

The Buzz

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NLPNA YARD SALE SATURDAY MAY 4

Kingsman Field Expansion

The DC Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently reviewing the request to make a portion of the alley near the Kingsman Field a part of the field. It now appears that an alley closing will not be necessary because the alley is already technically "closed" since there is no access to D Street from the alley. According to Ken Laden with the DC DOT, the Traffic Services Administration must agree to transfer the land over to DC Parks and Recreation (DPR) and then the DC DOT General Counsel must review and approve any transfer document. We are hopeful the DC DOT review and approval will proceed quickly. If the land is transferred, we will have to work with the DC DPR to have the fences moved, the blacktop removed and grass put down. If you have any questions, contact Suzanne at 547-2477.

Notes from April Meeting

Peter LaPorte, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness presented Mayor Williams' budget proposal and answered questions.

Leo Pinson, Ward 6 Services Coordinator was also present, as were members of Project DC, a program to help District residents cope with the threat of terrorism.

Directory

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

Trash & Treasure

The annual NLPNA yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 4. This is the primary fundraising activity for the organization. Setup will begin on the triangle between the 1300 blocks of N.C. Ave and A Sts between 8 and 9 a.m. The sale will open at 10 a.m. and wind down sometime in the afternoon, probably about 3 p.m.

As usual, volunteers are needed to arrange and sell the goods and to clean up afterwards. This year, we especially need a couple of pickup trucks or vans to carry large leftovers to the Salvation Army. (Call 543-3512)

We also need donations of merchandise to sell and shopping bags. These can be dropped off the morning of the sale. So check your attic and basement (and every place in between) for stuff that you don't need but your neighbors might. Remember our motto: "One man's trash is another man's treasure!"

Batter Up

The Capitol Hill Baseball and Softball League starts its 12th season on June 15. Teams are forming for tee ball (six and under), 7 to 8 years old (coed), 9 to 11 years old (coed), and 9 to 12 years old (girl's softball). The 7 to 8 years old will play at the Kingsman Field. To register, contact John Parker at 547-3525.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, Tuesday May 7, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C St., N.E. Approve NLPNA budget proposal. Gateway Coalition will give presentation on Councilmember Fenty's single-serving bill. (See article.) All are welcome.
- NLPNA Yard Sale, Sat., May 4. (See article.) Call 543-3512
- ANC6B, Tuesday May 14, 7 p.m., Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.
- ANC6A, Thursday May 2, 7 p.m., Miner E.S., 601 15th St. NE.
- Capitol Hill Classic Race, Sunday, May 19. (See article.)
- Capitol Hill Baseball and Softball League begins, Saturday, June 15. (see article)
- *The Buzz* editorial staff can be reached at 543-3512. Visit us at www.nlpna.juniperdc.com.

May NLPNA Speaker

Representatives of the Gateway Coalition will present information about Councilmember Adrian Fenty's proposed legislation restricting the sale of single servings of alcohol.

The Finance Committee of the NLPNA will present a budget for discussion and approval.

Capitol Hill Classic

The 23rd annual Capitol Hill Classic is scheduled for Sunday, May 19. This race benefits the Capitol Hill Cluster School, a public school in our neighborhood. For more information call (301) 871-0400 or visit www.runwashington.com and “click” on Featured Races or Entry Forms.

NLP neighbor Nick Alberti has proposed that a team form to run the Capitol Hill Classic. If you’re interested, call him at 543-3512.

Call Box Update

Jean Waskow attended the city-wide call-box meeting last month. Plans are underway to remove the lead paint from all the call boxes, and to prime them. In the near future, \$250 grants will be available to turn the call boxes into historical and artistic landmarks. Several neighbors have already contacted Jean about their interest in the project. One idea is to feature the theaters that used to be in our neighborhood on a call box. Call Jean at 547-8095, if you want to get involved in this fun and creative project.

Mosquito Menace

With the West Nile Virus reported in the area, mosquitos are no longer just an itchy inconvenience. They are a health menace, especially to the very young, the very old and those with weak immune systems.

The best way to reduce the mosquito population, is to stop them from breeding. There are simple steps that neighbors can take to help in this effort:

- Remove standing water. Mosquitos need water to lay their eggs. Even a few tablespoons can be enough. Make sure that trash can lids, planters and gutters are not holding water. Change the water in bird baths and pet dishes at least once a week. Keep water in ponds circulating and add fish to eat mosquito larvae.
- Keep vegetation short. Mosquitos like to rest on grass and other plants. Don't allow weeds to get out of control. If you can't mow, ask a neighbor to help.
- Use insect repellent. Female mosquitos need blood in order to reproduce. Protect yourself (and your children) from being bitten.

New Landscaping Project

The District’s Department of Transportation (DOT) will be working with neighbors to re-landscape the parcel of land at the intersection of these two streets. The land is located across the street from the Maury Elementary School and immediately north of the triangular park where the D.C. Public Art Initiative sculpture is to be installed this summer.

Phil Paporadis, whose property (212 TN Ave) adjoins the parcel, is leading the effort to develop a landscaping plan. He would like to have input from all interested parties early in the process so that everyone's needs and wishes can be considered. Phil can be contacted at 547-4313.

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