

The Buzz

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Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

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Neighborhood Night Out

Again this year, the NLPNA will celebrate Neighborhood Night Out at the August meeting. This is an opportunity to socialize with neighbors that you don't see as often as you'd like and to meet new neighbors. Children are especially welcome.

We're planning on our traditional "pot luck" supper. Start thinking now about what treats you will bring and any games you'd like to organize.

The time and place will be decided at the June NLPNA meeting. In the past it's started a bit earlier than our usual meetings so that more families with young children can participate. The location in the past has been either Lincoln Park or Kingsman Field. More details will be announced in future issues of *The Buzz*. If you'd like to help with the planning, call Elizabeth, 543-3512.

Notes from May Meeting

Dan Meijer and Gracie Baten from the Gateway Coalition and Jason Washington from Councilmember Adrian Fenty's office were present to discuss proposed legislation restricting the sale of single servings of alcohol. It was a lively meeting that gave neighbors an opportunity to learn about the legislation and share their views with those who are proposing it.

The Finance Committee's budget proposal was approved

Kingsman Field Expansion

Despite the recent Washington Post article about the sorry condition of soccer fields in the city, the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DCPR) is moving forward with plans to renovate the Kingsman Field. On May 10, DCPR announced their plans to install an automatic irrigation system, and reseed the entire field. They also plan to make any needed repairs to the fences, gates, backstops and dugouts, and install new benches for the players. It is expected that work will begin on the field in the fall. The field likely will not be available for use through the winter and early spring in order to allow the grass to become established. During this time, alternate field space will have to be found for the soccer league, and other field uses.

On May 16, DCPR sent a letter to the DC Office of the Surveyor requesting that a 30-foot segment of the alley segment (portion nearest the PEPCO facility) be transferred to the DCPR. If everything goes as planned, this alley segment will be included in the field renovation. In order to make this segment of the alley a part of the field, some fencing will have to be moved, concrete removed, and the area seeded.

If you haven't stopped by to catch a whiff or a sight of the roses blooming along the fence leading into the Kingsman Field, you should. The rose bushes are loaded with lovely pink blooms. These roses were planted last year with money from a Garden Resources of Washington (GROW) grant. GROW just awarded the Kingsman

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, Tuesday June 4, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C St., N.E. The police in PSA 511 and 512 have been specially invited to attend to share information and concerns about crime. All are welcome.
- ANC6B, Tuesday Jun 11, 7 p.m., Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.
- ANC6A, Thursday June 6, 7 p.m., Miner E.S., 601 15th St. NE.
- Capitol Hill Baseball and Softball League begins, Saturday, June 15. Call John Parker at 547-3523
- NO NLPNA MEETING IN JULY!!
- NLPNA meeting, Tuesday August 6, Neighborhood Night Out, time and place to be announced. (see article)
- *The Buzz* editorial staff can be reached at 543-3512. Visit us at www.nlpna.juniperdc.com.

Field a new \$500 grant, and these monies will be used to plant additional roses and other plants at the Kingsman Field.

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Yard Sale Success

The annual NLPNA yard sale was held Saturday, May 4 under sunny skies. The weather was a welcome change from the past 2 years. We took in over \$900, a very respectable sum. This money will be spent to support NLPNA activities such as Octoberfest and The Buzz.

Many, many thanks to everyone who donated goods, made purchases or helped run the sale. Clearly we couldn't have done it without you!

Buzz Distributors Needed

Sometimes a Buzz distributor moves or becomes unable to continue delivery but forgets to tell us. When that happens, we still deliver the bundle to his/her address but the Buzz doesn't get delivered to individual houses. If you know of such a situation, please let us know and we will advertise for a new distributor.

A distributor is currently needed for the 1100 Block of Park Street.

Directory

To be included in the NLPNA directory, call Elizabeth at 543-3512.

Local Youth Wins Contest

NLP neighbor, Nicholas Barbash, a Junior at School Without Walls, took first place for DC in the 2002 American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. He went on to represent us in April at the National competition in Indianapolis with his speech entitled "Taxation without Representation in the Nation's Capital". Excerpts are printed below:
"...in 1995, Congress stripped the local government of all appreciable power and gave it to another presidentially appointed body....not only are these actions contrary to everything the Constitution stands for, but they are very similar to the actions King George III committed that caused America to declare independence in 1776. There are several paragraphs in the Declaration of Independence in which Thomas Jefferson lists these actions. Among them: "For suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever," "For imposing taxes on us without our consent," "For dissolving representative houses repeatedly." The parallel is unmistakable. America declared

independence from England because England was doing to them in 1776 what America is doing to Washington, D.C. in 2002."
"...Here's the moral perspective: D.C. residents have all the duties and obligations to the government that go with being a U.S. citizen. We pay taxes to the federal government; we serve in the military; we appear for jury duty; we have all the obligations. What we do not have are the rights that go with those obligations: representation in the federal government and unabridged self government. These rights are guaranteed in the body of the Constitution, and they are also guaranteed in the Preamble of the Constitution...."

"....Injustices in Washington, D.C. have gone on long enough. The Founding Fathers had good reasons for denying D.C. representation, but their reasons have outlived their time, and it is time to do something about it. It is time to rise above partisan differences and recognize that everyone living in the capital city, Democrats, Republicans, and all others are denied rights which are granted to all other Americans under the Constitution."