

The Buzz

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The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents...

"Do We Need the Height Act?", a free forum Wednesday, June 19, 7-9 p.m. at HillCenter 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE. The doors will open at 6:30 pm; the presentation will follow a brief business meeting of the CHRS membership. The speaker will be Laura Richards, an attorney who testified before Congressman Issa's Committee last summer in support of the Height Act. Her testimony emphasized that the Height Act of 1910 plays a positive, powerful role in shaping the cityscape and the experience of living in the District.

The event is free and handicapped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend. No reservations required. For more information, visit www.chrs.org.

On April 11, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the DC Office of Planning announced a study of the impacts of changes to the federal Height of Buildings Act of 1910. The study follows Congressman Darrel Issa's 2012 hearing on "Changes to the Height Act: Shaping Washington, DC for the Future.". NCPC will conduct outreach sessions on May 13 at Petworth Library and May 22 at NCPC's offices. Hearings will be held in June and a draft recommendation will be made in September 2013. Additional information will be provided at: www.ncpc.gov/heightstudy.

DC Crime Map

Crime information is available at crimemap.dc.gov/CrimeMapSearch.aspx

Buzz Update

In the April and May issues we reported that *The Buzz* was running out of money. But we have since received donations and offers of limited free printing from loyal – and generous – Buzz readers (thank you!!). Plus we may receive a new allocation when the budget is approved in August.

That said, we are still a bit short and will continue to accept donations going forward. Checks should be made out to North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and sent to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of 11th St., 1100 block of E St., and 1200 and 1500 blocks of Constitution Ave. and 1500 block of A St.

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Presents...

- Art and Performance Festival Saturday, June 8 from 2:30-10 p.m. at 545 7th St. SE. Youth ballet, violin students, vocal ensembles. Ceramics student sale. Zumba, burlesque, painting. Free.
- Summer arts classes and camps: Painting, printmaking, cartography, photography, dance, ceramics, guitar, jewelry making, writing, sewing and more. Early childhood classes include Music Together and Pre-Ballet/Ballet. Students in grades K-6 focus on the arts of Colombia, India, the American West, and Italy. Tuition assistance and payment plans are available.

For more information on all CHAW events, call 547-6839 or visit www.chaw.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (June 4), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C St. NE. All are welcome! *See article.*
- **Opening Reception**, Thurs. June 6, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Evolve Urban Arts Gallery, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (June 13), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **CHRS presents "Do We Need the Height Act?"**, Wed. June 19, 7-9 p.m., HillCenter, 921 PA Ave SE. *See article.*
- **NLPNA does not meet in July**
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

FORL Meeting

The Friends of the Rosedale Library (FORL) will hold a membership meeting on June 17, at 6 p.m. at the Rosedale Library (1701 Gales Street, NE). Like other DC Library Friends groups, FORL supports and promotes library programs and events, raises funds for materials and books, recruits volunteers, and advocates for Library issues. For more information, email them at FriendsoftheRosedaleLibrary@gmail.com or call 571-213-1630.

The **DC Summer Reading Program**, "Dig Into Books" is for all ages, and runs through August 24, with events, programs and prize opportunities for top readers. Stop by the Rosedale Library and check it out.

Please Water Trees

We are fortunate to have received many new street trees this year, but they will need supplemental water for at least their first two to three summers if they are to survive, and the District government does not water street trees. They rely on the neighbors. You can help by joining the Urban Forestry Administration's Canopy Keeper program and adopting a tree near your home. For those concerned about the cost, this is much less expensive than you may think. Trees for Capitol Hill (TFCH) estimates that it costs less than \$10 to water a tree for an entire summer.

A quick blast from a hose encourages poor root development. It's much better to let the water trickle for 20 to 30 minutes – or better still, use a watering bag or basin. It helps to measure the amount of water you are delivering, and a garden hose connected to a nearby water source makes the job easy. The trees will need an absolute minimum of 10 gallons each week – but as much as 20-30 gallons may be needed in very hot, dry weather. Mulch is also important. A 2-4 inch layer is sufficient, but the mulch must be kept away from the trunk to discourage destructive insects. Clean weeds from the planting space. This helps in two ways: First, the tree will not have to compete with the weeds for water. Second, the water bags are less likely to be punctured by mowers if there is nothing to mow.

By the time a tree looks like it needs water (is shriveled or drops leaves), it has already been damaged. Don't wait. Be proactive!

TFCH has a few bags and basins that can be borrowed for the season. If you want one, contact The Buzz.

To register as a Canopy Keeper, contact DDOT at ddot.dc.gov/canopykeepers. Service requests can be made on www.dc.gov or by calling 311.

Want Trees?

NLPNA will be partnering with Trees for Capitol Hill again this fall to plant trees on public property. Funds from NLPNA and Trees for Capitol Hill 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. Email elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com with "trees" as the subject, or call 543-3512 before June 11.

For more information, visit <http://treesforcapitolhill.org>.

2013 PRIDE Exhibit

In celebration of 2013 Capital Pride, Evolve Urban Arts Project is hosting a show, through June 28, of work by local GLBT artists. The opening reception, 5:30-8:30 p.m. on June 6, is free and open to the public.

The Project space is located in the Pierce School Lofts at 1375 Maryland Avenue, NE.

To view this exhibit, please call 744-6439 for an appointment.

NLPNA Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will present a proposed budget for discussion and approval at the August NLPNA meeting. If you would like to help plan the budget, please contact Gloria Junge, Committee Chair. She will have a planning meeting in July and can be reached at 546-4143.

NLPNA Yard Sale

The NLPNA Yard Sale took place the Saturday after Mothers Day. The weather stank. We may have been due for rain, as we've had dry skies the last few years, but it was still miserable. We made the best of it and took in \$860; not a banner year – but pretty good, considering.

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, of course, the shoppers!

HillCenter Presents...

- *Three on a Match*, Friday, June 7, 7p.m. Free. Join New Yorker staff writer Margaret Talbot and movie critic Nell Minow for a screening and discussion.
- *A Guide to Civil War Washington DC* book signing with Cindy Janke, Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m. Free. From the story of one of the first African American army surgeons, Dr. Alexander Augusta, to the tireless efforts of Clara Barton, historian Lucinda Prout Janke renders an intimate portrait of a community on the front lines of war. Join Janke as she guides readers through the changing landscape of a capital besieged. Janke is a longtime resident of Capitol Hill.
- *All Politics is Local*, Wednesday, June 19, 7 p.m. Free. NBC 4 reporter Tom Sherwood and Chancellor of DC Public Schools, Kaya Henderson, will discuss current issues facing the DC public schools.
- Enrollment is still open for summer programs for kids at Hill Center, such as MathTree, Mad Science, C3 Cyber Club, Corcoran Camp Creativity, Writopia and more.

Hill Center at Old Naval Hospital is located at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. www.hillcenterdc.org

NLPNA June Agenda

The NLPNA will consider the feasibility and desirability of entering into pocket-park "adoption" agreements at the June 4 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Lane Memorial CME Church, corner of 14th & C Sts. NE.

Commissioner Alberti, ANC 6A04, will be present to meet with his constituents.

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