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Pierce School Renovations Begin

December 7 may be a day that will live in infamy, but NLPNA will also remember it as the day the closed Pierce School (14th & Maryland Avenues) was sold to Evolve LLC for \$270,000. Evolve plans to renovate the school into seven loft-style rental apartments. Because Evolve had a pre-occupancy permit, they were able to do some repairs to the building, such as replacing the roof, prior to December 7. According to Chris Swanson, one of the partners in Evolve, they plan to be historically accurate when they restore the outside of the building.

If work proceeds as planned, Evolve expects to be leasing apartments in September 2001. If you'd like to check out what the building currently looks like, and keep up with the renovations, visit www.evolveinc.com.

Neighborhood Action on H Street

Did you know that at one time, H Street Northeast was the second busiest commercial area in D.C.? Some of our neighbors remember a time when H Street was a thriving business area where folks bought their clothing, everything for their home and went to the movies. No one had to go to Georgetown or the suburbs to find the latest fashions or buy a kitchen stove. This could happen again! In response to community demands for actions to revitalize H Street, the city has begun working on the problem by improving city services and

Community Initiatives Public Art Program

A speaker from the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities will attend the January NLPNA meeting to discuss the Community Initiatives Public Art Program. The commission is seeking site nominations from District residents for outdoor sites in their communities that are available for long-term placement of public art projects. Each site will be paired with a professional artist who will create an artistic work (mural, sculpture, etc.) specifically for that site. A panel of area arts professionals will review the nominations and select appropriate locations. Community members, along with Arts Commission staff, will then facilitate the process of matching artists with the sites. Preference is given to artists who reside or have studios in the District.

approaching the development of a strategic plan.

One of the first steps will be an effort by the Ward 6 Neighborhood Services Coordinator, Leo Pinson, with the help of his power team made up of representatives from as many as nine city agencies, to create immediate visible improvements to H Street. Improvements will include street cleaning, building code enforcement, beautification, and education. Ward 6 City Planner Karina Ricks, from the Office of Planning, is coordinating efforts to bring together a broad

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, Tuesday Jan. 2, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C St., N.E. Discussion of public art program (see article at left).
- Meeting on revitalizing the H Street corridor, Saturday, Jan. 27, 10:00 a.m. (see article below).
- Visit NLPNA's web site at www.nlpna.juniperdc.com.

The deadline for application is January 19, 2001 so we must act quickly if we would like to propose a site in our neighborhood. If you have an idea for a suitable site, please share it at the meeting. If you are interested in helping with the application process but cannot attend the meeting, please call Elizabeth at 543-3512.

cross section of people and interests to craft a single plan for H Street. We are invited to join folks from other neighborhoods in this area such as Stanton Park, Near Northeast, Trinidad and Kingman Park to develop a strategic plan to revitalize H Street. The actual plan will be created through a series of public meetings in the next year. The first meeting will be Saturday, January 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The location is to be confirmed but is expected to be Gallaudet University. Lunch will

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be provided. This meeting should be reflective of the entire community, so please come to the meeting and share your vision for H Street.

For general information about activities on H Street, check out www.hstreetdc.com. For more information about general plans for neighborhood revitalization on H Street or about the meeting on January 27th, or to be added to the contact list, contact Karina Ricks at 442-7606, or email her at karina.ricks@dc.gov. If you need a ride to the meeting, contact Sharon at 399-0715.

Last Chance for Entertainment Books!

NLPNA has only two Entertainment 2001 books left to sell. The books cost \$35 and allow you to get half-price dinners at area restaurants, plus other savings. This will be your last chance to buy an Entertainment 2001 book, so hurry and call Suzanne Wells at 547-2477 to get a book.

Neighborhood Directory

Longtime NLPNA members will remember the neighborhood directory that was published about ten years ago. It's been suggested many times that we produce a new one, and Abbie Terrones has volunteered to head the effort.

To be included in the directory, provide your name, address and phone number, in writing (print clearly, please) and drop it off with Susan at 1400 C St., Elizabeth at 1330 North Carolina Ave., or Abbie at 226 14th St., or bring it to the next NLPNA meeting. Copies of the directory will be available only to those whose names appear in it. There's no cut-off date for inclusion but we would like to complete the directory as quickly as possible, so a prompt response will be appreciated.

Distributors Needed

Buzz distributors are needed for the 500 block of 14th St and the 1300 block of East Capitol St. Many thanks to current *Buzz* distributors and recent donors!

Urban Campout

A committee is forming to plan the next Urban Campout to be held in June. If you can help, please contact Barbara Anderson (398-6621), Anita Dyson (547-7332), Suzanne Wells (547-2477), or Elizabeth Nelson (543-3512).

Ward 6 Neighborhood Services Coordinator

Leo Pinson is the Neighborhood Services Coordination for Ward 6. He works directly out of the Mayor's office to coordinate city services to solve neighborhood problems such as alley cleaning and rat abatement. Mr. Pinson can be reached at 727-5146.

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