

# The Buzz

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Lincoln Park's  
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## Kingsman School Update

Gerald Cooke, Director of the D.C. Public Schools Real Estate Office, responded to Councilmember Sharon Ambrose that they would be contacting "all bidders [on Kingsman] to ascertain their continued interest in this building." *The Buzz* reported last month that the Fleet Business School is no longer interested in the property. Manna, Inc. told *The Buzz* they are still interested in purchasing the closed school, demolishing it, and building affordable housing on the site. Manna is committed to turning the ballfield over to the city so it can continue to be used by area children for recreational activities.

## Sasha Bruce House Scheduled to Reopen

Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc., is planning to reopen their independent living program at 1312 East Capitol Street. Neighbors have been concerned that portions of the renovation of the facility were not in accordance with historic preservation guidelines, and over possible increases in the occupancy of the house. In November, the DC Historic Preservation Office issued a citation to Sasha Bruce because the porch railing did not conform to historic preservation guidelines. The railing was replaced after the citation was issued.

Jessica Cogan, ANC 6B-07 commissioner, has arranged for

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, Jan. 4, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14<sup>th</sup> & C Street, N.E.
- Meeting with Sasha Bruce, Jan. 20, 7 p.m., 741 8<sup>th</sup> Street, S.E.

Vera Johnson from Sasha Bruce to meet with interested neighbors to discuss occupancy and other issues regarding the facility's reopening. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2000, at Sasha Bruce's administrative offices at 741 8th St., SE. If you have questions before the meeting you can contact Vera Johnson at 675-9340.

## President Clinton Visits Maury Elementary School

President Clinton chose Maury Elementary School to announce a new clean air initiative that will reduce pollution from SUV's, vans, and light trucks. The president emphasized the importance of a clean environment for the health of our children. He said that every child should be entitled to "have a full future." Gloria Hackman, RN, the school nurse at Maury, was invited to give one of the opening speeches. She spoke eloquently about the seriousness of childhood asthma, which is caused, in part, by

air pollution, including auto emissions. Asthma is the most common chronic childhood disease, and the most common reason for school absences and hospital admissions among children. Mrs. Hackman runs a program called "Open Airways" that teaches children how to better manage their asthma. Fourteen children from this program were invited to attend and were seated on the stage behind the president.

Ashley Toon, a student in Ms. Hanlin's second grade class, continued on next page

## Mrs. Pratt's Murder Case Still Active

The brutal murder of Mary Alice Pratt, the 82-year-old North Lincoln Park resident who was killed on June 3, 1998, is close to being solved. A homicide detective told *The Buzz* the case is very active, and is with the grand jury at the U.S. Attorney's Office. The detective said "arrests are anticipated."



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said she liked the president's speech because "he's going to make more clean air outside." Many people who worked on the proposal were in attendance, including the head of the Environmental Protection Agency and the president of the National Lung Association. It was very exciting to see so many powerful and influential people sitting in the auditorium of one of our

neighborhood schools and to see what a positive impression our school made. Our teachers and administrators received the guests with perfect courtesy. Our custodial staff made the school sparkle. Our children sat quietly and attentively. Our school nurse delivered an excellent speech with such poise that it was reported in the Washington Post. It was a great day to be a neighbor in North Lincoln Park.

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