

# The Buzz

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Lincoln Park's  
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The Capitol Hill Garden Club presents...

... "The Nature of Ikebana," with Master Teacher Diana Cull, on Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. Ikebana, an ancient floral art of Japan, has captured people's attention because of its graceful lines and pleasing forms. The meeting will be held in the basement of the Church of the Brethren at North Carolina Ave. and 4th St. SE. Enter by the 4th St. side ground-level door. For more information on the Capitol Hill Garden Club, visit [capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com](http://capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com).

## Maury ES School Tour

Submitted by Erica Martin, Maury PTA Families with an interest in elementary school options are invited to Maury ES on Wednesday, February 19 from 9-10:30 a.m. They will have an opportunity to meet the energetic principal, experienced teachers, and involved parents who work together to make Maury a great school! Learn about the curriculum, before and aftercare programs, extracurricular activities, and community partnerships. Arrive between 9 and 9:15 a.m. to take a guided tour of the school and see classes in action. Tours will conclude at 9:45 for a discussion and Q&A with the principal until 10:30. Maury is located at 13th St. and Constitution Ave. NE. No reservations are required. Visit [www.mauryelementary.com](http://www.mauryelementary.com).

## THE BUZZ EDITORIAL TEAM

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## ANC 6A Officers

ANC 6A elected new officers in January. They are: Nick Alberti, Chair, [alberti6a04@yahoo.com](mailto:alberti6a04@yahoo.com); Omar Mahmud, Vice-Chair, [mahmud6a01@gmail.com](mailto:mahmud6a01@gmail.com); David Holmes, Treasurer, [holmes6a3@gmail.com](mailto:holmes6a3@gmail.com); Calvin Ward, Secretary, [cward6a08@gmail.com](mailto:cward6a08@gmail.com).

## Thank you from Eliot-Hine

Eliot-Hine MS student knitters are enjoying the yarn donated by *Buzz* readers. The kids are putting it to very good use. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed!



## Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 1500 block of A St., 1500 block of North Carolina Ave, 1100 block of C St., 1100 block of E St., unit blocks of 14<sup>th</sup> St. and 15<sup>th</sup> St., 300 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Pl., 200 block of 15<sup>th</sup> St., and 300 block of Tennessee Ave. Call 543-3512 or email [elizabeth\\_knits@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com).

We are also seeking free or low-cost printing. Donations are appreciated; checks should be made payable to North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and sent to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Feb. 4), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE. All are welcome!
- **Capitol Hill Garden Club**, Tues. Feb. 11, 7 p.m., Church of the Brethren, North Carolina Ave. & 4th St. SE. *See article*.
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Feb. 13), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org).
- **Maury ES School Tour**, Wed. Feb. 19, 9-10:30 a.m., 1250 Constitution Ave. NE (Enter on 13<sup>th</sup> St.). *See article*.
- **Transforming Your Home**, Fri. Feb. 21, 10 a.m. – noon, 921 Penn. Ave. SE. *See article*.
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Mar. 4), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE. All are welcome!
- *The Buzz* is available at [www.anc6a.org/publications.html](http://www.anc6a.org/publications.html). Contact us at 543-3512 or [elizabeth\\_knits@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com).

Capitol Hill Village presents...

... "Transforming Your Home for Easier Living" on Friday, February 21, 10 a.m. - noon. Speakers will be Tori Goldhammer, an occupational therapist who helps adapt homes for safety and comfort, and Byron Buck, who renovates and modernizes homes, particularly kitchens. The seminar will take place at Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. Free to all but registration is required. Call 543-1778.

## Hill Center Presents...

- The Trials of Muhammad Ali, Tues. Feb. 11, 7 p.m. Free. This is a feature-length documentary film covering Ali's battle to overturn the five-year prison sentence he received for refusing U.S. military service. It is not a boxing film; it is a fight film tracing a formative period in Ali's life. Prior to becoming the most recognizable face on earth, Cassius Clay became Muhammad Ali and found himself in the crosshairs of conflicts concerning civil rights, religion, and wartime dissent. From ITVS Community Cinema.
- Hill Center Concert Series: Debra Tidwell's Love and All Its Symptoms, Fri. Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Hill Center is thrilled to welcome back Washington, DC-based jazz vocalist and cabaret artist Debra Tidwell for a special Valentine's Day performance! Tidwell received a Helen Hayes Award Nomination for Best Actress in a Musical and was awarded the Mayor's Arts Award as Outstanding Emerging Artist.
- District Sounds hosted by Chris Richards, featuring the dream-pop music of Cigarette, Fri. Feb. 21, 7 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. District Sounds features some of the most intriguing musicians at the forefront of DC's eclectic music scene. Richards will launch his new series with the dream-pop band Cigarette. Event begins with a 30-minute discussion with the artists, followed by a concert. Cigarette is Jonathan Howard, Evan Napala, Richard Howard, Johnny Ward, and Drew Hagelin. Cigarette recently released an album.

Register for any of these events at [www.hillcenterdc.org](http://www.hillcenterdc.org) or call 549-4172. Hill Center at Old Naval Hospital is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.



## Pocket Park Update

There has been lingering confusion over the status of the pocket park formed by the intersection of 13th Street and Tennessee Avenue, south of Constitution Avenue – the southern part of Reservation 266. Last spring, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) granted planting permits to the owners of one of the adjacent properties without an opportunity for public input. The plantings are attractive and well maintained but do alter the ways in which the public interacts with the space.

In response to an inquiry from ANC 6A, DDOT stated that the homeowners do have the right to landscape that portion of the park as if it were their yard, but that they do not have control of the space and it is "still available for neighborhood use." (Letter posted at [www.anc6a.org/DDOTpubSpaceRes266Resp.pdf](http://www.anc6a.org/DDOTpubSpaceRes266Resp.pdf)) However, neighbors have reported being asked to leave or limit their activities and, in at least three cases, the police have been summoned and/or legal action initiated.

In a recent meeting, Lt. Emerman, MPD Criminal Investigation Division, confirmed that it is his understanding that the public has a right to use the park and may walk anywhere they wish in it. He said there is an expectation that there will be normal wear and tear on the plantings as children play, dogs exercise, etc. Nevertheless, restraining orders have been requested against individuals who were walking between or through the bushes, so there is a risk of legal action if you do so.

Any activity that *intentionally* damages the plants (e.g., digging, cutting, pulling them up, stomping on them) is prohibited. The issues involved may be better understood as these legal actions proceed through the court.

Users of the space and passers-by may wish to know that activity at this location is recorded by

security cameras installed by the adjacent property owner.

ANC 6A and others are questioning DDOT's decision as it conflicts with the purpose of the reservations and their status as a contributing feature of the L'Enfant Plan, which is landmarked. The DDOT decision also appears to conflict with other City laws and policy initiatives.

Other documents relating to the matter can be found at [www.anc6a.org/Com6A04.html](http://www.anc6a.org/Com6A04.html).

## Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Drop-in Figure Painting, Fridays, Feb. 7 & 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$20. Work on drawings or paintings in front of a live model in a session without an instructor. Bring your own drawing materials.
- Family Friendly Gallery Activities with Camille Clifton, whose show is on display in the CHAW gallery, Feb. 8. Free, but reservations are required.
  - Pre-K 10:00-10:45 a.m. *What Do You See & Feel?* Kids explore the works on display with flash cards and games, to identify signs, colors, shapes, and moods.
  - Grades K-2 11:00-11:45 a.m. *What Do You Find & Discover?* Kids discover the works on show by comparing and sharing their thoughts and observations with critical thinking and games.
  - Grades 3-5 11:50 a.m. -12:35 p.m. *Can You Create & Wonder?* Kids examine the works on show to create or re-create from a piece and learn to wonder about how a photograph stimulates the five senses.
- Sip & Paint, Fri. Feb. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30. Receive step-by-step instruction from teaching artists Ellen Cornett and Sheppard Bear and enjoy snacks and wine.

CHAW is located at 547 7<sup>th</sup> St. SE. For more information on all CHAW events, call 547-6839 or visit [www.chaw.org](http://www.chaw.org).