

The Buzz

North
Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

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Brand New Trees

Saturday, November 21 was a green-letter day for all of us, as eleven new trees were planted in our North Lincoln Park neighborhood, including two Chinese Pistache trees on the Maury School playground. Of special interest are the Chinese Fringe Tree planted at 1402 North Carolina Ave and the Dawn Redwood across the street from 1364 Constitution Ave.

The Capitol Hill Garden Club (with a grant from ANC 6A) provided bulbs that were planted around the root balls of these new trees. We should have quite a show of color to look forward to next spring.

Many, many thanks to Trees for Capitol Hill for heavily subsidizing the purchase, to the neighbors who contributed toward the cost, and to everyone who helped plant.



Crape Myrtle in front of Maury ES

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Holiday Celebration

The December NLPNA meeting (Tuesday the 1st) will feature “pot luck” snacks and sweets. Come celebrate the holiday season with your neighbors. If you can, bring a few cookies or beverages to share.

All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

'Tis the Season – for Theft from Auto

One holiday tradition we could all do without is the annual increase in cars getting broken into. It's never a good idea to leave anything of value in your car, but as the gift giving season approaches it becomes even more important. Please help discourage crime by keeping your car as empty as possible.

Also, remember to have a neighbor collect your mail if you are out of town – no sense advertising your absence.

Bikestation at Union Station

Membership registration is now open for the Bikestation at Union Station. Interested cyclists can go to www.bikestation.com to register. Members will receive a card that will allow 24/7 access to the parking area. Introductory membership rates are \$96 per year or \$30 a month, plus a \$20 annual administration fee. In addition to parking, Bikestation, on the west side of Union Station, offers rentals, repairs, and retail accessories. Bike and Roll, a local bike rental company, will operate the center. Visit www.bikeandroll.com for more information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, 1st Tues. (Dec. 1), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th and C St. NE. Celebrate the holiday season with your neighbors. All are welcome! *See article.*
- **Capitol Hill in Photos, Presented by CHRS**, Mon. Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 2nd & C St. SE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Dec. 10), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **NLPNA will not meet in January**
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Staff can be reached at 543-3512.

Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 400 and 500 blocks of 11th St., 1100 block of C St., and 1200 block of Constitution Ave. This is an excellent opportunity for a young person to earn community service hours.

We are also in need of additional sponsors who can make photocopies free or at a reduced cost. Email Elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com or call 543-3512.

DCRA is now on Twitter! Around 11 a.m. they send out information about how long the lines are. You can also ask short questions. Check on tweets without signing up for an account at <http://twitter.com/dcra>.

Library Programs

The Northeast Branch Library's programs include:

- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Thurs. Dec. 3 & 10, 11:15 a.m. Ages 2-5.
- ♦ Storytime for ages 3-7, Mon. Dec. 7 & 14, 4 p.m. & Sat. Dec. 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sign Language Class, Wed. Dec. 2, 9, 16, 4-5 p.m.
- ♦ Music & Movement, Sat. Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Trading Card Game Play, Mon. Dec. 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Teens.
- ♦ Holiday Peppermint Tea, Sat. Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Chess Club, Mon. Dec. 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Gaming Night, Wed. Dec. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Origami Club, Mon. Dec. 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Crafty Teens, Mon. Dec. 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.

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

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.

Entertainment Books

The 2010 Entertainment books have arrived! Each book costs \$30, and NLPNA gets to keep \$5 from every book sold. All the money goes to support NLPNA activities, including printing *The Buzz*. The book contains \$20 in coupons for Safeway, two-for-one dinners at Union Station restaurants America and Thunder Grill, and coupons to Boston Market, Cinnabon, and more!

If you'd like to buy a book or help sell books, contact Suzanne Wells at 547-2477 or m.godec@att.net.

Developmental Screening

As a program of the District of Columbia Public Schools, Early Stages identifies possible developmental delays in children three to five years old and recommends appropriate services to address those delays.

Early Stages' services are available free of charge, whether the child goes to public school, private school, or has not yet entered the school system. Early Stages' outreach team is also available to talk to groups who want to know more about early intervention and developmental delays.

For more information, please visit the Early Stages website at www.earlystagesdc.org or call Early Stages at 698-8037. You can also speak with Sam McCormally, Child Find Field Coordinator for Ward 6, at samuel.mccormally@dc.gov or 480-0895.

Capitol Hill in Photos: Past and Present

The Historical Society of Washington has a vast treasure of Capitol Hill photos. The Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) has invited Colleen McKnight, Special Collections Librarian with the Kiplinger Research Library, and local historian Cindy Janke to share them with us Monday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 2nd and C Streets, SE.

Come see historic photos showing Capitol Hill by air and our life in the past – street scenes, schools, churches, and businesses. This is a chance to view vanished buildings that many of us have never seen – St. Cyprian's Church, old Payne School, Providence Hospital, and scenes from Rosedale. It will be fascinating, so don't miss it.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact CapHRS@aol.com, or 543-0425.

What's "On" in December

by Kathleen Donner

December is a breathless month in Washington – lots going on. Here are a few things you won't want to miss. The Union Station Christmas tree is lit on Thursday, December 3 at 6 p.m. with a lovely musical ceremony. The Capitol tree is lit on Tuesday, December 8 at 5 p.m. Both lightings are free. For the Capitol tree lighting, arrive early for security.

"Holiday Magic" at the U.S. Botanic Garden is open every day in December (including Christmas day), and stays open until 8 p.m. with live holiday music on December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 22, 29 and 31.

Zoolights has lowered its price this year to \$8. Don't miss your chance to meander through the National Zoo when it is covered with thousands of sparkling lights, attend special keeper talks, and enjoy live entertainment.

The National Menorah (on the Ellipse) lighting ceremony is on Saturday, December 12 at 4 p.m. Free tickets are required for seats but there is unlimited standing room. The Kennedy Center Messiah Singalong is Wednesday, December 23 at 8 p.m. Free same-day tickets are available at 6 p.m.

Find out more about these events and others at <http://www.whatsoncity.net>.

BLACK NATIVITY

The H Street Playhouse presents "Black Nativity" Dec. 10 – Jan. 3 at 1365 H Street NE. This song-play, based on the Gospel of St. Luke, combined with the poetry of Langston Hughes, tells the original story of the Nativity in scripture, verse, music, and dance.

For tickets or information, call 399.7993 ext. 2 or visit www.theateralliance.com. The Atlas Performing Arts Center is handling tickets sales. Group rates are available.