

The Buzz

North
Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

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The Capitol Hill Garden Club presents...

... "Let Me Tell You About My Garden" on Tuesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. Three club members will describe notable features of their gardens, and their experiences as gardeners – good and bad, followed by a question and answer session. 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.

Pack 3838 Pancake Breakfast

Maury Cub Scout Pack 3838 will be hosting its second annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, January 26, from 8 to 11 a.m. at Maury ES at 13th St. and Constitution Ave. NE. Homemade pancakes will be served hot from the griddle with sides and toppings including syrup, fruit compotes, and chocolate sauce. Also enjoy gourmet coffee, juice, and a fun time with your neighbors! Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (children under 3 are free). Reserve your tickets in advance at maury_cubs@yahoo.com. Drop-ins will be welcome, as space allows and supplies last!

Shop and Support NLPNA

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



Atlas Seeks Board Members

The Atlas is looking for new members of the Atlas Community Advisory Board. The mission of the Atlas Community Advisory Council is to serve as goodwill ambassadors to the community and to promote the mission of the Atlas Performing Arts Center. The Council provides suggestions and feedback on programming, communication, outreach, and future plans for the Atlas. Currently, the council consists of members of the Board, Atlas staff, and concerned community members. The chairman is and should be a community member. Members of the council are encouraged to have an active involvement through volunteering and patronizing the various activities and performances housed and produced by the Atlas. Please send a note of your interest to marquilyons@yahoo.com or Marqui Lyons, c/o the Atlas Performing Arts Community Council, 1333 H Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of Tennessee Ave, 100 block of 11th St., 100 block of 15th St., 300 block of 14th Pl., 1100 block of E St., 1500 block of Constitution Ave., 1300 and 1500 blocks of North Carolina Ave., and 1300, 1400, 1500 blocks of A St.

Donations are also welcome; 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 does not meet in January.**
- **Capitol Hill Garden Club**, Tues. Jan. 8, 7 p.m., Church of the Brethren, North Carolina Ave. & 4th St. SE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Jan. 10), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast**, Sat., Jan. 26, 8-11 a.m., Maury ES, 13th St. & Constitution Ave. NE. *See article.*
- **Inaugural Ball** presented by Capitol Hill Village, Sat. Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m., Atlas Theater, 1333 H St. NE. *See article.*
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

The Hill's Own Inaugural Ball

Come dance to the music of Raggs and the All-Stars at "Swing for the Swearing In: Capitol Hill's Own Inaugural Ball" on Saturday, January 19, two days before the inauguration at 7:30 p.m. Held at the Atlas Center for the Performing Arts (1333 H St. NE), the event will offer food and drink and historical/political fun. You may also bid for any of more than a dozen vacation homes or sign up to dine with guests such as Pulitzer-prize-winning author and journalist Hedrik Smith.

For reservations, sign up online at www.capitolhillvillage.com or call 543-1778.

January at Hill Center

Byte Back: free computer courses (for adults)

Jan. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. For registration and more information, call Byte Back at 529-3395 or visit them online at www.byteback.org.

C3 3D Video Game Design (3rd – 8th graders)

In this exciting class, children will use 3D modeling skills to create their very own platform-based video game. They will continue to learn how to add characters, customize game attributes, and build their own virtual world from scratch. Students will acquire new computer programming skills, technology knowledge using mathematics, creativity, and basic problem-solving skills. Fridays, Jan 11 until Feb 15, two different classes:

- 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. first level (new students)
- 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. second level (returning students)

Cost: \$149 for either 6-week class
To register, visit www.hillcenterdc.org/home/programs/partners/47

Tai Chi Chuan (ages 13 to adult)

Tai Chi Chuan is a formulated set of movements designed for body and mind. Our classes are conducted in a relaxed, go-at-your-own-pace, collegial spirit infused with the seriousness that the study of Tai Chi demands. Stop by the Hill Center for a free lesson. Intermediate and advanced students learn push hands, saber, and sword. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from January 13 until May 30. Evening classes at separate times for beginners and intermediate/advanced students. Cost is \$150 per month for three classes per week.

To register and for additional information, call 301/388-8095, email washington.wustyle@gmail.com, 301/388-8095, or visit www.wustyledc.com/take-a-class/.

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Tips for Reducing Chances of Being a Crime Victim

Submitted by 1D Commander Hickson

There has been an increase in street robberies across the city during the past year. Many of these offenses have occurred within residential neighborhoods along routes that residents take as they travel to and from their homes on their way to stores and public transportation. The assailants are targeting personal electronics and cash. Please take the following precautions.

- Always be aware of your surroundings, vigilant of activity around you, and attentive to individuals approaching; walk purposely and with confidence.
- Try to travel with others; walk in well-traveled, well-lighted areas.
- Do not allow yourself to be distracted by talking on your cell phone, listening to music, or reading.
- Resist the urge to multi-task while walking; wait to make phone calls, check your email, and listen to music at your destination.
- Protect your electronics by not displaying them.
- If you purchase an electronic device, check on the availability of a tracking system for it (usually free at time of purchase).
- Do not use ATMs that are located in remote areas; use ATMs during the daylight hours in well-populated areas.
- Do not display large amounts of cash when paying for items, and do not display excessive jewelry.
- Men: If you carry a wallet, place it in your front hip pocket or inside jacket pocket; do not carry it in your back pants pocket.
- Women: When walking in public spaces, carry a small handbag or purse that you can grasp with your hand.

More safety tips can be found at www.mpdcc.org/safety.

REMEMBER: Call 9-1-1 if you see suspicious persons or activity.

News from Miner ES

* CR Gibbs, a noted scholar, author, historian, and lecturer will present “Africa’s Gifts to the World” at the school (601 15th St. NE) on January 8 at 5:30 p.m.

* Men of Miner is looking for volunteers to read aloud to students while providing positive male role models. The next reading will be January 28 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. If you’re interested in volunteering, please contact LaVonne Taliaferro-Bunch or Donnita Tabron at 397-3960 or via email at LaVonne.Taliaferro-Bunch@dc.gov or Donnita.Tabron@dc.gov.

* Lorenzo Alexander, linebacker for the Washington Redskins, is bringing his ACES foundation to Miner. ACES volunteers serve as mentors to youth and seek to create a positive cycle by inspiring them to obtain a higher education, pursue a career, maintain a strong family unit, and give back to the community. On January 9 at 9:30 a.m., Mr. Alexander, with the help of psychology students from the Chicago School of Psychology, will read to fifth graders from the book *Gifted Hands*, the inspiring journey of Dr. Ben Carson from a childhood in inner-city Detroit to a position as director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital at age 33.

* Miner offers GED and diploma programs for adults. If you’re a Miner parent and need help getting your GED or high school diploma contact Ray Brooks or Donnita Tabron at 397-3960 or via email at Donnita.Tabron@dc.gov.

* Volunteers are needed to tutor students performing below grade level in reading and math. Tutoring is on Saturdays at 9 a.m. If you’re interested in volunteering, contact Sylvia Mills at 397-3960 or via email at sylvia.mills@dc.gov or LaVonne.Taliaferro-Bunch@dc.gov.

* Two plays will be performed at Miner ES in February. Check the February issue of *The Buzz* for details.