

The Buzz

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Lincoln Park's
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SeeClickFix

DC residents can report potholes, graffiti, and other problems using the SeeClickFix.com website (<http://seeclickfix.com/washington>) or a mobile app that can be downloaded from the website. With the mobile app, you can snap a photo of the issue you are reporting and submit it with your service request.

The Capitol Hill Garden Club presents...

"A Bee's Eye View of Native Plants" on Tuesday, October 9 at 7 p.m. Sam Droege, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, will present his research on native bees, including the plant-pollinator relationship from the bee's point of view, and consequences of our planting choices. The meeting will be held in the basement of the Church of the Brethren at North Carolina Avenue and 4th Street SE. Enter by the 4th Street side ground-level door. For more information on the Capitol Hill Garden Club, visit capitolhillgardenclub.blogspot.com.

Internet Broadcast Radio at Eliot-Hine

Beginning in mid-October the schools' website (www.eliothine.middleschool.org) will host a radio station run entirely by the students. "Tune in" to get their take on music and topics of interest to teens. The project is directed by Mandrell Birks, technology teacher and host of "The Sighlent Storm" which airs on WHUR-WORLD 96.3 HD2.

Walk to School Day

The annual Walk-to-School Day celebration will take place on Wednesday, October 3 at Lincoln Park. Students from Maury Elementary School and the other Capitol Hill schools will gather at the park at 7:30 a.m. to join their friends and neighbors in support of physical fitness, fresh air, and creating a walkable (and bikeable) community. Following warm-up exercises and healthy snacks, participants will walk to school in groups.

To learn more about this international event, visit www.walktoschool.org.

Capital City Symphony

The Capital City Symphony, our local full-size orchestra, has the first concert of its 2012-13 season at 5 p.m. Sunday, October 21 at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H Street NE. The season's theme is "All The World's A Stage," and the first concert features Ryo Kaneko, the talented 18-year old pianist, winner of the 2012 Ylida Novik Memorial Concerto Competition. The program on October 21 will be:

- Beethoven's 3rd piano concerto with Ryo Kaneko, pianist
 - Prokofiev, Lieutenant Kijé Suite
 - Khachaturian, Masquerade Suite
- Tickets for adults are \$20-\$25; senior/student \$16-\$20; children (age 16 and under) *free*. Season tickets \$64-\$80. Tickets are on sale at capitalcitysymphony.org, at the Atlas box office, or by phone at 399-7993.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Oct. 2), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th & C Sts. NE. All are welcome!
- **Walk to School Day**, Wed. Oct. 3, 7:30 a.m., Lincoln Park. *See article.*
- **Capitol Hill Garden Club**, Tues. Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m., Church of the Brethren, North Carolina Ave. & 4th St. SE. *See article.*
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Oct. 11), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE. For more info, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **Preservation Café**, Wed. Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m., Ebenezers Coffee House, 2nd & F St. NE. *See article.*
- **Capital City Symphony Concert**, Sun. Oct. 21, 5 p.m., Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE. *See article.*
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Contact us at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

Theater Alliance's New Season

...has started at 1365 H Street NE. Season subscriptions are \$125 for five shows, including the perennial holiday favorite, "Black Nativity." Visit www.theateralliance.com.

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The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents...

the Preservation Café series, a free forum with topics of interest to the greater Capitol Hill community. Wednesday, October 17, 6:30-7:15 p.m. at Ebenezers Coffee House (downstairs), 2nd and F Street NE. Local author Tim Krepp will read from his recently published book *Capitol Hill Haunts*, a “true” history of ghosts and hauntings on Capitol Hill.

The event is free and handicapped accessible, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Have a Ball! Bocce Coming to a Field Near You

The DC Bocce League is opening an H Street division. You can start your own team, join an existing one, or sign up and let them place you with a group. Registration is available via the DC Bocce League website, www.dcbocceleague.com.

Guerra & Weapons by Jorge Luis Bernal

The Evolve Urban Arts Project is showing encaustic paintings by Jorge Luis Bernal through November 2 at 1375 Maryland Ave. NE. Visit <http://art.evolvedc.com> for more information.



Crossing the T by Jorge Luis Bernal

Coping with Street Crime

Most *Buzz* readers will be aware that there has been an alarming increase in street crimes – robberies and assaults – some with well-publicized and horrifying consequences. Many are thefts of cell phones and other hand held devices. According to Police Chief Cathy Lanier, this not only presents an opportunity to criminals, it distracts the users of these devices from their environment and makes them easier targets.

It's not safe to assume that the only threats are from pedestrians. Many thieves are in cars or on bicycles, and their approach may not be noticed by the victim until it is too late. Most such crimes occur between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m., but there really is no totally safe time to wear headphones, fiddle with one's smartphone, or make cell phone calls on the street.

Citizens are advised to pay attention to their surroundings. Don't walk alone at night. Don't display small electric devices, wallets, or dangling handbags. And avoid dimly lit or overgrown areas.

Online Crime Reporting Tool

The MPD Online Reporting Tool, (<http://mpdc.dc.gov/service/file-police-report-online>) offers a quick way to make reports of lost property, lost or stolen vehicle tags, theft from auto, and destruction of property.

Buzz Distributors Needed

Volunteer distributors are needed for the 100 block of 15th St., 300 block of 14th Pl., 1100 block of E St., 1500 block of Constitution Ave., 1300 and 1500 blocks of North Carolina Ave., and 1300, 1400, and 1500 blocks of A St.

Donations are also welcome; checks should be made payable to North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and sent to (or dropped off at) 160 Tennessee Ave. NE.

Burglary Prevention Tips

from Lieutenant Michael Thornton, MPD

- Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened at all times – most burglaries happen during daytime hours. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a one-inch throw and a reinforced strike plate with three-inch screws. Windows should have window locks.
- Secure sliding glass doors. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts. These will help prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.
- Create the illusion that you are home by using timers on lights, radios, and TV's. Making your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, will deter criminals.
- Keep the perimeter of your home well lighted. Installing low-voltage outdoor lighting is a cost-effective way to discourage intruders. These should be supplemented by bright motion-sensitive lighting.
- Never leave clues that you are away on a trip. Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers while you are away so delivered items do not accumulate.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways. Large hedges provide a hiding place for burglars.

Police will do a free in-home assessment on how to improve your home security. Contact Caroline Smith at 299-3374.



Children's activities in the CHRS tent at the H Street Festival