

The Buzz

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What's "On" in August

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This is the last month for most of the free outdoor summer music. Enjoy military band concerts on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8 p.m. on the west side of the Capitol. The 8 p.m. Saturday night Fort Dupont concerts go through August 21. Hear "Jazz in the Garden" every Friday in August from 5 to 8 p.m. at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden. The last of the Sunset Serenades at the zoo is on Thursday, August 5, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

An annual summer highlight is the 1812 Overture on Tuesday, August 17, 8 p.m., at the open-air Sylvan Theater on the southeast corner of the Washington Monument grounds, performed by the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" and the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Presidential Salute Battery.

Some summer bargains include free admission to the Corcoran Gallery of Art on Saturdays in August; two-for-one admission for DC residents to President Lincoln's Cottage, on the grounds of the Army Retirement Home off North Capitol Street; and free admission for kids (18 and younger) to the Newseum through Labor Day.

The Shakespeare Theatre Free-For-All performs "Twelfth Night" at the Sidney Harman Hall every day except Mondays from August 19 to September 5.

To find out more about these events and performances, visit What's On, Washington at www.whatsoncity.net.

Library Programs

The Northeast Branch Library's programs include:

- ♦ Crafty Teens, Mon. Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ Make Slash Stories & Craft, Mon. Aug. 2 & 9, 4 p.m. Ages 3-8.
- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & Thurs. Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, 11:15 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Advisory Group, Wed. Aug. 4, 5-6 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Book Club for ages 8-12, Thurs. Aug. 5, 4 p.m.
- ♦ S*T*A*R Story Times, Sat. Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. Aug. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Summer Reading Wrap Up Party, Mon. Aug. 16, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. Aug. 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Adult Book Club, Mon. Aug. 23, 7 p.m.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thur. Aug. 26, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.

The library (7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE, 698-3320) is closed on Sundays.

ANC 6A Grants Available

Grant money is available from Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A to qualified organizations with proposals that would benefit residents of ANC 6A. Grants amounts are generally small, mostly less than \$1,000. Restrictions do apply.

Please visit www.anc6a.org for more details, including the application form and examples of successful grant applications.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Aug. 3), 7 p.m., annual Neighborhood Night Out potluck supper. All are welcome! (See article.)
- **School Beautification Day**, Sat. Aug. 21. (See article.)
- **DCPS School Begins**, Mon. Aug. 23.
- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Sept. 7), 7:30 p.m.
- **ANC 6A does not meet in August**. Next meeting 2nd Thurs. (Sept. 9), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **Eastern Market Music**, free, Sundays in September, www.capitolhillcommunityfoundation.org/emm/fallseries.html.
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Staff can be reached at 543-3512.

Buzz Distributors and Printers Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 1100 block of Park St.; 1200 block of Duncan St.; 100 block of 15th St.; and 200, 300, and 400 blocks of Tennessee Ave. This could be a good opportunity for a young person in need of community service hours.

We are also in need of folks who can make free or reduced-cost copies. Call 543-3512 or email elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

DCPS Beautification Day

Beautification Day for all D.C. public schools will be held Sat., Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a citywide “spruce up” in preparation for school opening. Call 442-5477, email dcpsvolunteers@dc.gov, or visit dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/About+DCPS/Events/DC+Public+Schools+Beautification+Day+2010.

Volunteers will be particularly welcome at nearby Maury ES (13th St. & Constitution Ave. NE). Come meet Maury families! Choose to work inside or outside. Bring gardening or cleaning gloves if you like, or use those provided. To volunteer at Maury, email Heather, heysassy@yahoo.com.

August NLPNA Meeting

The first Tuesday in August (the 3rd) is National Neighborhood Night Out. Families and community groups across the country are encouraged to plan outdoor activities. NLPNA will again mark the occasion with a potluck supper in Lincoln Park. This is an opportunity to socialize with neighbors you don't often see and to meet new neighbors.

The festivities will begin at 7 p.m., a half hour earlier than our usual meeting time, in the hope that more families with young children will be able to attend. Bring a covered dish (with serving utensil) or beverage to share. Paper plates and plastic ware will be provided.

The Finance Committee will present a proposed budget for discussion and approval, and elections of NLPNA officers will be held.

Shop and Support NLPNA

NLPNA is enrolled with the igive.com® charity support organization. Stores and service providers at www.igive.com/nlpna will make a contribution to NLPNA every time you complete an online purchase. If you are an online shopper, please consider joining.

Free Spring Bulbs

The Capitol Hill Garden Club will, once again, give free spring-flowering bulbs for planting in public spaces on Capitol Hill. Daffodil and crocus bulbs will be given out in October for street tree boxes, pocket parks, school grounds, libraries, and community centers. Applications are due by September 15 (deadline extended) and must include a simple planting plan and the name and contact information of the person(s) responsible for the planting. ANC 6A has provided grant money to support the program within the ANC's boundaries.

The application is available at capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com. Those without internet access may contact Amy at 486-7655.

PEPCO Claims Office

Buzz readers likely know that there were widespread power outages in the NLPNA area in early July. Indeed, many had personal experience of the outages. As we go to press, power is on. However, there are many residents whose electrical appliances appear to have been damaged as a result. Councilmember Tommy Wells's website lists the following number for the PEPCO Claims Office, where a request form for electric service related damages can be obtained: 872-2455. The following other numbers are also listed:

- D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Hotline – 727-6161 – to request assistance with emergency shelter or report a hazardous condition.
- PEPCO Safety Emergency – 872-3432 – to report wires down.

Online Crime Reports

Crime reports are available at crimereports.com.

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Call to Water Street Trees in Summer Heat

Residents Urged to Adopt Street Trees and Receive Free Watering Devices

In response to the recent heat waves and dry conditions, the District Department of Transportation's Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) is launching an effort to engage as many residents as possible in watering street trees so they survive this hot summer.

It takes less than ten minutes a week to fill the slow-drip watering device provided for free by the city to any individual who adopts street trees through UFA's Canopy Keepers program.

“Summer heat and normal urban pressures create intense stress for street trees,” said John Thomas, Chief Forester for the District of Columbia. “While UFA crews are watering all 3,500 new trees we planted this year, we are calling on District residents and businesses to help water street trees close to their homes and offices. Together, we can ensure that these taxpayer-funded assets provide their full environmental, economic, and social benefits for years to come.”

Please contact the UFA at 671-5133 or visit ddot.dc.gov and click on the “Trees” link to become a Canopy Keeper, receive a free watering device, and help street trees survive the summer.



Young Ballaz Vs. Disciples at Kingsman Field, July 17.