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## Mark Plotkin speaks to CAG on “DC: The Last Colony”

**M**ark Plotkin, political commentator and analyst for WTOP Radio and Washington Post Radio (and formerly the political analyst at NPR affiliate WAMU), will be at the April 16 CAG meeting to talk about the local political scene. Plotkin hosts his own talk show “The Politics Program with Mark Plotkin,” on Washington Post Radio, where he interviews all the “movers and shakers” in the District.

He has also made appearances on CNN, BBC, CBS, ABC, NBC, and

C-Span and is quoted in major publications including *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Time* and *The New Republic*. An award winning journalist, he most recently won the 2005 Society of Professional Journalism Award for Best Commentary.

A Chicago native, Mr. Plotkin



## Next CAG Meeting

**Monday, April 16, 2007**

**Speaker:**  
**Mark Plotkin, political commentator and analyst for WTOP radio**

St. John’s Church Parish Hall  
Potomac and O Streets, NW

Reception 7 pm; Program 7:30 pm

Parking during meeting across the street at Hyde School

graduated from George Washington University in 1969 and, after teaching several years, became advance man and district coordinator for the 1972 campaigns of Edmund Muskie, Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern. He served as deputy finance director for Morris Udall in 1976 and for Ted Kennedy in 1980.

Widely known as an outspoken advocate of District self-governance and voting representation in Congress, he played a decisive role in negotiating the return of the District’s City Hall (the John A. Wilson Building) to city ownership in 1999, and the adoption of DC license plates bearing the slogan “Taxation Without Representation.”

He is also a five time winner of the Volta Part tennis tournament — with five different partners, because as he says, “nobody would play with me twice!”

Please join us to hear from this expert observer of the local political scene. He has seen it all, knows everyone, and promises to tell all on Monday evening!

## Put on Your Dancing Shoes for the Concerts in the Parks Party!

**C**elebrate the Fifth Anniversary of the Concerts in the Parks Series on Friday, April 13 at Blue Gin, 1206 Wisconsin Avenue. No fancy hors d’oeuvres, no speeches...just great music and dancing...plus a very intriguing silent auction. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$125 per couple, and include one Blue Gin Specialty Drink. Invitations are in the mail. Call the CAG office at 337-7313 to request an invitation.

Proceeds of the evening benefit the Citizens Association of Georgetown Concerts in the Parks Series. The series brings together all ages of the Georgetown community to socialize and enjoy live music—from jazz to swing to rock n’ roll—performed in our lovely parks three



**Elizabeth Miller and her daughter Annabelle publicize the Concerts in the Parks.**

Sunday afternoons this summer:  
May 20, June 10, July 1.

—Elizabeth Miller  
Chair, CAG Concerts in the Parks

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### Public Safety Results

**T**he extra Metropolitan Police Officer weekend patrol that CAG's expanded public safety program is paying for (in cooperation with GU) is entering its third month and there's much good news to report. Reviewing the log that is submitted to CAG each month, we can document three separate arrests credited to the detail. The first was the apprehension of three suspects who had forcefully robbed a commercial establishment and were fleeing through the residential district. Officer Leroy Mucci assisted plain clothes police, resulting in the arrest of all three suspects.

Our own Second District Lt. Felicia Lucas was involved in the success of the other two incidents. She was first on the scene responding to a dispatcher call about a residential burglary in progress. Hearing breaking glass, she called in support officers and they made the arrest. Lt. Lucas also interrupted a domestic violence incident, arresting the assailant.

The arrests and apprehension of criminals is of course a goal of the initiative. But, I believe, the main goal is to prevent and deter these incidents from ever occurring. The police log gives evidence that this is also happening. During the month of February, the weekend patrol recorded thirty "citizen contacts." What this means is that the officers stop and talk with people they feel are exhibiting suspicious behavior. This would most certainly give a potential criminal pause. During that same time frame, eighteen tickets were given for parking and traffic violations. This is very positive news.

### More Support Needed

What is also very positive are the contributions coming in to support the Public Safety Program. We are over halfway to our goal to fund the reimbursable detail and the enhanced Guard program for an entire year. But we are not there yet. Georgetown University has committed to support the program for the long run. Other extremely generous contributions have been received. If you have not contributed, I would ask you to consider the successes to date, how important this program is to the quality of life in Georgetown and how much you can comfortably donate. The second wave appeal has been sent along with membership renewals. Please respond quickly to both and remember that all contributions, including your dues, are now totally tax deductible. **Note of clarification:** CAG's expanded public safety program **includes** the Neighborhood Guard Program. Donors to the public safety program receive all the benefits of the Guard program (Guard's cell-

phone number, window sticker, escort service, etc.)

### Call for Volunteers

Enclosed in your membership renewal form is a list of CAG committees. Take a look and see if you can lend a hand. One area where we can use (quite a few) new volunteers is that of Block Captains. We now have 36 participants, but need more than double that amount. Being a Block Captain takes very little time; it involves mostly sending and receiving pertinent safety information to and from your neighbors, primarily by e-mail. It's being those extra eyes and ears that can help our police and guards maintain our desired level of protection.

### Concerts Kick-off

The Concerts in the Parks Kick-off Party will be April 13 at Blue Gin. Elizabeth Miller and her committee are promising a memorable night with music, dancing and an upscale silent auction to celebrate five years of the popular concert series. If you haven't received an invitation, please call the CAG office. The dates for this season's concerts are May 20, June 10 and July 1, at 5:00 pm, in either Rose or Volta Park.

### Spring Cleaning

The day after the party, April 14, is Georgetown Clean-up Day held in conjunction with the University. Meet at Volta Park at 9 am. The day will begin with coffee and bagels, and after the three hour clean-up, the Georgetown University Grilling Society will cook up a barbecue luncheon. Come for the morning or just for an hour to help make a difference in how Georgetown looks. The rain date is 2 to 5 pm on April 22. Beautification committee chair, Brenda Moorman, in addition to coordinating the clean-up, is arranging for the pickup of hazardous waste materials to coincide with the District's collection, on April 21. Full information on the Clean-up Day and hazardous waste pickup can be found on page 9 of this newsletter. This is a very big undertaking and we are all highly appreciative of this effort.

We are pleased to welcome a new intern to the office: GU junior and business major, Jaclyn Cerbone, is working one day a week at the CAG office.

— Denise R. Cunningham



## Full House Hears Historic Preservation Experts at CAG Meeting

**D**enise Cunningham opened the March CAG meeting by recognizing the invaluable contributions of CAG past president Ray Kukulski (for transporting the reception wine and cheese every month to the meeting) and block captain coordinator Helen Darling for securing public safety block captains around Georgetown. CAG beautification committee chair Brenda Moorman has announced a new date for Clean-up Day, held in conjunction with Georgetown University, as well as DC hazardous waste pickup day, held once a year. Brenda will transport hazardous waste from your doorstep. See flyer on page 9.

The president's monthly "tell us what's on your mind" session yielded requests for repaving the 3100 block of O Street due to the terrible condition of the street; checking on the timing of traffic lights (contact DDOT representative: christopher.ziemann@dc.gov); the status of the Hurt Home; removal of trash and bulk trash; and the condition of lightposts around Georgetown.

CAG historic preservation and zoning committee chair Barbara Zartman introduced the historic preservation panel: Jerry McCoy, archivist at Georgetown Library's Peabody Room; Peter Jost, president of the Foundation for the Preservation of Historic Georgetown; and

Tim Dennee of the DC Historic Preservation Review Board. She noted that historic preservation is complex and said she continues to learn from each issue that arises.

Jerry McCoy said the Georgetown Library's Peabody Room was started when 19th century philanthropist George Peabody donated \$15,000 for a library to "benefit the citizens of Georgetown". This special collection of Georgetown history, originally housed in the old Curtis School on O Street (site of the present day Hyde School), moved to the Georgetown Library on Book Hill in 1935.

The Peabody Room contains materials relating to Georgetown's history, culture and economy. For instance, information about local house titles, assessment records, permits and other pertinent information can be found in the collection. McCoy shared an anecdote about Matilda Williams, who traveled daily from DC to Annapolis (when Georgetown was part of Maryland) to research property deeds of the late 1700's to 1877, neatly typing the information for each address in Georgetown. Visitors today have access to a house history vertical file on each historic address, as well as plats, maps, vertical file clippings, local newspapers (including all issues of *The Georgetown*) and

engravings that depict various aspects of life in Georgetown. Photographs, many never published, are organized by street or subject.

McCoy asked the audience to bring him Georgetown-related items, including postcards. "It's your collection", he said, urging people to visit and ask questions about homes, genealogy, buildings, landmarks, people, local events and social history.

Jerry McCoy's hours in the Peabody Room are: Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; Wednesdays from 1 pm to 9 pm; and two Saturdays a month from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Please call the Library for information at 727-1353.

President of the Foundation for the Preservation of Historic Georgetown, attorney Peter Jost, spoke about conservation easements. The Foundation accepts conservation easements on property located in Georgetown. The Foundation, established in 1965, focuses on "the protection of historic structures through purchase, easement acquisition and funding of restoration; protection of residential areas from institutional incursion through vigorous legal action; and preservation of open space through grants and easements".

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**CAG historic preservation and zoning committee chair Barbara Zartman speaks as (left to right) Tim Dennee, Jerry McCoy and Peter Jost look on.**

Jost explained that, with a conservation easement, the property owner grants the Foundation deeds of easement, whereby the owner agrees to preserve the nature of the Historic District of Georgetown. Legally binding and granted in perpetuity, properties that receive conservation easements qualify for tax deductions. Visit [www.preservegeorgetown.org](http://www.preservegeorgetown.org) for more information.

The Foundation has granted easements on 107 properties. Jost urged the audience to be alert to construction being performed on homes which have an historic designation plaque and to ask questions to ensure the regulations are being followed by the owner.

Tim Dennee of the DC Historic Preservation Review Board said his office tries to make the process as seamless and efficient as possible. In recent years, to help property owners through the permit and review process, a “homeowners information” center was set up in Room 2102 at 940 N. Capitol Street. Dennee explained the role of his agency, as well as that of the Commission of Fine Arts and the Old Georgetown Board. He spoke about zoning issues and the overall permit process, encouraging the audience to contact him directly at 552-8847 or at [timothy.dennee@dc.gov](mailto:timothy.dennee@dc.gov) for advice on navigating the complex system. Addressing the common question of “my neighbor did it, why can’t I?”, Dennee explained that each property

is unique, and it’s possible that what applies to your neighbor’s home may not apply to your property.

Barbara Zartman ended the presentation by describing the CAG historic preservation committee activities: planning and zoning issues; following related developments; monitoring projects and reports; creating and producing the award-

winning CAG Historic Preservation Brochure; attending Old Georgetown Board meetings; testifying before the DC Board of Appeals; working in conjunction with the ANC, DDOT, and Public Works.

Q & A’s touched on many topics: historic designation plaques (contact Tim Dennee at email listed above); the effects of conservation easements on a property’s market value (with passage of time, market value tends to go up, according to Peter Jost); façade easements (not available since 2006); evaluating stucco problem on a brick house (Tim Dennee said a permit is necessary to remove all the stucco, but no permit is necessary just to look at small patch of façade under the stucco); the lengthy permit process to replace a deteriorating fence in the same way as it appeared; and the subjective nature of the review process. In response to the last item, Tim Dennee said architecture, like art, can be subjective, but the “new structure cannot be incompatible”. He listed items such as height, scale, materials, and massing as important elements. Modern is not discouraged, but the building must be compatible with the neighborhood.

Denise closed the meeting by leading a round of applause for all the panelists, and presenting them with the “coveted CAG baseball caps”.

—Tara Scopelliti  
Secretary

## 2007 Georgetown House Tour

### See Inside Historic Georgetown Homes...and Support a Good Cause

The 2007 Georgetown House Tour, to benefit the ministries of St. John’s Episcopal Church, will be held on Saturday, April 28 from 11 am to 5 pm. This year’s tour will feature ten of Georgetown’s most beautiful homes and their impressive gardens.

Advance tickets are \$40 per person if purchased by April 20, and tickets the day of the tour are \$45 per person. Ticket price includes a bountiful afternoon tea served in the Parish Hall of St. John’s Church at 3240 O Street. Tickets may be purchased at St. John’s Church on Friday, April 27 and on the day of the tour. Purchase tickets now by sending the coupon shown on the website’s ([www.georgetownhousetour.com](http://www.georgetownhousetour.com)) tickets screen, with your check or credit card information to St. John’s Church. Make checks payable to Georgetown House Tour. Tickets may also be purchased by Visa or MasterCard. Tours will be held rain or shine, no cancellations or refunds. For additional information, please call 338-2287.

The House Tour Patrons’ Party will be held on Thursday, April 26 at the home of Bill Dean. Visit the “Supporters” page on [www.georgetownhousetour.com](http://www.georgetownhousetour.com) for Patrons’ Party invitation.

The proceeds of the Georgetown House Tour help to support St. John’s involvement with organizations such as So Others Might Eat, The Georgetown Ministry Center, The Georgetown Seniors Center, Community Harvest and Bright Beginnings.

## Hoboken on the Potomac

In yesteryear, Georgetowners took scant notice of Rosslyn. A melange of used car lots, pawn shops, and the occasional restaurant, Rosslyn was that low-rise neighborhood at the other end of Key Bridge. With time and construction of the Metro station, Rosslyn began to grow skyward. A landscape of mid-rise office, apartment, and hotel buildings took shape. But for the most part, these buildings barely peeked above the trees on the distant Potomac shore. No longer.

Venture down to the site of Georgetown's new waterfront park and behold the new buildings now towering on the other side of the river. Rosslyn is becoming skyscraper city. Mid-rise buildings are being demolished and replaced by high-rises.

The two towers most visually prominent at the moment—the ones topped by construction cranes in the picture—are known as Waterview. Waterview is a million square foot project, comprising a 24-story, three-tiered office building and a 29-story hotel/condominium joined by a fourth-floor terrace.

Soon to rise will be Turnberry Tower. Construction of this new condominium just began at the previous site of a Best Western hotel. Turnberry Tower will be 26 stories,



The current view of the ever-changing Rosslyn skyline, from the Georgetown Waterfront Park.

and in the words of the sales brochure, "Presenting The Tallest, Most Luxurious Bipartisan Condominium On The Washington Skyline. Wake up to spectacular views of Historical Georgetown University, National Cathedral, and the Potomac River. ... Take in the spectacular vistas through your high-in-the-sky glass walls or from your expansive terrace..."

Working their way through the Arlington County permitting and approval process are several even taller buildings. There are the two towers of Central Place, each nearly 30 stories above the ground, to be built across from the Metro station entrance. As in Waterview, one tower will be residential, the other office. Central Place's office building will feature an observation deck. The promotional piece reads: "The observation deck will contain two levels of public space, fully glazed on all sides. The glass walls create a sense of openness that extends beyond the soaring 60-foot high ceiling of the main room. Central Place will become a distinctive landmark. It will redefine the skyline."

A 34-story building planned for 1812 North Moore Street will top out at about 500 feet. (As Rosslyn sits 70 to 80 feet above the Potomac, one adds the height of the bluff to the building's height to determine the true height of the building above sea level.) Directly atop the Metro station, a fourth building will stretch 300 feet skyward.

Some have justified the soaring building heights in Rosslyn as necessary to give the cityscape a "sculpted look". Advancing such a concept will be a new mid-rise building, 10 stories high, that

will perch right above the George Washington Parkway at the very foot of Key Bridge. What is presently wooded, open space will become condominiums with a view.

When it comes to our emerging Georgetown Waterfront Park, the residents of Rosslyn will enjoy a better view of (and be closer to) the park than many Georgetowners.

It seems that little can be done to stem what the late J. Carter Brown foresaw over 25 years ago of Rosslyn becoming "a visual belch on the landscape." Civic associations in Arlington raise concerns about building heights and planes having to alter their routing with the consequent jet noise that may ensue, but their concerns seem unlikely to keep the building boom from expanding.

Has Georgetown become Hoboken, looking across a river at the skyscrapers on the other shore? In Hoboken's case, Manhattan is a 10 minute ferry ride across the Hudson; Rosslyn is but a three minute walk across a bridge.

— Walter Groszyk

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## Number of Block Captains Growing

The block captain program is up and running—and expanding. So far, thirty-seven Georgetowners have volunteered to be captains for their blocks. The second orientation meeting was held on March 6th and we had a very productive exchange of questions and information.

Block Captains take on the responsibility of keeping their immediate neighbors (one or two blocks) informed about local crimes and incidents and educating and/or reminding everyone about best security practices. Block captains operate by distributing initial flyers to neighbors and then keeping interested neighbors informed—usually by email. Block captains are on a special email network to receive immediate messages about crime and alerts from a variety of sources. They in turn pass relevant messages to neighbors who have indicated they want to be kept informed by the captain.

Block captains also relay concerns and suggestions from their block to the CAG public safety committee, which is working very closely with the Metropolitan Police Department to improve policing on our residential streets. We encourage all residents to express concerns and suggestions to block captains so the police will have more detailed information about incidents and happenings on every block.

There are still blocks without captains and therefore many sections of Georgetown are less informed. Active block captains and their blocks are to the side. If you see that your block is not covered, and would like to volunteer, please contact CAG or call me, Helen Darling, at 338-1353 for more information. If you are unable to volunteer at this time, but still would like to contribute to the initiative, we encourage you to consider making a

tax-deductible donation to the Public Safety Program.

We salute our volunteers and program leaders, and look forward to an expanding group of captains. CAG will continue to foster the good relations we share with the Police Department, as well as

increase neighborhood safety practices. We are committed to preserving our sense of community and maintaining the high quality of life in Georgetown.

— Helen Darling

### Block Captains

Below is the list of current block captains. We are seeking captains for Georgetown blocks not listed; please call the CAG office at 337-7313 to volunteer.

Blocks	Block Captain
1200 & 1300 27th St. ....	Rod Johnston
1300 28th St. ....	Teel Oliver
1400 28th St. ....	Kathy O’Hearn
1400 28th St. ....	Jennifer Rogers
1300 29th St. ....	Javed Hamid
1000 30th St. ....	Ray Kukulski
1500 30th St. ....	Edith Schafer
1000 31st St. ....	John Hopkins
1400 31st St. ....	Marcia Carter
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1600 32nd St. ....	Brad Gray
1500 33rd St. ....	Patrick Clawson
1200 35th St. ....	Roberto Coquis
1500 35th St. ....	William and Maral Skelsey
1600 35th St. ....	Barbara Zartman
1400 36th St. ....	Rick Cunningham
3200 and 3300 N St. ....	Ed Emes
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2700 O St. ....	Jerry Brown
2800 O St. ....	Cooby Greenway
3000 O St. ....	Sharon Lockwood
3200 O St. ....	Constance Chatfield-Taylor
2600 P St. ....	Charles Silverman
3200 P St. ....	Virginia Poole
3300 P St. ....	Barbara Downs
3100 Q St. ....	George Ombima
3000 R St. ....	Cathryn Keller
3300 Dent Pl. ....	Myrlene Staten
2700 Dumbarton St. ....	Perry Trimble
2800 & 2900 Olive St. and 1200 29th St. ....	Craig Wilson
2800 & 2900 Olive St. and 1200 29th St. ....	Caroline Scullin
1200 & 1300 Potomac St. ....	Sara Carroll
3300 & 3400 Prospect St. ....	Catherine Miller
3200 Reservoir Rd. ....	Julia Diaz-Asper
3400 Reservoir Rd. ....	Ron Lewis

**Luxury Resorts and Hotels Collection (LXR)  
Coming to Georgetown**

Details are sketchy, but the Luxury Resorts and Hotels Collection (LXR) has purchased the Georgetown Inn and the Latham Hotel. LXR owns the Golden Door Spa, Carmel Valley Ranch, the London NYC Hotel, and the Saratoga Springs Hotel. Expect a dramatic redesign of guest rooms, public spaces, and perhaps new restaurants. General Manager, John Carns, said the goal is to offer a new alternative to traditional luxury hotel options, offering stylish design, comfortable surroundings, and customized service. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

—Anne Emmet

**TREE ALERT**

It's time to start watering our street trees, especially the newly transplanted trees.

Water slowly and deeply with at least five gallons of water **twice each week**. This is very important during hot, dry weather. **Do not over water**. Pull back mulch, test soil with your finger. If soil is wet, do not water. **Do not over mulch**. 2-4 inches of mulch is ideal. **Do not let mulch touch the trunk**. Trees for Georgetown, the Urban Forestry Administration and Casey Trees recommend no plantings in new tree boxes for at least three years.



**The Friends of Rose Park will host its Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at Rose Park's Tot Lot. Children can make their own Easter Bonnets; coffee and sweets for the adults. Contact Trish Peva at tpeva@aol.com or visit www.roseparkdc.org.**



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 Briggs Passport & Visa Expeditors, Inc. (1054 31st St.): 15% discount;  
 CABANAS: free appetizer with purchase of two entrees;  
 Café Bonaparte (1522 Wisc. Ave.): free coffee when ordering dessert;  
 Café Divan (1834 Wisc. Ave.): free dessert;  
 Chadwicks (3205 K St.): half price entrée with purchase of entrée of equal or greater value;  
 Cherry Antiques & Design (1526 Wisc. Ave.): 10% discount on decorative accessories;  
 Clyde's of Georgetown (3236 M St.): complimentary crab & artichoke dip;  
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 Georgetown Café (1623 Wisc. Ave.): 10% discount;  
 Georgetown Wine & Spirits (2701 P St.): 10% discount; free delivery w/\$50 purchase;  
 Georgetown Yoga (1053 31st St.): \$5 off first class;  
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 Sassanova (1641 Wisc. Ave.): 10% discount;  
 Sherman Pickey (1647 Wisc. Ave.): 10% discount;  
 Spiral Flight Yoga (1826 Wisc. Ave.): \$5 off on first class, 10% discount on workshops;  
 Sugar (1633 Wisc. Ave.): 15% discount;  
 Susquehanna Antique Co. (3216 O St.): 10% discount;  
 The Old Print Gallery (1220 31st St.): 10% discount;  
 The Pet Gallery (3204 O St): 15% discount;  
 The Phoenix (1514 Wisc. Ave.): 10% discount on jewelry;  
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Notify us by noon on Friday, April 20 with information about the  
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Call Brenda Moorman (333-5424) or e-mail [brendamoorman@aol.com](mailto:brendamoorman@aol.com)

**NEWSBYTES...** Meet author **Mary Kay Ricks** at 2 pm on April 14 at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church (1339 29th Street) for a signing of her new book **Escape on the Pearl**, "a gripping, historical account of the largest attempted escape on the Underground Railroad" ...Grand Opening Alert: **Cusp**, a "young and stylish spin-off" of Neiman Marcus has finally opened at 3030 M Street...**"Valet" park your bicycle** during the Cherry Blossoms: cyclists can leave their bikes free of charge at secure, staffed areas (15th St. NW, Independence Ave. SW, Jefferson Memorial SW corner) weekends during the festival...Celebrity sighting of **Kiefer Sutherland** going into Martins Tavern, after graciously agreeing to have his picture taken with several fans on Wisconsin Avenue...A new "tween" boutique has opened in Cady's Alley, across from Leopold's...the **Collectibles** shop in Cady's Alley has closed...Check out the new **Tutto Bambini** store for tots, on Wisconsin Avenue near N Street...Stay tuned for information on the **"Art of Georgetown"** project, a community-wide collaboration to create a major art destination in our village, with art promoted by and permeating Georgetown life.

**A Different Bus to Get You to Foggy Bottom Metro**

Beginning Monday, March 26, the Georgetown Metro Connection, more familiarly known as the "blue bus," will discontinue the route between Whitehaven Street (just north of Safeway) and the Foggy Bottom Metro stop. Replacing the "blue bus" will be the "red bus," the Circulator. The Circulator's current route will be altered to follow Washington Circle (which will be the new stop closest to the Foggy Bottom Metro), Pennsylvania Avenue, M Street, and Wisconsin Avenue to Whitehaven Street. (The current Circulator westbound route along K Street to Wisconsin Avenue will end.) East of Washington Circle, the Circulator will continue following its present route to and from Union Station.

The change is for a six month period, coinciding with rebuilding the Wisconsin Avenue bridge over the C&O Canal. If successful, the change will be permanent. Circulator fares are \$1.00 (50 cents less than the "blue bus") and service will run every 5-10 minutes between 7 am and 9 pm daily. A new late night service will also be introduced, running between Whitehaven Street and Farragut Square between 9 pm and midnight Sunday through Thursday, and between 9 pm and 2 am on Friday and Saturday. The 'blue bus' route between Rosslyn and Dupont Circle, which runs along M Street, will continue. See the full map at <http://www.dccirculator.com/news.html>.

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**Do You Smell a Rat?**

There are three ways to reduce the rat population that may be living near you:

- Eliminate food, water, and habitat. Contain and control food waste.
- Maintain your house so that rats have no way to enter. Keep the areas around your home free of clutter.
- Bait the rats with poison. Follow the label directions for over-the-counter products. If you use an exterminator, check the business license to verify they are certified by DC. Baits take about two weeks to be effective.
- Set snap (mouse) traps. Place the trap where you think the rat travels. When you catch one, use a shovel to put the carcass in a plastic bag, and deposit it into your trashcan.

The Department of Health's Rodent Control Division will bait for rats on public space and on your property if there are signs of rat infestation. A homeowner, landlord or tenant must request Rodent Control come onto private property. To report a rodent complaint, phone the Mayor's Call Center at 727-1000—be sure to get a tracking number. If you discover a sick or injured rat, contact the City's Animal Control Division at 576-1954.





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## APRIL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND CALENDAR

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| Tues. April 3                    | <b>Partnership for Problem Solving (PPS) Meeting Sponsored by the Metropolitan Police Department to discuss community issues at 6:00 pm; followed by Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2E Public Meeting at 6:30 pm;</b> Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; (agenda available at <a href="http://www.anc2E.com">www.anc2E.com</a> ); call 338-7427 for more information. |
| Tues. April 10                   | <b>(ALL) Alliance for Local Living Meeting;</b> to discuss community issues with Georgetown residents, administration and students together at GU; 6:30 pm; call GU for details at 687-4056.   |
| Tues. April 10                   | <b>House of Sweden Reception for Spring Theme “Water &amp; Environment” Exhibit and chance to meet the artists;</b> 7:00 pm; 29 & K Streets.   |
| Thurs. April 12                  | <b>Nathans Community Lunch;</b> Noon; editor of “The Politico” newspaper, John F. Harris, talks about the Presidential race; call 338-2000 for reservations.   |
| Mon. April 16                    | <b>Citizens Association of Georgetown Meeting featuring political commentator Mark Plotkin;</b> reception at 7 and program at 7:30 pm; St. John’s Church Parish Hall, Potomac and O Streets.   |
| Tues. April 17                   | <b>Chamber Music Concert Series;</b> Noon – 1 pm; Dumbarton House, 2715 Q Street; Call 337-2288 ext. 450 for reservations.   |
| Fri. April 27 &<br>Sat. April 28 | <b>French Market on Bookhill;</b> bazaar-style sidewalk sale; 11 am –7 pm; Wisconsin Avenue between P and Reservoir Streets.   |
| Sun. April 29                    | <b>Poetry in the Garden—Celebrate National Poetry Month;</b> 1 pm; Tudor Place, 1644 31st Street; \$5/members and \$7/nonmembers; Call 965-0400 to register.   |

