

The Buzz

North
Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

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Proposals Are Underway For Public Art

On Thursday, May 31st about 20 neighbors and friends of North Lincoln Park gathered at Maury Elementary School for a D.C. Public Art Initiative "visioning" meeting. Representatives of the D.C. Public Art Initiative facilitated the workshop to develop a vision for the piece of art to be installed within the triangle in front of the school. Attendees were encouraged to share their feelings about the neighborhood as community and how they thought art could be used to convey these sentiments. Attention was also given to neighbors' safety and environmental concerns.

Also attending the meeting were the four local artists chosen by the selection committee (including neighborhood representatives) that the city has commissioned to develop competing proposals for the chosen site. Each of the artists is experienced at making public art and each works in his/her own distinctive artistic style. The artists, Marcia Billig, Chris Gardner, Uzikee Nelson, and Foon Sham, will use the ideas expressed by the community to develop their proposals.

The artists will present their proposals to the committee some time in August, at which time a final selection will be made. This meeting will be open to residents of the neighborhood so that they can offer their comments before the committee votes. We hope to have a confirmed date in time for the August edition of *The Buzz*. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Farmer, 547-7092.

Oh What a Beautiful Day!

With temperatures in the mid-80's, blue skies, and a light breeze, the weather could not have been finer for the 5th Annual Urban Camp Out on the Kingsman Field. When the children were asked what they liked best about the camp out, they had trouble deciding between "roasting marshmallows," "sleeping in a tent," or "all of it!"

The neighborhood children enjoyed many of their now favorite urban camp out activities. The afternoon started out with the bike repair clinic, where the children were thrilled to get their bikes in shape for the summer as their flats were fixed and chains were oiled.

They especially enjoyed getting to ride their bikes freely up and down D Street, which was closed for the afternoon. Kickball continued to be the sport of choice, and revolving games were played throughout the afternoon. This year, Evolve LLC (developers of the Pierce School Lofts) and cuppa' jo (a new coffee shop near Gallaudet) sponsored the arts and crafts activities, and the children thoroughly enjoyed making the deluxe kaleidoscopes and lacing kits under the watchful eyes of Abbie Terrones and Astri Klievdal.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- No NLPNA meeting in July!!
- Arts in the Park, Fridays in July and August. See article.
- PSA 511 Community Meeting, July 18, 7 p.m., Teacher's Credit Union, 9th & D St. N.E. Open workshop to identify neighborhood problems that can be solved immediately. To see if you live in PSA 511, check the maps section on www.nlpna.juniperdc.com.
- NLPNA meeting, August 7, 7:00 p.m., Lincoln Park. See article.
- *Buzz* distributors are needed for the 1100 block of C St. and the 500 block of 14th St. Call Elizabeth, 543-3512

Celebrate National Night Out at August Meeting

The August NLPNA meeting will be a potluck supper beginning at 7:00 in Lincoln Park. Children will be especially welcome. Mark your calendar now for August 7 and plan to celebrate "Neighborhood Night Out." Look for more details in the August *Buzz*.

Neighborhood Directory

Due to popular demand, the deadline for inclusion in the NLPNA Neighborhood Directory has been extended. Contact Elizabeth (543-3512) immediately to be included.

Arts in Lincoln Park

Arts in the Park is back this summer with performances every Friday between July 6 and August 17. Performances are from 5 to 6 p.m. The rain location is Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW), 545 7th Street SE. For more information, call 547-6839.

July 6	Summer Visual Arts Camp Performance
July 13	(to be announced)
July 20	Summer Theater Camp Performance
July 27	Redpants and Sugarman
August 3	Summer Movement Camp Performance
August 10	Thirty-three & a Third and Blufunk
August 17	Summer Music Camp Performance

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Several organizations and individuals put on demonstrations or hands-on activities. The D.C. Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) K-9 unit returned this year to show how the dogs are trained to obey the officers and help them fight crime. The D.C. Fire Department brought out a truck for the children to inspect, and smoke detectors were given out for free. Robert Everhart, the owner of Everhart's Karate Studio near Eastern Market, put on a karate demonstration with his students, and even showed us how they can break boards with their feet.

Anita Dyson, Sharon Cain, Tracy Warren, and Michael Herman cooked more hot dogs for the campers than they could count, and

everyone's sweet tooth was satisfied with Ben & Jerry's ice cream. The perennial favorite, roasting marshmallows, lasted well into the evening under Denise Warren's and Stan McCray's watchful eyes.

Mars was low in the sky that night (June 9) when Joe Morris, who heads up the Exploring the Sky

program run by the National Park Service and the National Capital Astronomer's Association, brought a super high-powered telescope. Children were heard running across the field saying, "I want to see Mars!" After the last campers took one more look at Mars, 85 campers crawled into the 25 tents that dotted the field.

The Camp Out cost about \$1,700 to put on this year, and it couldn't have been done without the generosity of many fine folks. Our financial contributors included Evolve LLC, cuppa' jo, Pardoe Real Estate, NLPNA, CHAMPS, The Village, and the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission. Many others made donations of food, time, and supplies. Pat Hanrehan shopped for the food. The ice cream was generously donated by Capitol Hill residents Robert and Karen Reed, owners of the Ben & Jerry's at the Old Post Office Pavilion. Doris Peacock once again baked and got her friends to bake hundreds of delicious cupcakes. Diana and Larry Gray provided the Rice Krispie treats. Annie Goode and her

girls made peanut-butter sandwiches. The Eastern States Bureau of Land Management in Springfield, VA provided many of the tents that were picked up and returned by Felix Nienstadt and Barb Mitana. Ben Bonham also provided and helped set up tents along with the rest of the tent crew including Jeff, Brandi, and Reed. Lieutenant Gottlieb, Sergeant Baker, and Officers Nelson and Thorpe from the MPD provided exceptional coverage this year. Barbara Anderson coordinated participation by MPD and the D.C. Fire Department. Special thanks to Nick Alberti and the rest of the bike repair crew. The tee shirts were awesome this year due to Matt Pusateri design, and we owe a special thanks to Robert Everhart who printed the tee shirts in two colors! Gaynell Dudley handled the registration throughout the afternoon. Sarah Donaldson allowed us to use much-needed water from her hose throughout the camp out, and N-a-Minit donated ice and electricity. Thanks to everyone who did anything that we didn't have room to mention, and a special thanks to Elizabeth Nelson and Suzanne Wells for pulling it all together!

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