

The Buzz

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Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

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Calling All Call Boxes

Paul Williams of the DC Heritage Tourism Coalition will be the speaker at the June 6th NLPNA meeting. Paul will be talking about a new, fun and exciting project to transform obsolete call boxes throughout the city. Call boxes are cast-iron boxes that were once used to summon the police and fire departments in the days before 911. The call boxes were going to be ripped out by the Department of Public Works, but because of the efforts of Paul Williams and others, the city is not going to remove the call boxes. Instead, neighborhood groups will now be able to apply for a grant of \$500 per call box to transform the call box.

Creativity is being encouraged. Artists could decorate the call boxes. Historians could use the call box to display something about the neighborhood's past such as a quotation or an old photograph. The possibilities are endless.

Nancy Metzker, with the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, is coordinating the call box effort on Capitol Hill. A survey has been done, and there are approximately 75 call boxes remaining in the Capitol Hill area. Within the NLPNA boundaries, there are at least five call boxes (11th & C, 13th & D, 13th & Maryland, and two at 13th & Constitution). Nancy is trying to encourage as many groups as possible to participate in this

Summer Time And Reading Together

The Lincoln Park Book Club, now in its ninth year, is seeking adult volunteers to read with children this summer. Call 548-0769 for a fun and flexible volunteer opportunity.

TRIBUTE TO MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE

Come celebrate the 125th anniversary of Mary McLeod Bethune's birthday and the 26th anniversary of the Bethune Memorial Statue on Monday, July 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Lincoln Park. The program is sponsored by The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. and the National Park Service.

project, and would welcome NLPNA's participation. Nancy plans to have a meeting the middle of June to bring together individuals, groups and schools who are interested in participating, and a community-wide meeting on the project is planned for September. Nancy can be reached at 546-1034. NLPNA needs someone to head up this project for our neighborhood. If you're an artist, historian or just interested in this project, plan to attend the June 6th NLPNA meeting. This project is a great opportunity to bring new life to the long-forgotten call boxes in our neighborhood.

Yard Sale is Soggy Success

The NLPNA yard sale was held, as planned, despite the soggy skies. We took in over \$360 – less than the proceeds from other years, but quite respectable given the weather. Many thanks to everyone who helped out, the set-up and tear-down crews, the sales staff, Keith and Rudy with the tents (we'd have been sunk without you), and Reva Wilson who baked ten pies for us to sell.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, June 6, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C Street, N.E. See article on call boxes. All are welcome.
- Urban Campout, June 10-11.
- Tribute to Mary McLeod Bethune, July 10, 6:00 p.m., Lincoln Park.
- *The Buzz* needs contributions to pay for future issues. Please send your tax-deductible contribution to NLPNA Treasurer, 160 Tennessee Avenue, N.E.

Summer Music Series in Lincoln Park – Building Community through the Arts!

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW) is hosting a summer music series at Lincoln Park. The outdoor concerts will be held Friday evenings from July 7th through August 18th on the Lincoln Park Green, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The series is sponsored by CHAW, the National Park Service National Capitol Parks-East, the Lincoln Park United Methodist Church, the Friends of Lincoln Park, and the North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (NLPNA) along with other Capitol Hill businesses and organizations. Volunteers are needed at every event. Call Jeff Watson with CHAW at 547-6839 (info@chaw.org) or Leslie Leahy with FOLP and NLPNA at 543-3867 (jeljr1@cs.com).

Two New Trees at Kingsman Field

The memorial tree planting for Tyrone Payne was held on May 13. About 25 family members, friends and co-workers came out to the Kingsman Field (1300 D Street) to share remembrances about Tyrone and help plant two trees in his memory. The two trees were purchased with funds from a mini-grant NLPNA received from Garden Resources of Washington. The trees will need a lot of water this summer. They'll appreciate it if you pour a bucket of water on them whenever you get a chance!

URBAN CAMP OUT

NLPNA invites all neighborhood children to the 4th annual Urban Camp Out, Sat. June 10 – Sun. June 11 on Kingsman Field. The Urban Camp Out is free.

Saturday events

2:00-4:00	Bicycle repair clinic on the sidewalk in front of the field (for safety reasons, bikes will not be allowed inside the fenced area)
2:30	DC Police K-9 unit dog handling demonstration
3:00	Games, arts & crafts activities begin
4:30	Karate demonstration
5:30	Dinner

Camping

- ◆ Tents supplied for those spending the night – or bring your own tent
- ◆ Bring a warm sweater/jacket and a sleeping bag or several blankets

Sunday events

- ◆ Breakfast supplied
- ◆ Leave camp at 8:00 a.m.

- ◆ Security by Metropolitan Police Department and Marine Reserves
- ◆ Every child must be accompanied by an adult. No adult may be responsible for more than three children unless they are his or her own.
- ◆ Volunteers are still needed. For more information, call Elizabeth Nelson (543-3512), Suzanne Wells (547-2477), or Anita Dyson (547-7332).

RESERVATION FORM (bring to Campout)

My child _____ has permission to attend the NLPNA Urban Camp Out
(print child's name) on June 10-11, 2000.

My child will attend with _____ (print name of adult chaperone)

In case of emergency, I can be reached at _____ (phone number)

List any severe allergies or other medical needs: _____

I grant permission for this registrant to participate in the Urban Camp Out. I agree to waive any and all claims against the Urban Camp Out organizers and owner of the Kingsman Field resulting from injuries occurring during the Urban Camp Out. I grant permission for emergency first aid to be given to the registrant in case of injury, and assume all medical costs associated with the injury.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

