

The Buzz

North
Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

January 2012

Volume 23 Number 1

NLPNA DOES NOT MEET IN JANUARY

Hill Center Programs

Hill Center is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE (www.hillcenterdc.org). Their January offerings include:

- ♦ Shelly Steitz Stitching Class: Six-week introductory course – students will incorporate basic knitting stitches into their own knitting projects.
- ♦ C3 Cyber Club-3d Lego Design (K-2nd graders): Take the fun concept of traditional Legos and combine it with the digital world of 3D modeling.
- ♦ Video Game Design (3rd-6th graders): See how professional games are made. Learn cutting-edge computer skills through 3D game design.
- ♦ Courses from The Writer's Center: Tapping the Creative Well – Poetry; Researching and Writing Neighborhood Profiles; Close Readings in Contemporary Poetry; Teen Creative Writing; Creating Characters That Walk Off the Page; Mastering "Real Talk": Creating Authentic Dialogue.
- ♦ Travel Blogging: Create a travel blog and dynamic postings to report a recent journey or lay groundwork for a future trip

Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of 15th St., 300 block of 14th Pl., 1100 block of E St., 1500 block of Constitution Ave., 1500 block of North Carolina Ave., 1400 and 1500 blocks of A St. This is a good opportunity for a young person in need of community service hours. Call 543-3512 or email elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

Carjacking and Theft-from-Auto Prevention

There continues to be an increase in the frequency of carjackings. In some cases, the perpetrators use the ruse of a traffic accident (perhaps by rear-ending the victim) and then jump into the victim's car when (s)he gets out to inspect the damage. If you are involved in an accident, turn the ignition off and take the keys with you when exiting the vehicle to inspect damage as a matter of prevention. If you are involved in an accident and feel uneasy or you're suspicious of the other party's intentions, you can contact 911 and an officer will respond to assist in the exchange of information.

The north Lincoln Park area has been experiencing greater-than-usual problems with theft-from-auto. Please help discourage crime by keeping your car as empty as possible.

ANC 6A Library Grant

The Eliot-Hine PTSA recently won a \$5,000 grant from ANC 6A to purchase books for the school library. Sadly, the school had a librarian but the library shelves were bare. The PTSA plans to move quickly to have the volumes in place soon after the students return from their winter holiday. This grant application is an example of the successful collaboration between the Maury PTA and the Eliot-Hine PTSA, who also worked together to acquire landscaping supplies for the middle school.

For more information on the ANC 6A grants program, visit www.anc6a.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA does not meet in January**
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Jan. 12), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Feb. 7), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE.
- **Capital City Symphony performances**, Feb. 25 & 26 at the Atlas Performing Arts Center. Details in February Buzz. <http://intersectionsdc.org/>
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

Library Programs

The Northeast Branch Library's programs include:

- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & Thurs. Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11:15 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Advisory Group meeting, Wed. Jan. 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Music, Sat. Jan. 7 at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Story Time for 3-6 year olds, Mon. Jan. 9, 23, 30 at 4 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. Jan. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Story Times, Sat. Jan. 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. Jan. 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thurs. Jan. 19, 4-5 p.m.

The library, at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE (698-3320), is closed on Sundays and on Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 16).

Evolve Urban Arts Project:

The Evolve Urban Arts Project enriches the lives of residents and neighbors in the H Street community by providing free exhibition space to artists based in the Washington metropolitan area.

The Project draws inspiration from the loft conversion movement – started by artists – that transformed downtown New York City warehouses and industrial spaces into functional live/work studios. Decades later, the process of gentrification has promoted the loft lifestyle across America, but few reflect upon the artistic roots of this movement. The Pierce School Lofts, home to the Project, was itself an abandoned elementary school before being adaptively re-used as rental loft apartments. Evolve has chosen to honor the building's history and the artistic heritage of the greater loft movement by creating the Urban Arts Project, giving artists center stage in the building's public spaces.

The Project sponsors approximately five exhibitions a year in a variety of formats and media and is entirely philanthropic, taking no payment for use of the space. Artists may make their work available for purchase, or they simply may choose to share their work with the community. By acting as an incubator for artistic talent, the Project aims to make Washington, DC a more dynamic, creative, and fascinating place to live.

Evolve Urban Arts Project is located in the Pierce School Lofts at 1375 Maryland, Ave.NE, in the H Street Arts and Entertainment District. Exhibits at Evolve Urban Arts Project are available by appointment. In addition, artist receptions are generally scheduled with each new exhibition.

For further information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Geoff Ault, the Project's curator, at 744-6439 or by email at geoff@evolveDC.com.

Evolve Urban Arts

Submitted by Geoff Ault

Evolve Property Management presents works by Beth Cartland at the Evolve Urban Arts Gallery @ Pierce School Lofts, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE.

Cartland uses a wide range of techniques and materials in her exploration of artistic expression. She combines a mastery of classic technique and an innovative view of our world, resulting in a collection of powerful works.

Cartland's primary focus is on painting and collage, but she also uses found and natural object to create small sculptures. She lives and paints in Washington, DC.

The exhibit is free and runs through March 23. To view it, please call 744-6439 for an appointment. To learn more, visit <http://art.evolvedc.com>.



"Repeat/Rewind" Oil on Canvas by Beth Cartland

What's "On" in January

To discover fun, free (or darn cheap) activities, check out www.whatsoncity.net. Kathleen Donner keeps it up to date with events of interest to all ages/tastes.

Shop and Support NLPNA

NLPNA is enrolled with the igive.com® charity support organization. If you are an online shopper, please consider joining.

THE BUZZ EDITORIAL TEAM

Elizabeth Nelson
Jennie Allen
Suzanne Wells

Brand New Trees

Once again, Trees for Capitol Hill and NLPNA teamed up for the annual tree-planting on Saturday, November 19. Thank goodness for sunny skies and moist soils as seventeen new trees were planted, six of them in our immediate neighborhood. Of special interest are the fall blooming camellia in front of 1330 block of North Carolina Ave, the Chinese Pistache in the triangle at Constitution and North Carolina Aves at 15th St., the Buckeye on the corner of 14th and A St. NE, and the Rivers Purple Beech planted in memory of Ronald Mace in the triangle at North Carolina Ave and A St. The planting crew included several first-timers including Nick and David Heim, Cindy Steel, and Kris Laurente.

The Capitol Hill Garden Club (with a grant from ANC 6A) provided daffodil bulbs that were planted around the root balls.

Many, many thanks to Trees for Capitol Hill for heavily subsidizing the purchase, to the neighbors who contributed toward the cost, and to everyone who helped plant!



Lisa Turner with her new sweetgum



ANC Commissioner Nick Alberti plants a buckeye near the Car barns