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Architect of the Capitol

Stephen T. Ayers, the newly confirmed Architect of the Capitol, will be the guest speaker at the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's June 17 membership meeting. Mr. Ayers will discuss the success of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, progress on the tunnels, and other projects that impact the Capitol Hill community. The presentation will follow light refreshments at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 2nd and C Streets, SE. All are welcome

NLPNA Yard Sale

The NLPNA Yard Sale took place the Saturday after Mothers Day. For once, we had ideal weather – a good thing since the truck was two hours late arriving to carry off the “extras.” We took in just over \$1,250 – not a record, but one of our better years, for sure.

Many thanks to the volunteers who made this event a success, the folks who helped with set up and clean up, the sales people, the donors, and the shoppers!

Ice Cream Social

Join your friends and neighbors for an old fashioned ice cream social to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, Sunday, June 13, 2-4:30 p.m., 9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, SE

2 p.m.: Music by U.S. Navy Band
2:30 p.m.: Presentation of Colors by U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard
2:45 p.m.: Program and Ground-breaking Ceremony
(Family activities all afternoon.)

What's "On" in June

by Kathleen Donner

The Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the Mall between 7th and 14th Streets runs from June 24 - 28 and July 1 - 5, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with evening entertainment starting at 6 pm. All events are free. Themes are MEXICO, Asian Pacific Americans and Smithsonian Inside Out Friday home games (June 7 & 14) at National ballpark feature after-game fireworks at around 10 p.m.

Every Saturday (weather permitting) join a Tai Chi class in Lincoln Park at 8 a.m.

“Discovering the Civil War – Beginnings” exhibit the at National Archives can be seen from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through September 6.

To learn more, visit <http://www.whatsoncity.net>.

Fagon Guide Delivery

The Fagon Guide is a free directory of community organizations and neighborhood businesses. Guides were recently delivered to homes in the NLPNA area. Anyone who did not receive a copy may pick one up from the front porch of ANC 6A Commissioner Nick Alberti, 1330 North Carolina Ave. NE.

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, most less than \$1,000. Restrictions do apply. Please visit the ANC website, www.anc6a.org for more details.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, 1st Tues. (June 1), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th and C St. NE.
- **CHEC meeting**, Tues. June 8, 7 p.m., Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square SE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, 2nd Thurs. (June 10), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **Ice Cream Social, Hill Center Ground-Breaking**, Sun., June 13, 2-4:30 p.m., Old Naval Hospital, 9th St. & Pa. Ave. SE. *See article.*
- **CHRS presentation**, Thurs. June 17, 7 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 2nd and C Streets, SE. *See article.*
- **NLPNA does not meet in July**
- *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.

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

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Live Theater on H Street

Theater Alliance and VSA present *Gretty Good Time* by John Belluso, directed by Jeanette Buck, from June 3 to July 3 at the H Street Playhouse, 1333 H St. NE. This production will be part of the 2010 International VSA Festival (www.vsartsfestival.org) and features talent from the hill: Deb Thomas on Props and Field Blauvelt in the role of Dr. Caplan. For more information, visit www.theateralliance.com.

Evolve Urban Arts

Evolve Property Management presents "Nature Transforms," featuring works by painter Jessica van Brakle and photographer Wess Brown and a site-specific installation by mixed media artist Alex Zealand, at the Evolve Urban Arts Gallery @ Pierce School Lofts, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE.

The exhibition provides a view of what the urban landscape might look like if nature reasserted itself. The viewer will not only see a stylized vision of our possible future landscape, but also experience, in three dimensions, what it might be like to actually step inside a structure that nature re-inhabits.

An opening reception will be held Saturday, June 5 from 4-8 p.m. Hours at the gallery are 1-7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The show will continue through July 22. The exhibit is free and the public is welcome. To learn more, visit www.evolveDC.com and click on "Urban Arts Project."



Door Ajar by Wess Brown

Please Water Trees

The NLPNA area received several new trees last fall, through the efforts of both Trees for Capitol Hill and the city. However, the trees will need supplemental water for at least their first two summers if they are to survive. A quick blast from a hose encourages poor root development. It's much better to let the water trickle for 20 to 30 minutes. Tree gators (those green watering bags) or buckets with a small hole work well for this purpose.

Yard Waste Collection

The D.C. Department of Public Works collects up to five bags of yard waste per week from residences. For details, go to <http://dpw.dc.gov>, click on "Services on Your Block," "Trash Collection," then "Yard Waste Collection."

Library Programs

The Northeast Branch Library's programs include:

- ♦ Storytimes for ages 3-7, Tues. June 1 & Thurs. June 3, 10 a.m.; Mon. June 7 & 14, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Advisory Group, Wed. June 2, 5-6 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Book Club for ages 8-12, Thurs. June 3, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Music & Movement, Sat. June 5, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Tween Club, Sat. June 5, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Summer Reading Programs, Wed. June 2 (Janice the Griot, ages 6+), June 9 (Karen O. Brown, ages 12+), June 16 (Living Classrooms, ages 6+), June 23 (Musical Waves of Poetry, ages 12+), all at 4 p.m.
- ♦ Teen Movie Night, Wed. June 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ French Storytime & Craft, Sat. June 19, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Teen Gaming Night, Wed. June 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-19.
- ♦ Origami Club, Thurs. June 24, 4-5 p.m. Ages 6-12.

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

Want Trees?

NLPNA will be partnering with Trees for Capitol Hill (TCH) again this fall to plant trees on public property. Funds from NLPNA and TCH will be used to match neighbors' contributions. Neighbors wishing to sponsor a tree must commit to digging the hole and watering for the first two years.

To sponsor a tree, call 543-3512 or email elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com with "trees" as the subject, before June 11.

Eastern Market Music

Live music will be provided at Eastern Market on Sundays through June 27. For more information, visit www.capitolhillcommunityfoundation.org/emm/springseries.html.

June 6 10:30 a.m.: *Metronomes* (Contemporary A Capella)

1 p.m.: *Project Natale* (Jazz)

June 13 10:30 a.m.: *Gina DiSimone & the Moaners* (Swing, Blues)

1 p.m.: *Rio Garage* (Brazilian Jazz)

June 20 10:30 a.m.: *The Sears Trio* (Jazz, Blues, Bossa)

1 p.m.: *Reverb* (A Cappella R&B, Gospel)

June 27 10:30 a.m.: *The Sweater Set* (Contemporary Folk)

1 p.m.: *Andra Faye & the Mighty Good Men* (A Cappella Blues, Roots)

Capitol Hill Energy Coop

The Capitol Hill Energy Cooperative (CHEC) will meet Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square SE. The topic will be Mayor Fenty's Proposed FY 2011 Budget for Environmental Programs.

To RSVP or for more info, contact Cynthia Hartley at info@capitolhillenergycoop.org. Or join the listserv "capitolhillenergy" at www.groups.yahoo.com.