

# The Buzz

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## Energy Cooperative

by Cynthia Hartley

Have you ever wanted to start your own backyard organic garden, but did not know how to begin? Do you want to know about which herbs and vegetables are most conducive to the mid-Atlantic climate? Have you heard about composting and mulching, but do not know what they are or how beneficial they are for growing and maintaining your garden? If so, the Capitol Hill Energy Coop's (CHEC) March meeting is not to be missed. It will take place Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square SE.

Please join the CHEC as we kick off our spring season with a discussion on mulching and organic gardening for beginners. Our guest speaker will be Carl Rollins, Outreach Coordinator for Rooting DC, an annual urban gardening forum that educates novice gardeners on soil preparation, starting seeds, composting, gardening in small spaces, and so much more!

To learn more about Rooting DC, visit <http://www.rootingdc.org>.

To RSVP or for more info, please contact Cynthia Hartley at [info@capitolhillenergycoop.org](mailto:info@capitolhillenergycoop.org).

Join our Yahoo! Group, "capitolhillenergy," at [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com).



## Online Crime Reports

Crime reports are available at <http://crimereports.com>.

## Arts Festival on H St.

The Atlas Performing Arts Center presents Intersections, a new American Arts Festival, at their 1333 H St. NE location through March 6. The program includes music, theater, dance, parties, visual arts, and more – and most events are either free or very reasonably priced. For more information, visit [www.intersectionsdc.com](http://www.intersectionsdc.com).

## Library Programs

The Northeast Branch Library's programs include:

- Toddler Times, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:15 a.m. Ages 2-5.
- Storytimes for ages 3-7, Mon. Mar. 8, 15 & 22, 4 p.m.
- Book Club, Wed. Mar. 4, 4 p.m. Ages 8-12.
- Music & Movement, Sat. Mar. 6, 10:30 a.m.
- Tween Club, Sat. Mar. 6, 4-4:45 p.m. Ages 8-12.
- Chess Club, Mon. Mar. 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- Teen Movie Night, Wed. Mar. 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- Storytime & Craft, Sat. Mar. 13, 10:30 a.m.
- Origami Club, Mon. Mar. 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- Teen Gaming Night, Wed. Mar. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- Origami Club, Wed. Mar. 18, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.
- French/English Storytime, Sat. Mar. 20, 10:30 a.m.
- Crafty Teens, Mon. Mar. 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- Sign Language Storytime, Sat. Mar. 27, 10:30 a.m.

The library is at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE, 698-3320.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, 1st Tues. (March 2), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14<sup>th</sup> and C St. NE.
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (March 11), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE. For more info, visit [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org).
- **CHEC meeting**, Tues. March 16, 7 p.m., Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square SE. *See article.*
- **Preservation Café**, Wed. March 17, 6:30 p.m., Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd & F St. NE. *See article.*
- **Streetcar Community Forum**, sponsored by CHRS, Thurs. March 18, 7:20 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 2nd & C St., SE. *See article.*
- *The Buzz* is available at [www.anc6a.org/publications.html](http://www.anc6a.org/publications.html). Staff can be reached at 543-3512.

## Buzz Distributors and Printer Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 400 and 500 blocks of 11th St. and 1200 block of Constitution Ave. and 300 and 400 blocks of Tennessee Ave. and Elliott St. This is a good opportunity for a young person in need of community service hours.

We are also in need of someone who can make copies free or at a reduced cost. Call 543-3512 or email [Elizabeth\\_knits@yahoo.com](mailto:Elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com).

## **What's "On" in March**

*(The cherry blossoms are coming!)*

by Kathleen Donner

The DC Saint Patrick's Day parade steps off at noon on Sunday, March 14. The parade route is Constitution Ave. NW between 7th and 17th Streets. The annual Smithsonian Kite Festival is on Saturday, March 27 (rain day is Sunday) on and around the Washington Monument grounds. Also on March 27 is the worldwide "Earth Hour" initiative. The World Wildlife Fund asks individuals, businesses, governments, and organizations around the world to turn off their lights for one hour (8:30 pm, local time) to make a global statement of concern about climate change.

Hear "Take Five" free jazz concerts at 5 p.m. at the newly renovated American Art Museum on the third Thursday of each month.

The cherry blossoms will probably appear sometime in late March. The peak bloom days are when 70 percent of the blossoms of our beloved Yoshino Cherry trees are open. The date varies from year to year, depending on weather conditions. Unseasonably warm and/or cool temperatures have resulted in the Yoshino cherries reaching peak bloom as early as March 15 (1990) and as late as April 18 (1958).

The not-to-be missed Terra Cotta Warriors at the National Geographic ends this month on Wednesday, March 31.

Find out more about all these events and activities on What's On, DC's coolest online calendar. <http://www.whatsoncity.net>.

### **THE BUZZ EDITORIAL TEAM**

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## **The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents...**

... the Preservation Café series, a free forum with topics of interest to the greater Capitol Hill community. The next presentation will be "Take Back Your Closets," Wednesday, March 17, 6:30-7:15 p.m., at Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd and F St. NE. Jill Lawrence from Jill-of-All-Trades Professional Organizing Services will talk about de-cluttering.

The event is free and handi-capped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend. Reservations are not needed. For more information about the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, visit [www.chrs.org](http://www.chrs.org).

### **Streetcar Community Forum**

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) will host a Community Forum on Thursday, March 18 at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 2nd and C Streets, SE. The subject will be the District's proposed 37-mile streetcar system including routes and technology that might allow the system to operate with few, if any, overhead wires. Two experts will discuss streetcars in other parts of the country and how streetcars would relate to our city.

Jeff Boothe is Executive Director of the Community Streetcar Coalition, Vice Chair and founding Board Member of Reconnecting America, and an attorney who represents cities and transit authorities seeking to construct streetcar systems.

Meg Maguire is a Trustee of the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, Chair of their Transportation Committee, and Past-President of Scenic America.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and light refreshments. The presentation will begin at 7:20.

The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Reservations are not needed.

## **Maury at the Market**

by Heather Schoell, PTA vice-president

The Maury PTA announces an exciting event in support of Maury Elementary School, a DC Public School. "Maury at the Market" will be held Saturday, March 20 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the historic Eastern Market North Hall. All proceeds will go for PTA programs to enrich the educational experience of Maury's students, ranging from pre-school through 5th grade.

Festivities will include a special slide show and a silent auction featuring brunch at the Four Seasons, weekend getaways, home and garden services, hand-knit hats, and a private tour with the Nationals. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and include admission, heavy hors-d'oeuvres, and drinks. To purchase tickets, contact any Maury family or *The Buzz* ("Maury at the Market" in the subject line).

We hope that you will join us at this fun event!

## **Carjacking Update**

from a post by Charles Allen

Good news ... MPD has closed several of the carjacking cases and arrested over a dozen individuals in these crimes. Since the added focus, carjackings have decreased significantly, with the last one occurring in early January. MPD acknowledged quickly, though, that doesn't mean their work is done, and they will maintain this heightened level for the near future.

In addition, MPD has a high level of confidence of where many of the offenders live, noting that half of all the cars recovered were found within a block of each other. Resources are being targeted to that neighborhood – which MPD did not disclose, but is not located in Ward 6.

To read the article in its entirety, visit <http://www.tommywells.org/content/view/843/30/>.