

The Buzz

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Please Water the Trees!

As you may have noticed, the city has been replacing missing street trees. If you see a green dot painted on the curbstone, it means that a tree should be planted there. It's wonderful that this work is being done but, unfortunately, we are in the middle of a terrible drought. The new trees are in desperate need of water. They need 5-10 gallons of water each week and Mother Nature has not been supplying it. Please, when you see a new tree, give it a drink. If possible, water it every week. It's best to provide the water slowly so that it can soak in. If you can't leave a hose running at the location, there are other ways to do it. You can punch a small hole in a bucket, place it at the site, and then fill it. Or you can fill a drink dispenser and open the tap just a little to let the water leak out. These trees will help us by cleaning our air and cooling our streets. But they can't do it without a little help from us.

Urban Campout

There have been a lot of questions as to why the Urban Campout is on hold. The answer is that there haven't been enough volunteers coming forward to help with the planning phase. It's a really big job. We get excellent help on the day of the Campout but most of the work must be done several months in advance. The same small team can't continue doing it every year.

At this point, a June date is no longer possible. But if the Kingsman Field expansion goes through, we hope to celebrate with an outdoor event on the field. Call 543-3512 to volunteer.

Tax Exempt Status

Since it was formed more than ten years ago, the NLPNA has functioned as a non-profit organization, tax exempt under subsection 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. We've been able to accept donations and grant money because of our non-profit status. We were not required to file any paperwork with the IRS because our budget was so small, but we were limited in how much money we could accept.

Now, we are trying to do more in the neighborhood and we would like to accept more donations and apply for larger grants. Also, some of the groups who provide support for our activities would like us to be "registered." So, we need to apply to the IRS for official recognition of our tax-exempt status.

We've made good progress on this issue. We're incorporated with the District of Columbia. We got an EIN (kind of like an SSN) from the IRS. And we're working on an application for "Recognition of Exemption" from the IRS. We hope to have completed the paperwork by the end of April but it will be several more months before we receive a reply from the IRS.

Citizen Forestry

The Casey Trees Endowment Fund needs volunteers for the D.C. Trees Inventory. Training (five hours of classroom instruction, one field trip) will be provided at no cost. Each participant will be asked for five days of help with the inventory. The course will cover tree identification, site analysis, and tree health and care. This training is part of a Certified Citizen Forester Program.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, Tuesday April 2, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C St., N.E. Mayor Williams' budget proposal. (See article.) All are welcome.
- NLPNA Finance Committee Meeting. Call 547-2858.
- ANC6B, Tuesday April 9, 7 p.m., Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.
- ANC6A, Thursday April 11, 7 p.m., Miner E.S., 601 15th St. NE.
- Capitol Hill Call Box Task Force, Saturday, April 20, 1-3 p.m., SE Branch Library.
- Citizen Forestry Training, April 23 & 25, 6:30 - 9 p.m. *or* April 27, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE (see article).
- NLPNA Yard Sale, Sat., May 4. (See article.) Call 543-3512.
- Capitol Hill Classic Race, Sunday, May 19. (See article.)
- Soccer on the Hill, begins March 23, call 544-5385.
- *The Buzz* editorial staff can be reached at 543-3512. Visit us at www.nlpna.juniperdc.com.

For more information visit the Casey Trees web site at www.caseytrees.org. Register for the classes by e-mail at friends@caseytrees.org, or call 546-8681. See Community Calendar for training dates and location.

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.

Notes from March Meeting

Abbie Terrones was elected Chair of the Finance Committee. She’s looking for volunteers to attend the budget planning meeting and can be reached at 547-2858.

Phillip Harmon, from the Office of the Public Advocate, explained the office’s role in protecting consumers from fraud in gas, electric, and phone services. He had many “tips” for consumers to protect themselves. We’ll try to get him back again for those who missed this excellent presentation.

The Office of the Public Advocate can be reached at 727-3071.

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 between 8 and 9 a.m. The sale will open at 10 a.m.

As usual, volunteers are needed to arrange and sell the goods and to clean up afterwards. (Call 543-3512.) We also need donations of merchandise to sell. 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!”

Celebration at Brown AME

As we go to press, the congregation at Brown Memorial AME Church, along with their neighbors, look forward to the dedication of the recently renovated church properties on the 1300 block of Constitution Ave. These properties, which had been a blight on the neighborhood for decades, are now being returned to use as private homes and church facilities. The entire community has been invited to attend the festivities and share in the celebration on March 23.

Art on Call

It’s not too late to adopt a Police or Fire Call Box. There are 14 within the NLPNA area and many of them have yet to be claimed. If you’ve got creative ideas for renovating call boxes, call Jean Waskow at 547-8095.

April NLPNA Speaker

A representative of Mayor Williams’ office will attend the April NLPNA meeting to present the Mayor’s budget proposal and answer questions. This is a revised proposal that reflects the input the Mayor received during the public meeting on March 9.

Directory

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

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