborate on partner and group films. CHAW is located at 545 7th St. SE. For more information on all CHAW events, call 547-6839 or visit www.chaw.org.

