

The Buzz

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NorthEast Branch Library

Programs include:

- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Thurs. Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 11:15 a.m.
- ♦ Music and Movement, Sat., Aug. 4, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Paint Your Dream for 3-8 year olds, Mon. Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 4 p.m.
- ♦ Children's Book Club, Julie of the Wolves, Tues. Aug. 14 at 4 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Advisory Group meeting, Wed. Aug. 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Story Times, Sat. Aug. 11, 18, 25 at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. Aug. 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Blue Sky Puppets, Thurs., Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. All ages.
- ♦ Summer Reading Wrap Up Party, Mon. Aug. 20, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thurs. Aug. 16, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. Aug. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Adult Book Club, Mon. Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.

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

Assaults in H Street Area

First District Police have reported a recent increase in assaults/robberies on or near H Street NE. Information regarding crimes should be reported to 727-9099 or texted to 50411.

Be alert to your surroundings!

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August NLPNA Meeting

The first Tuesday in August (7th) 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 the northeast corner of 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.

Free Spring Bulbs

The Capitol Hill Garden Club is giving away spring-flowering bulbs for planting in public spaces on Capitol Hill. Bulbs will be distributed in October for street tree boxes, pocket parks, school grounds, libraries, and community centers. Applications are due by September 15 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 www.capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com. Those without internet access may call Vira at 546-2534.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Aug. 7), 7 p.m., Neighborhood Night Out potluck supper. All are welcome! (See article.)
- **ANC 6A COC meeting (re: Options PCS)**, Mon. Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m., 1235 C St. NE (See article.)
- **School Beautification Day**, Sat. Aug 25, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Visit <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/About+DCPS/Events/Beautification+Day+2012>
- **Lane Memorial CME Crab Feast**, Sat. Aug. 18, 3-6 p.m. Tickets \$50. Details 547-0407.
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of 15th St., 300 block of 14th Pl., 1100 block of E St., 1500 block of Constitution Ave., 1500 block of North Carolina Ave., and 1400 and 1500 blocks of A St. Donations are also welcome; checks should be made payable to North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and sent to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

Options PCS Seeks to Expand

Options, the charter school on the 1300 block of E St. NE (backs up to Kingsman Field), plans to expand into 702 15th St. NE. ANC 6A will host an opportunity for discussion of this development at the Community Outreach Committee meeting, Monday, August 13, 7:30 p.m., 1235 C St. NE. Visit the Calendar page at www.anc6a.org to confirm meeting details.

Splish-Splash at Rosedale Recreation Center Pool

By Sonja Walti

The newly renovated DPR Rosedale Pool is very nice all around and the staff go out of their way to make everybody (as in "every body") feel welcome. The multiple slides, fun sprinklers, and floating alligator may be enough to make up for the no floatation device, no food, and no running policy. Arrive early to secure a spot on a lounge chair and/or under an umbrella. Since admission is free for residents (you only need to show DC ID), one can easily plan a snack or dinner break outside the pool area and then go back in. The regular "all out" calls may take some getting used to but they ensure safety, turnover and give everybody a predictable window for bathroom breaks and for cajoling kids out of the water when it's time. Minors must be accompanied by an adult and street clothes are not permitted. There is one 25 m lap section set aside. Make it your habit!

Rosedale Pool is open from 1-8 p.m. on weekdays (closed Wednesdays) and 12-6 p.m. on weekends. Hours are extended during heat advisories. Especially on weekends, be prepared to stand in line or be shut out when the pool is over capacity. Also, if you plan on bringing any valuables bring a combination lock to secure your valuables in one of the lockers.

Directions: Rosedale Pool sits prominently on 17th and Gales St NE, on the south-side of the new DPR facility, wedged between D and G Streets, in the section where 17th St makes a little bend. For those traveling by car, remember that 17th street is a southbound one-way street.

Editor's note: There have been recent reports of maintenance issues, including insufficient stocks of some water-treatment chemicals, leading to unplanned pool closures. These problems have been reported to DPR and we are hopeful that they will be resolved soon.

Show Your Old Windows Some Love

By Neil Mozer, mozerworks@gmail.com

Your old windows are important. It's as simple as that. It's not just that they are a building feature and architectural distinction of your home, office, or place of worship. They are inherently valuable and they are under attack. It's not just a benign neglect due to homeowner or builder owners overwhelmed with yearly maintenance. It's a billion-dollar industry that is committed to destroying and replacing that enduring architectural feature of your home, work, or church.

According to the Preservation Trades Network, 8 billion dollars is spent each year on replacement windows which equates to 12 million sashes finding their way into local landfills. Literally that enduring feature of our historic heritage is being thrown away and we're losing not just character but a highly valuable resource. The good news is your old worn-out wooden (and metal) windows are restorable and it's definitely worth it. There is a small cadre of dedicated craftspeople that are preservation practitioners who are saving our country's housing heritage window by window and door by door. In collaboration with local preservation groups many of these practitioners are actively educating local historic communities on the urgency and merit of restoration.

These practitioners use the best of today's technologies for preservation, energy-efficiency and restoration in order to conserve our national building heritage. Interestingly, most recently these tradespeople have begun the process of developing national standards for the repair and weatherization of old windows (see Preservation trades network.org and the Window Preservation Standards Collaborative).

What makes your old windows far superior to today's replacements and

why promote window restoration? A number of answers come to mind but some salient reasons are: architectural appropriateness, energy efficiency, cost, longevity, promoting local economy, and environmental stewardship.

First, your windows are an architectural statement about the time period when your home was constructed and define the historical context of that style. Second, many studies have proven that those old windows when restored and weather-stripped and protected by a good quality, well-installed storm window are equally performing as a high cost modern replacement window (see National Historic Trust: Brief: window restoration). Third, the cost of window restoration is typically less than a high-end replacement. Fourth, the longevity of your old windows is a testament to their enduring value. Many have lasted over a century and will last another if we maintain them. The old wooden windows were made from old-growth wood, a much more enduring and valuable natural resource than today's low quality plantation fast-growth lumber. Fifth, window restoration promotes the local economy and a sound economy by sustaining local tradespeople whose service is highly valuable in that it gives decades, if not a century, of return on investment. Lastly, window restoration is environmental stewardship. It signifies a practical approach to preserving our buildings, reducing landfill, conserving energy and resources that would have been spent on replacement. It is akin to building "green" by restoration and underwriting the adage that the greenest building is one that is already built!



Eastern SHS Band in Capitol Hill 4th of July Parade; photo courtesy Mark Roy