

The Buzz

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November Meeting Notes

by Heather Schoell

At the November 4th meeting of the NLPNA, we met our new Ward 6 Neighborhood Planning Coordinator, Cindy Petkac. Ms. Petkac has an extensive background in city planning, and is using her skills to assess our neighborhoods to see where improvements should be made, such as adding parks and green spaces where there are few. Additionally, Ms. Petkac will be working along with the H Street revitalization effort. Karina Ricks, who served in this capacity for the last few years, was also present and reaffirmed her continuing commitment to H Street. She reported that a farmer's market is being planned for next summer.

Rachel Goldstein of the Sierra Club was in attendance to make a state-by-state pitch regarding regulation of energy companies, specifically Pepco, in DC's case.

The idea is to mandate that Pepco buy a certain percentage of renewable energy, such as solar energy, or energy generated from wind farms in Maryland and Virginia. The purpose is to improve air quality and lessen the threat of global warming. The Sierra Club has succeeded in persuading California to make 20 percent of their energy from a renewable source. The cost to consumers? The best case scenario was an increase of 20 to 80 cents per month, and a worst- or average-case cost was not available. NLPNA has been asked to consider signing a letter of support for this initiative. The issue will be discussed at the December meeting, where copies of the letter and supporting information will be available. For more information, go to <http://marypirg.org/MD.asp?id2=9486&id3=MD&>.

Warm Hands, Warm Hearts

The Northeast branch library is asking for donations of new, or nearly new, hats, headbands, scarves, gloves, and mittens to share with children at area homeless shelters. Items may be hand-made or purchased. The drive will continue through the end of February. For more information, contact Michelle Jackson, 698-3299.



Kid Power-DC

Kid Power (www.kidpowerdc.org) is an after-school program that works with at-risk youth to explore DC history through theater, film, and the arts. Currently, Kid Power is working with twenty 4th, 5th, and 6th graders at Miner Elementary School. Kid Power is in need of art supplies (from markers to digital cameras), volunteers, and financial support. For more information please contact Caroline Cleveland at caroline@kidpowerdc.org or 703/244-5995.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, first Tues. (Dec. 2), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C St. NE. Celebrate the winter holidays with your neighbors. (See article.)
- PSA 512 meeting, second Wed. (Dec. 10), 7 p.m., Miner E.S., 601 15th St. NE.
- ANC 6A meeting, second Thurs. (Dec. 11), 7 p.m., Miner E.S., 601 15th St. NE. Web address is www.anc6a.org.
- PSA 511 meeting, third Wed. (Dec. 17), 6:30 p.m., Teacher's C.U., 9th & D St. NE.
- **NO NLPNA MEETING** in January!
- *The Buzz* is available on the community newsletters page of the Voice of the Hill website (www.voiceofthehill.com), and on the publications page of the ANC 6A website (see above).
- *The Buzz* editorial staff can be reached at 543-3512. Articles on topics of interest in the NLP area are very welcome.
- *Buzz* distributors are needed for the 1300 block of Emerald St., the 1100 block of Constitution Ave. and the 1400 block of A St.

Holiday Celebration

Again this year, the December NLPNA meeting will feature "pot luck" snacks and sweets. Come, celebrate the winter holiday season with your neighbors. Children will be particularly welcome.

Octoberfest

As planned, the NLPNA Octoberfest celebration took place October 25. Neighborhood kids and adults partied all afternoon in the alley between the 100 blocks of 15th and 16th Streets. Activities included face painting, pumpkin carving, apple bobbing, and a three-legged race. ANC Commissioner Nick Alberti twisted balloons into animals and headgear. Fresh cotton candy was produced on site. Prizes and helium balloons were dispensed. And a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to the many community members who helped make this event a success and especially to our corporate

Let There Be Trees!

Four new trees were planted in our neighborhood on November 8, two zelkovas on Kingsman Field and a linden and golden rain tree in the triangle at North Carolina and Constitution Avenues. Many thanks



Credit: Rich Cottrell at Merrifield Garden Center

Tis the Season for... Theft From Auto!

Don't leave packages (or anything else of value) visible in your car. Lock them in the trunk or, better still, don't leave them in your car at all.



Credit: Susan Sandinski

sponsors, Intersolutions Inc. (who footed the entire bill for the cotton candy machine!) and Safeway.

to the neighbors who helped dig the holes and water the trees (Suzanne Wells, Joshua Godec, Mike Godec, Michael Herman, Dan Schultz, Elizabeth Nelson, and Nick Alberti). Thanks also to Trees for Capitol Hill both for their financial support and for the team that delivered and helped plant the trees.

The city is making a serious effort to replace trees in empty street tree boxes. However, many empty boxes cannot be replanted because there are still stumps in them. These locations should be reported to 727-1000 as soon as possible so the stumps can be ground out and the boxes made ready for the next planting cycle. If the box is not in front of an actual street address, report it as being "across from" an address on the opposite side of the street.

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Safety Tips on the Street

from PSA 109, courtesy Art Hanrehan

- If possible, don't walk alone during late-night hours.
- Let a family member or friend know your destination and estimated time of arrival/return.
- Stay in well-lit areas, avoiding alleys, vacant lots, and wooded or secluded areas.
- Walk on the sidewalk, close to the curb, avoiding potential hiding places.
- If you have to walk in the street, walk facing traffic. A person walking with traffic can be followed and abducted more easily than a person walking against traffic.
- Walk confidently, directly, and at a steady pace. Don't stop to talk to strangers.
- Wear clothing and shoes that give you freedom of movement and don't burden yourself by carrying too many parcels.
- Be aware of your surroundings. If wearing headphones, don't turn up the volume so high that you can't hear outside noises.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Avoid carrying large sums of cash or displaying expensive jewelry in public.
- Report any suspicious activity to the MPD at 311 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency).

Entertainment Book Make Great Gifts!

Entertainment books have valuable half-off coupons at many area restaurants, and hundreds of other savings. The books cost \$35, and NLPNA keeps \$7 from every book sold. Last year, NLPNA raised over \$200 by selling Entertainment books. So far this year, we've raised \$84. There are plenty more to sell! Call Suzanne Wells at 547-2477 to get your book today.