

The Buzz

North
Lincoln Park's
Neighborhood Newsletter

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Some Like it Hot!

Hot is the only way to describe the 4th Annual Urban Camp Out on the Kingsman Field. The "code red" alert, and temperatures in the 90's, kept many would-be campers away from the afternoon activities. However, once the sun went down, we had the highest number of campers ever, over 110, sleeping under the stars in 30 tents that dotted the field.

Despite the heat, the neighborhood children enjoyed many of their now-favorite urban camp out activities. Kickball was the favorite sport this year, and a continuous game was played until the children could no longer see the ball to catch it. Painting flowerpots and glider airplanes was a big hit with the younger children. The children were thrilled to get their bikes in shape for the summer as their flats were fixed and chains

were oiled at the bike repair clinic.

Many organizations and individuals put on demonstrations or hands-on activities. The D.C. Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) K-9 unit returned this year to show how the dogs are trained to obey the officers and help them fight crime. The D.C. Fire Department brought out a truck for the children to inspect, and there were free smoke detectors. Robert Everhart, the owner of Everhart's Karate Studio near Eastern Market, showed us all how he can break boards with his hands, feet and head! Ranger Kate Bucco of the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens let the children look at organisms under a microscope, and employees from the Bureau of Land Management presented Leave-No-Trace, a hands-on activity showing the impacts of trash on our environment. Joe

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- No NLPNA meeting, July 4.
- Potluck dinner for *Buzz* distributors, July 21, 5:30 p.m., Lincoln Park.
- Arts in the Park, Fridays in July and August. See article.
- NLPNA meeting, August 1, 7:30 p.m., Lincoln Park.
- A *Buzz* distributor is needed for the 1400 block of E Street, NE. Call Elizabeth at 543-3512 if you can help out.
- *The Buzz* needs contributions to pay for future issues. Please send your tax-deductible contribution to NLPNA Treasurer, 160 Tennessee Avenue, N.E.

August Meeting to Celebrate National Night Out

The August NLPNA meeting will be a potluck supper beginning at 7:30 in Lincoln Park. Children will be especially welcome. Mark your calendar now and plan to celebrate "Neighborhood Night Out." Look for more details in the August *Buzz*.

Buzz Distributors Get-Together

The *Buzz* distributors will get together for a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 21, at Lincoln Park during Arts in the Park. Come meet your fellow *Buzz* distributors, those great neighbors who deliver the *Buzz* through hot muggy days, rain, sleet and snow to keep us all connected about neighborhood happenings.

An appreciative camper gets a flat tire fixed.

ARTS IN THE PARK 2000

Every Friday from July 7 through August 18, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., join friends and neighbors, and meet new people in Lincoln Park. You bring the picnic, we'll provide the entertainment! Each event is free of charge, and all are welcome! The

schedule is shown below (performers subject to change). For more information, please call the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW) at 202-547-6839, or point your browser to www.chaw.org.

July 7 : CHAW Summer Music Camp Performance.

July 14: Bluefunk Fables and Free Billy, two local funky bands

July 21: CHAW Summer Visual Arts Camp Presentation

July 28: CHAW Brass Ensemble & The Momentum Dance Company

August 4: CHAW Summer Movement Camp Performance

August 11: Members of the Jaynettes, Capitol Hill's own doo-wop girl group, will present your favorite golden oldies.

August 18: CHAW Summer Theater Camp Performance

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Morris, who heads up the Exploring the Sky program* run by the National Park Service and the National Capital Astronomer's Association, brought a super high-powered telescope, and when the children looked through it to see the craters on the moon all they could say was "Wow!" Jo-Jo Fair the clown brightened many faces with his bright yellow hair, big red nose, and shocking handshake.

Anita Dyson, Sharon Cain, and Michael Herman cooked more hot dogs than they could count for the campers and everyone's sweet tooth was satisfied with Ben & Jerry's Peace Pops. The perennial favorite, roasting marshmallows, lasted well into the evening under Sandy Hileman's watchful eyes.

The Camp Out costs about \$1,500 to put on, and it couldn't have been done without the generosity of many fine folks. Our financial contributors included Evolve LLC (the company that just bought the Pierce School), Pardoe Real Estate, NLPNA, CHAMPS, The Village, Anita and Jimmy Dyson who donated the proceeds from their fish fry, and Barbara Anderson.

Many others made donations of food, time and supplies. The Peace Pops were generously donated by Capitol Hill residents Robert and Karen Reed, owners of the Ben & Jerry's at the Old Post Office Pavilion. Doris Peacock once again baked and got her friends to bake hundreds of delicious cupcakes. Support from the Eastern States Bureau of Land Management was critical; they provided insurance coverage for the camp out, and many of the tents. Ben Bonham also provided and helped set up tents. Lieutenant Gottlieb, Sergeant Baker, and Officers Nelson and Thorpe from the MPD provided exceptional coverage this year, and the Marine Reserves kept a watchful eye on the campers throughout the night. Matt Cogan designed the now collectible Urban Camp Out T-shirt, and a special thanks to Robert Everhart who shouldered the cost of purchasing top quality T-shirts even though we only paid him for the price of seconds. Sarah Donaldson allowed us to use much-needed water from her hose throughout the camp out. Excello allowed us to use their coolers, and N-a-Minit donated ice and electricity. Thanks

Call Boxes Take Off

Paul Williams of the DC Heritage Tourism Coalition gave an exciting presentation on the effort to restore the city's call boxes at the June NLPNA meeting. This project is taking off like a wildfire in Los Alamos, and over 40 neighborhood groups are now involved. The call boxes in the downtown area are being dedicated to police and fire departments in all 50 states. Creativity and historical accuracy are encouraged for the call boxes in the city's neighborhoods. Grants of up to \$500 per call box will be available. Mike Taister volunteered to head up the effort for NLPNA. If you want to be involved, call Mike at 546-2851, and come to a meeting on July 6 at 7:30 p.m. at 1233 D Street, N.E.

Thanks, Brett!

— by Shelly Ross-Larson

Trees for Capitol Hill has so enjoyed working with Brett Summers on improving the Northeast streetscape. We will miss him and his unstinting efforts tremendously.

We're in need of a volunteer to be our contact in the North Lincoln Park area. If you can help, call Shelly at 547-3320.

also to Barbara Anderson for arranging the police coverage and K-9 demonstration, Anita Dyson for getting D Street closed, Pat Hanrehan for food shopping, and Anne Goode for the peanut butter sandwiches. Many thanks to all the other volunteers from the IRS, EPA, and the neighborhood, especially the arts & crafts and bike repair crews. Without your help, the camp out wouldn't have happened.

* *The monthly schedule for the Exploring the Sky program is available at <http://www.nps.gov/rocr/planetarium/>.*

The crime map will return next month.

