

The Buzz

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NLPNA WILL NOT MEET IN JUNE

Please Water Trees

We are fortunate to have received many new street trees this year, but they will need supplemental water for at least their first two to three summers if they are to survive. The District government does not water street trees, relying on neighbors instead. You can help by joining the Urban Forestry Administration's Canopy Keeper program and adopting a tree near your home. For those concerned about the cost, this is much less expensive than you may think. Trees for Capitol Hill (TFCH) estimates that it costs less than \$10 to water a tree for an entire summer.

A quick blast from a hose encourages poor root development. It's much better to let the water trickle for 20 to 30 minutes – or better still, use a watering bag or basin. It helps to measure the amount of water you are delivering, and a garden hose connected to a nearby water source makes the job easy. The trees will need an absolute minimum of 20 gallons each week; more may be needed in very hot, dry weather. The green watering bags on the newly planted street trees should be filled once a week. Read the directions on the back of the label.

Mulch is also important. A two- to four-inch layer is sufficient, but the mulch must be kept away from the trunk to discourage destructive insects. Cleaning weeds from the planting space helps in two ways: First, the tree will not have to compete with the weeds for water. Second, the water bags are less likely to be punctured by mowers if there is nothing to mow.

By the time a tree looks like it needs water (is shriveled or drops leaves), it has already been damaged. Don't wait. Be proactive!

TFCH has a few bags and basins that can be borrowed for the season. If you want one, contact *The Buzz*.

A map with the locations of newly planted trees can be found at <http://ddot.dc.gov/page/tree-planting-ddot-trees>.

Want Trees?

NLPNA will be partnering with Trees for Capitol Hill again this fall to plant trees on public property. Funds from NLPNA and Trees for Capitol Hill will be used to match neighbors' contributions. Neighbors wishing to sponsor a tree must commit to digging the hole and watering for the first two years. Email elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com with "trees" as the subject, or call 543-3512 before June 13.

For more information, visit www.treesforcapitolhill.org.

Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of TN Ave, 500 block of A St., unit blocks of 14th St. and 15th St., 300 block of 14th Pl., and 200 block of 15th St.

Donations are appreciated; checks should be made payable to NLPNA and delivered to 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

New DDOT Policy

DDOT's new Open Space Preservation & Enhancement Policy was announced at the May ANC 6A meeting. It's posted at [www.anc6a.org/DDOTdepartOrderOpenSpacePolicy\(097956\).pdf](http://www.anc6a.org/DDOTdepartOrderOpenSpacePolicy(097956).pdf).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA will not meet in June.** Meetings usually are first Tues., 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE.
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (June 12), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **CHRS presents Ellen McCarthy, new Director of the DC Office of Planning**, Wed. June 4, 7-8:30 p.m., Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE. *See article.*
- **NLPNA does not meet in July;** the next meeting will be the August 5 pot luck supper.
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

NLPNA Yard Sale

The NLPNA Yard Sale took place the Saturday after Mothers Day. For once, the weather was perfect: dry and sunny but not too hot. We deserved it after last year's misery. We didn't have many big-ticket items but we made out okay, taking in \$990, a very respectable sum. Among the more whimsical items were several huge stuffed animals, a large collection of moose figurines, and a pub-style dartboard. The only problem was that the truck to haul off the leftovers arrived really, really late.

Many thanks to those who made this event a success, the folks who helped with setup and cleanup, the sales people, the donors, and, of course, the shoppers!

Hill Center Presents...

- Twisting the Knife: Hitchcock's Scary Love Stories Film Screenings & Discussion with Tom Zaniello. Free. Explore Hitchcock's fascination with love and murder.
 - Dial M for Murder (1954) with Grace Kelly and Ray Milland, Fri. June 6, 7 p.m.
 - I Confess (1952) with Montgomery Clift and Anne Baxter, Fri. June 13, 7 p.m.
 - Short Films, Fri. June 20, 7 p.m. Incident at a Corner, One More Mile to Go, and A Dip in the Pool.
- Historic Cooking and Baking with Amanda Moniz: Civil War Sanitary Fair Cookbooks. Two offerings: Sat. June 14, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. or Thurs. June 19, 10 a.m. – noon. \$40. Recover recipes and stories of the American past with Amanda Moniz. Make historic recipes adapted for modern kitchens while exploring notable people and events from the colonial period to the late 1800s. Whether you're a beginner or an accomplished cook, you'll learn something new. All classes are hands-on and are open to anyone over the age of 16. Amanda Moniz is a professional historian and former pastry chef who combines her two loves in tasty, hands-on baking classes and in her culinary history blog, History's Just Desserts (www.historyjustdesserts.com).
- All Politics is Local with Tom Sherwood & Mark Segraves: A Conversation with David Catania, Mon. June 16, 7 p.m. Free.
- Honky Tonk Confidential, Sun. June 22, 4 p.m. Free. Honky Tonk Confidential is an award-winning alt/retro country band from the DC area.

Register at www.hillcenterdc.org or call 549-4172. Hill Center at Old Naval Hospital is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents...

...**Ellen McCarthy**, the new Director of the DC Office of Planning, Wed. June 4, 7-8:30 p.m. at Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE. Ms. McCarthy will share her views and the Office's outlook on development and the zoning regulations rewrite, highlighting the Capitol Hill area. The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend. No reservations required. Visit www.chrs.org.

NLPNA Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will present a proposed budget for discussion and approval at the August NLPNA meeting. If you would like to help plan the budget, please contact Gloria Junge, Committee Chair. She will have a planning meeting in July and can be reached at 546-4143.

Door to Door Soliciting Danger

There have been reports of a scam involving juveniles going door-to-door soliciting for a fictitious marching band fundraiser. In at least one case, there was an alleged robbery of the homeowner who opened the door.

Cmdr. Jeff Brown, MPD 1D, recommends not opening your door late in the evening. He also recommends keeping a screen door or storm door locked if you are opening your front door to strangers – so you still have a barrier and some level of protection.

While not all door-to-door soliciting is a cover for criminal activity, MPD would still like to know of groups engaged in this activity so they can assess the validity of their fundraising efforts.

Call 299-2037 to report anything suspicious.

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Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Drop-in Figure Drawing, Fridays, June 6 & 20, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$20. Work on drawings or paintings in front of a live model in a session without an instructor. Please bring your own drawing materials. Easels are available
- Art & Performance Festival, Sat. June 7, 1-8 p.m. Free. Performances in dance and music, including a faculty recital and choral ensembles, Not What You Think and A Second Wind, and the DC Youth Orchestra. Other activities include instrument demonstrations, dance workshops, and art and ceramic sales.
- Sip & Paint, Fri. June 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30. Receive step-by-step instruction from teaching artists Ellen Cornett and Sheppard Bear as you create your own masterpiece, all while enjoying snacks and wine.
- Children's Music Concert, Sat. June 14, 10:30 a.m. \$6. Mr. Gabe performs an interactive mix of children's songs, pop songs, and originals from his CD, Play Date. www.mrgabemusic.com.
- Student Art Show, Sat. June 14, 5-7 p.m. Free.
- Summer Arts Classes & Camps: Adult classes include Painting, Dance, Photography, Sculpture, Ceramics, Guitar, Improv Theater, Sumi-e, Woodblock Prints, and Sewing. Early childhood classes include Music Together, Pre-Ballet/Ballet, and Tap and Junior Arts Adventure camps. Camps for students in grades K-6 include Ceramics, Photography, and String. Middle and high school offerings include Fashion Design, Ceramics, Taffety Punk Acting Intensive, and Filmmaking.

CHAW is located at 547 7th St. SE. For more information on all CHAW events, call 547-6839 or visit www.chaw.org