

The Buzz

North
Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

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Help a Call Box

The city-wide call box project is a wonderful effort to protect, renovate and reuse the city's no longer used fire and police call boxes. The city recently awarded a contract to repair and prime the call boxes, and you should soon see this work done on call boxes near your home. Community members are encouraged to come together to convert the boxes into neighborhood showcases for the unique history and culture of the neighborhood.

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society is coordinating the call box project for the entire Capitol Hill community. Each individual call box will have a theme that reflects something about the neighborhood-- someone who lived there, some building, some tradition, or anything else someone creative comes up with for a design. Artists will decorate the box exteriors and create "plaques" or pieces of art using old photographs, quotes from long-time residents, poems that capture the spirit of the neighborhood, or notes on historic events or personalities. These will be affixed within the boxes.

This is a great opportunity to come together as neighbors to fix up a call box on your block. Each individual box will need an artist to work on the design, and each box will also need someone to research or write the information, raise funds to manufacture the plaque or art work, coordinate all the workers, paint the final coats, and monitor the condition of the box after it has been finished. The city-wide Art on Call project will be funding approved boxes with up to \$250.

Before you begin, contact the Capitol Hill Restoration Society (Nancy Metzger, 546-1034, n.metzger2@verizon.net) to "register" for a box. If you would like to coordinate this effort for the North Lincoln Park neighborhood, please contact Suzanne at 547-2477.

Fire Safety

The city is giving away a battery-operated smoke detector to any DC resident who shows proof of residency (like a driver's license) and is a homeowner (no proof needed, so quite likely renters would be able to get one also). You can get yours from the Fire Prevention Division at 441 Fourth Street NW (Judiciary Square metro stop), lobby level from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. weekdays. For more info call 727-1600 or visit www.fems.dc.gov/services/fems_giveaway.shtm.

They also have information about other services such as free home fire inspections and fire safety/prevention education programs.

Holiday Celebration

Again this year, the December NLPNA meeting will feature "pot luck" snacks and sweets. So plan to celebrate the winter holiday season with your neighbors. We are so fortunate to have good neighbors and a caring community. Let's get together and celebrate!

Homeschooling on Capitol Hill?

Looking for support / activities / new friends? E-mail Lynn at 76463.3464@compuserve.com or call 388-9560.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, first Tuesday (Dec. 3), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C St., NE. Holiday Celebration. All are welcome.
- ANC6A meeting, first Thursday (Dec. 7), 7 p.m., Miner E.S., 601 15th St. NE.
- Sculpture Dedication, Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:00 p.m., 200 block of 13th St. NE, across from Maury E.S. (See article.)
- Wrestling, boys & girls ages 7-14, Boys & Girls Club, 17th St. & Mass. Ave. SE (see article).
- *NO NLPNA MEETING* in January. Next meeting, Feb. 4.
- *The Buzz* editorial staff can be reached at 543-3512. Visit us at www.nlpna.juniperdc.com.

Buzz Distribution

Distributors are needed for the 500 block of 13th St., 1300 block of F St., 1400 block of E St. and the unit, 100, and 200 blocks of 14th St. Call Elizabeth at 543-3512.

CRIME MAP

The police department has recently installed a new computer system to keep track of crime statistics. Unfortunately, this means that they are currently unable to provide us with the information we have been using to create the crime map. We are hoping that they will be able to provide the information in the future. In the meantime, the crime map has been suspended.

Sculpture Unveiling December 15!

On Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m., the D.C. Arts Commission will unveil a bronze sculpture, created by local artist Marcia Billig, in a ceremony at the triangle park across from Maury E.S (200 block of 13th Street). As we go to press, the details of the program are still being worked out, but the festivities will be co-sponsored by the Arts Commission, NLPNA, and the Maury PTSA. Refreshments will be served in the school's multi-purpose room. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

For more information about the ceremony, contact Sherry Schwechten at 724-5617 or Elizabeth Nelson at 543-3512. For information about the Commission or the public arts program, call 724-5613 or visit www.dcarts.dc.gov.

November Meeting Notes

Mr. Andre Sullivan and Mr. Jerome ('J.T.') Hicks of the Kingsman Basketball League attended the November NLPNA meeting where they were presented with NLPNA T-shirts as a small "thank you" for their role in organizing this important recreational activity. Ways in which the community can support their efforts were discussed. Look for more on this topic as it gets closer to the start of next year's season. We're hoping that a way can be found to get the court resurfaced and improve the lighting.

Anne Montgomery and Richard Sundberg gave a presentation on plans for Lovejoy Park, to be created on a pocket of land within the Lovejoy School grounds. The site is being redeveloped as Lovejoy Lofts and the developer has agreed to provide some financial assistance, if the community can raise matching funds. A group of neighbors is working with DC Parks and Recreation to make the park a reality. NLPNA voted to help them in this effort by agreeing to accept donations on their behalf until they can organize their own non-profit.

Youth Wrestling

Tired of your kids rolling around on the living room floor wrestling and tearing the house apart? Turn that energy into positive action. The Capitol Hill Wrestling Club is now organizing its winter season for beginners and intermediates (boys and girls ages 7-14). Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 17th St. and Mass. Ave. SE. Just show up, or contact Gail 543-3009.

CHAMPS Needs Our Help

The CHAMPS Community Foundation is now conducting its annual fundraising campaign. You may know of the Foundation through its Capitol Hill Achievement Awards or its recently launched Ruth Ann Overbeck Capitol Hill History Project. Or closer to home, you may remember that last June the Foundation supported several projects at the Capitol Hill Cluster School with more than \$6,000 in grants.

In fact, each spring and fall, the Foundation offers grants to Capitol Hill schools, charities, civic and service organizations (including NLPNA), arts groups, and individuals who are working to sustain and improve the neighborhood's quality of life. Every dollar in contributions – donated by individuals and businesses – goes back out to award recipients in grants of up to \$1,500.

If you'd like to support the Foundation's work in the schools and in the neighborhood, you can send a contribution to CHAMPS Community Foundation, 419 East Capitol Street S.E., Washington, DC 20003. All donations are tax deductible.

ANC Contacts

As a result of census redistricting and the recent election, there are several new commissioners in the NLPNA area. They are:

6A02 Joseph Fengler 423-8868
6A03 Cody Rice 544-3734
6A04 Nick Alberti 543-3512
6A05 Michael Musante 548-2542
6A06 Jessica Ward 396-3193

Buy Entertainment Books

The Entertainment 2003 books are still available. Entertainment books have valuable coupons that allow you to get half off at many area restaurants, and hundreds of other savings. In addition to two-for-one dinner savings at local restaurants like America, Thunder Grill, The White Tiger, Café Berlin, and Hawk 'n' Dove, you can get 50 percent off tickets to the Washington Capitols, Wizards, Mystics, DC United, and Baltimore Orioles. You can save \$10 off a Six Flags admission, \$7 off a Kings Dominion admission, and 50 percent off bowling games at AMF Bowling Centers.

Entertainment books quickly pay for themselves. They cost only \$35 dollars when you buy them through NLPNA. The same books cost \$40 when you buy them at Safeway. For every Entertainment book that NLPNA sells, we earn \$7. So far this year, NLPNA has raised \$105 from the sale of the books.

It's easy to buy an Entertainment book. Simply call Suzanne Wells at 547-2477. While you're getting a book for yourself, if you're having trouble finding something for that hard-to-buy-for person on your gift list, consider giving them an Entertainment book too!

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