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## CAG Expands Safety Program Below M Street

The recent armed robbery near the Paper Mill (below the canal across from Dean & Deluca) was shocking and made us realize the need for more protection for residents south of M Street. Consequently, the CAG Public Safety Committee decided to expand the program, on a pilot basis, to include the residential areas south of M Street. We are calling on all Georgetowners to support the program, especially those residents in the newly covered area.



Our police and guards work together effectively. When the guards notice public disturbances or suspicious activity in the neighborhood, they not only investigate the situation themselves; they also contact on-duty MPD offi-

The CAG Public Safety program provides

- Extra police officers patrolling residential streets on the weekends (called a “reimbursable detail” because we pay the police department for this)
- Private guards patrolling residential streets five nights each week in a well-marked “CAG Safety” car with flashing lights
- Special GPS-equipped telephones that enable us to track guard performance and enable the guards to communicate directly with the police
- An active block captain program
- A strong advocacy program with the police department and elected officials.

cers for rapid response to the scene. Similarly, when the police have a description of persons or vehicles suspected of involvement in a crime, they alert the guards who then join the search as well. These strategies work.

This public safety program is funded by individual neighbors making tax-deductible donations. Donors receive a CAG Public Safety window sticker and special information about the Guard program, including the Guards’ cell phone numbers. People

who have donated to the 2010 program are listed on pages 6-7.

If you haven’t already donated please do so today by sending a check to the CAG office. Detailed donation information can be found on our website, [www.cagtown.org](http://www.cagtown.org), and you can also donate online. If we all share the financial responsibility at the level each household can afford, we can keep ALL of Georgetown safe and peaceful.

—Diane Colasanto  
Public Safety Committee

## CAG Concerts in the Parks

Zydeco Concert on Fathers Day June 20 • Parade and Patriotic Picnics at July 4th Concert



Sam Sallick and Gray Eisler enjoying ice cream cones at May concert

Join neighbors and friends for a fun Sunday afternoon in Volta Park (34th and Q Streets) on June 20 and July 4 for the final two concerts of the 2010 Concerts in the Parks summer concert series.

The June 20 concert will be a New Orleans Fathers Day celebration featuring the Zydeco band *Junkyard Saints*. In keeping with the Louisiana theme, the

concert will also offer information about the oil spill affecting the coastline of the Gulf. America’s Wetlands, a Louisiana-based company, will be on hand to answer questions and will offer options to donate to the relief effort. They will have kids’ activity books, bumper stickers, and posters available to help spread awareness of the situation.

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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

**S**ummer snuck up on me. It seems like just yesterday there were six feet of snow on the ground. Everyone is out and about. And we don't have to wear coats!

Summer also means it's time for the Concerts in the Parks and I was delighted to see that the threatening storms didn't deter the crowds at this year's first concert in Rose Park. The Concerts committee, co-chaired by Elizabeth Miller and Renee Esfandiary Crupi, had a great line up. Georgetown's favorite reggae group, the Image Band, performed while Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle activities happened in the background. Annie Lou Berman, Hannah Isles and Kelly Doolan arranged for KMG Recycling to take old electronics off our hands, Baby Love was there to collect gently used baby items for those in need, and they had seedling planting for the kids. My hat is off to the Concerts Committee.

Several neighbors and I testified at a hearing before the ABC Board on June 9 to present our case for two ABC moratoriums in Georgetown. The first petition was for a renewal of the existing moratorium on new liquor licenses in Georgetown but we added in seven new licenses. Since 1989, when the moratorium was first imposed, there have been a substantial number of establishments that have closed and not put their liquor license in safekeeping. We hope that these seven new licenses will help draw new restaurants to the area while still maintaining the quality of life in the community.

The second petition was for a moratorium on additional seats at Georgetown Court. The complex originally was a mixed-use development of retail, commercial and residential units, with few eating establishments. Over the years, virtually all the retail shops left and were replaced by ABC licensed operations. These seven restaurants have increased their seating capacities at least once and in some cases two and three times. Georgetown Court is not on commercial M Street or Wisconsin Avenue but directly abuts residential property. As the number of establishments and their occupancy grew dramatically, the surrounding neighbors experienced negative impacts attributed to the heavy concentration of ABC activity. It became necessary to protest the continual request by the restaurants for additional seating. At the last of these protests, the suggestion of a moratorium on additional seats at Georgetown Court was put forth by the ABC Board. It is on their suggestion we made this request.

On June 16 the Board announced their decision approving a three year extension of the existing moratorium with seven new licenses. Unfortunately they reject-



**The new Historic Preservation Committee met June 7: (l to r seated) Nola Klamberg, Acting Chair Louise Brodnitz, Barbara Downs, Jennifer Altemus; (second row) Shannon Christmas, Topher Mathews, Radley Emes, Hazel Denton; (back row) Merle Thorpe, Cheryl Gray, Jim Wilcox, Rich Hinds, Shelley Ross-Larson, Barbara Roberts, Michele Jacobson, Outerbridge Horsey. (Not in photo: Pamla Moore, Jayne Plank, and Chris Graae.)**

ed the additional seat moratorium at Georgetown Court and we are considering an appeal.

For the past several years Barbara Zartman worked tirelessly on historic preservation and zoning issues. Her passing left a void in CAG's ability to address these important topics. Acting Chair of our Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee, Louise Brodnitz, brought together an auspicious group in early June to gather information and form a cohesive committee to tackle these issues which are central to CAG's mission. It was wonderful to see so many people step up and offer to help. The diverse skill sets the committee members bring to the table is energizing. A myriad of subjects were discussed and some action plans have already been set into motion. Educating our community is a priority. Following major development projects like the Hurt Home, Post Office, and Corcoran School is another. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the committee.

I want to remind everyone to donate to the Save the Neighborhood Fund. Georgetown University expects to file their 2010 ten-year campus plan soon. As has been discussed, they are proposing major development and a dramatic increase in the number of students. We must hire a zoning attorney, urban planners and other consultants to help us make our case to the Zoning Commission. Time is of the essence and we need your support to maintain our real estate values and restore the peaceful, civilized nature of our wonderful historic neighborhoods. Check our website for details [www.cagtown.org](http://www.cagtown.org).

—Jennifer Altemus

## GU Campus Plan: Time for Action

Efforts continue to explain core concerns with the 2010 Georgetown University Campus Plan to District government and elected officials as well as the leadership of the University. Despite an outpouring of residential concerns communicated to Georgetown University by CAG and individual residents, the final draft plan that was released at the end of April showed few modifications from what was initially presented last year. As a result, CAG maintains its position that the plan violates D.C. zoning regulations and would negatively impact the quality of life in our residential neighborhoods by:

- increasing graduate student enrollment exponentially;
- providing no additional undergraduate on-campus housing;
- constructing new buildings on the 1789 block;
- building an 83-foot tall smoke stack;
- adding 700 parking spaces to accommodate anticipated additional traffic to the campus and hospital; and
- ignoring safety issues that persist in off-campus housing.

As the process moves forward, CAG is taking a number of steps in preparation for the case that will be presented to the Zoning Commission. Though the timeline could change, we expect GU to file its plan with the District government in the next few months. The Zoning Commission will hold a series of public hearings—expected to take place this fall—to consider the plan and hear residents' concerns.

As we prepare for the hearings, CAG has been meeting with the Office of Planning (OP) to share data and communicate our primary concerns. OP is responsible for developing a report and recommendations to the Zoning Commission. CAG will also be meeting with Mayor Adrian Fenty, Councilmember Jack Evans, and Council Chair Vincent Gray.

CAG has been working closely with community groups to coordinate outreach. CAG and the Burleith Citizens Association along with other community groups sent a letter to the editor of *The Washington Post* outlining our concerns. A similar letter was also sent to the Board of Directors of Georgetown University and *The Current*.

Background on CAG's position and a sample letter for residents to use to communicate concerns with elected officials and key decision makers has been posted on CAG's website [www.cagtown.org](http://www.cagtown.org). It is critical that residents reach out via letters and conversations with ANC members, Mayor Adrian Fenty, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Valerie Santos, Director Office of Planning Harriet Tregoning, and Councilmember Jack Evans among others.

Finally, thanks to the contributions of concerned residents, CAG has retained consultants to assist in developing our presentation to the Zoning Commission. CAG is also in the process of identifying residents willing to testify before the Zoning Commission to explain the impact of the university and the proposed plan on neighborhoods and the quality of life in Georgetown. If you are interested, please contact CAG: 337.7313 or [cagmail@cagtown.org](mailto:cagmail@cagtown.org).

—Cynthia Pantazis  
Chair, CAG-GU  
Relations Committee

### CAG Concerts in the Parks *continued from cover*



Fun Fathers Day activities will include games (water balloon toss; card making) and relay races (carrying a golf ball on a teaspoon; 3-legged race) for dads, granddads, and kids. AND, there will be special prizes for winners (including a "Dad Goodie Bag" with lots of treats like a box of cigars courtesy of Bacchus Wine and Spirits, Patagonia gear, and gift cards). You can also get your picture taken with dad and decorate a frame for the

picture and a card—Frame Your Dad!

Thanks to generous businesses, Haagen-Dazs ice cream cones, Jettie's sandwiches, and popcorn will be given out to energize everyone for all the games.

CAG's popular All American Red, White, and Blue parade is back at Volta Park on July 4th! Don your patriotic colors, decorate your strollers, bikes, and dogs and meet at 4 pm in the parking area for a parade around the neighborhood. The parade will start at 4:30 and will circle the park. There will be a prize for most patriotic decorations—so break out the steamers, balloons, and American



flags. The concert begins at 5 pm, featuring the breezy, beachy tunes of *Sun of a Beach*. Plenty of games for the whole family are scheduled for summer family fun including a pie eating contest and decorating flag cookies. Haagen-Dazs ice cream cones and other goodies will be there for all to enjoy a red, white, and blue day.

—Elizabeth Maloy



## Four Seasons Hosts CAG Awards Meeting Councilman Evans Speaks

The CAG annual meeting on May 10 was hosted by the Four Seasons Hotel in the beautifully renovated Dumbarton Room. Richard Hinds presented the slate of officers who were then unanimously elected: President—Jennifer Altemus, Vice President—Luca Pivato, Treasurer—Bob Laycock, Secretary—Hazel Denton, and Directors—Louise Brodnitz, Diane Colasanto, Renee Esfandiary Crupi, Karen Cruse, Barbara Downs, Brad Gray, and Cynthia Pantazis. Treasurer Bob Laycock presented a financial report of the association.

Mayor Adrian Fenty made a surprise visit to the CAG meeting and spoke about several Georgetown projects: the O and P Street reconstruction, the final stages of the Georgetown Library rebuilding, and the opening of the Social Safeway. Mayor Fenty introduced Councilmember Jack Evans by kidding, “Jack takes care of the big projects.” Evans spoke of relieving the traffic congestion as a result of the popular new Safeway, questioning the Georgetown University campus plan, and the \$2 million to finish the Waterfront Park.

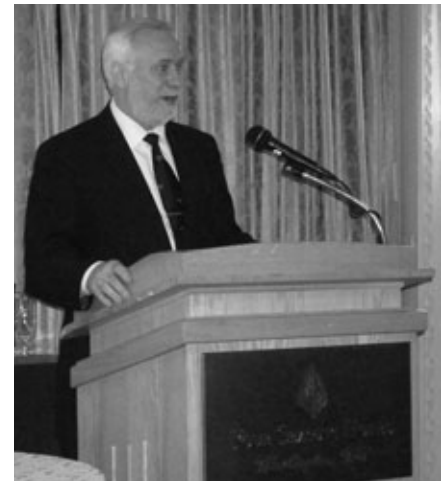


**Ron Newman (left) and Billy Martin with wife Gina and children Billy and Lauren**

CAG’s annual awards were presented by Jennifer Altemus and Jack Evans. The Belin Award, which recognizes service to the Georgetown community, was presented posthumously to the late Barbara Zartman for her expertise in historic preservation. Her daughter, Eve Zartman-Bell, accepted the award and asked those present to continue her mother’s mission.

Betsy Emes, the hard-working and knowledgeable head of Trees for Georgetown, was awarded the William A. Cochran Award for exceptional efforts to protect and enhance the community’s parkland and architectural resources.

CAG unveiled a new award this year—the Martin-Davidson award named in honor of Stuart Davidson, founder of Clyde’s, and William Martin, founder of Martin’s Tavern. The new award honors an outstanding business that serves the community and enhances its historic character. William A. “Billy” Martin, Jr., the current and fourth generation owner of Martin’s Tavern, received the award for his efforts helping the business community and giving back to neighbors.



**Dr. Vyacheslav V. Moshkalo accepts award for Embassy of Russian**

Dr. Moshkalo, the cultural counselor of the Russian Embassy, accepted an appreciation award presented to his Excellency Sergey Kislyak and the Embassy of the Russian Federation. Their generosity and cooperation in establishing the neighborhood relationship between the Arbat in Moscow and historic Georgetown was lauded.



**Jack Evans, Betsy Emes, Dr. Vyacheslar Moshkalo, Jennifer Altemus, Billy Martin and Eve Zartmen-Bell**

## Social Safeway Returns: Bigger and Better

It was a Thursday night in May—actually around 12:30 a.m. Friday morning—at the newly reopened Social Safeway. Sure, there weren't the crowds who braved the supermarket's opening day. But it was after midnight, for heaven's sake, and there were shoppers here: ordering sandwiches, sitting in the cafe area, browsing the cereal aisle, looking wistfully at the microbrew and wine area roped off because of the hour.

Outnumbering the shoppers were roving bands of Safeway employees, young people for the most part, being familiarized with the glossy new store. The 290 new hires have obviously been trained to make eye contact with customers and say hello. (The next time you stop by, count the number of times you're greeted with a genuinely friendly smile. You'll run out of fingers.)

There's been a Safeway (or predecessor) at 1855 Wisconsin Avenue for almost 80 years. The new 71,067-square-foot super-supermarket is the fourth one on the site. That square footage makes it about twice the size of the Whole Foods Market up the street. And the Giant Food at Wisconsin and Newark would probably fit in the produce section of the new store. Trader Joe's? It would no doubt fit in the bakery area here.

The prepared-foods area here is considerably larger than before. But, where Whole Foods sometimes seems

like a store for people who don't own stoves, Safeway's offerings are more limited. "We have a different business model," says store manager Phil White. Nonetheless there are those fresh-made sandwiches and salads and pizza.

The store's glitzy reopening on May 5—assistant White House chef Sam Kass ladling out cool cucumber avocado soup and "Socialtinis" being poured—offered up an odd mix of Congressional "celebs," most of whom live nowhere near the market, and lobbyists and media types—and left a lot of loyal Georgetown shoppers a bit miffed at being ignored. First we lost our main supermarket for 376 days, and then we weren't invited to welcome it back. Some 650 guests showed up at the opening. (If that doesn't make you feel bad enough, consider that 2,000 invites were sent out and you *still* didn't make the cut!)

But all is forgiven. There's plenty of parking (it's easiest on the upper deck, outside), and Georgetown now has a 24-hour pharmacy; a 24-hour source of sandwiches and a place to eat them in, with a fireplace that will seem more relevant and charming in, say, six months; and a 24-hour Starbucks. The trend-of-the-moment olive bar is *not* 24-hour. During the morning, manager White explains, the station is filled with cut-up fresh fruit (but you can always ask for the fresh olives).

For their part, the folks at Safeway, a California-based Fortune 100 company, seem thrilled to have the largest of their 16 District stores (and, according to The Washington Post, the highest-grossing Mid-Atlantic store in the chain) back in action after only a year. Without the extended construction hours nearby residents were willing to tolerate, construction would have taken two years. Traffic patterns are still being examined to see if congestion can be cut down in what has always been a car- and bus-clogged stretch of avenue.

Georgetowners are already settling in. By the second day, White said, people were already plugged into their laptops (free WiFi!) in the cafe area. Some were transferring prescriptions to the 24-hour pharmacy in order to reap a \$30 Safeway gift card. And surely someone must have expressed interest in a \$498 bottle of Lafite Rothschild. (Okay, maybe not.)

Will the Social Safeway become the tourist attraction Safeway public affairs manager Craig M. Muckle hopes for? Well, the store pales next to those 140,000-square-foot Wegmans supermarkets. But never mind the tourists. The Social Safeway is back, welcoming Georgetowners with olives and wine and Bounty paper towels — and maybe a fire in the cafe's fireplace, come fall.

—Nancy McKeon

**Gtown411@gmail.com is a tool for Georgetown residents to report quality of life issues or violations of DC regulations.** After removing the names from the reports, a volunteer moderator forwards the complaints to CAG. We review them on a monthly basis and look for hot spots and trends. These reports assist CAG in working with the appropriate authorities in order to improve the community so this data is vital. We ask that you take the time to report every single event you experience. You must still report problems to the appropriate authority usually by calling 311 or 911.

### The process for reporting is:

- 1 Note time, address and take photos if possible
- 2 Call 911 if it is a noise violation, vandalism or other matters that would involve the MPD
- 3 Call 311 for trash, rats, etc.
- 4 Send a copy of the report to gtown411@gmail.com and be as specific as possible.

## Donors to the 2010 Public Safety Program *(As of June 17, 2010)*

Thanks to the generosity of the following people, CAG has raised over half of the required revenue for the 2010 Public Safety Program. We urge everyone else to contribute soon. Detailed information is on the website: [www.cagtown.org](http://www.cagtown.org); you can also donate online. Or simply send your check to CAG made out to CAG Public Safety. All donations are tax deductible.

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## Bridge Street Books

We have all passed by on our way somewhere else. Some of us have stopped in to peruse the shelves, some of us have brought a book, either from the bargain rack outside or from the intriguing inventory inside. Who hasn't noticed the Bridge Street Books store at 2814 Pennsylvania Avenue and wondered how it has survived for thirty years and now has the sad distinction of being one of the last independently owned book stores in Georgetown.

When I stopped in the other day I was fortunate to meet Buck Downs who was holding down the fort for the owner Philip Levy who was in New York at a book sellers convention. When I asked him the burning question about Bridge Street's remarkable survival record he explained it

this way. "We have a discerning clientele and select our books one and two at a time — those with enduring value—and we keep specific interests in mind, such as politics, philosophy, poetry, fiction, nonfiction, history." He said that Bridge Street has a long list of returning customers who come in regularly and either find what they are after or put in an order.

Philip Levy and Rod Smith man the store most days. Rod, a well known poet, recently returned from a sabbatical at the Iowa Writers Workshop. Philip, a member of the well known Levy family, and Rod have created an intimate and appealing venue for book lovers. Bridge Street has two floors of book shelves that hold many old friends and lots of new ones. I bought an updated version of *The Little*

*Engine That Could* for my three year old great nephew and a novel for myself. So drop in when you are passing by and meet men who truly love the written word and know the ins and outs of the literary world. I told Buck that a sales clerk at a large chain store informed me the book I asked for was not in stock, when it was on display ten feet away from him! Buck's reply was classic. "It's like having your butcher tell you he's a vegan." Stick with the guys who know and love books and applaud them for having proven, once again, that bigger is not always better! And Bridge Street Books is a CAG Priority Merchant offering a 10% discount to CAG members (2814 Pennsylvania Avenue; 965-5200).

—V V Harrison

## To Russia with Love: Georgetown Gala October 15

Save the date for the Georgetown Gala, Friday, October 15, 2010. Honorary Chairs His Excellency and Mrs. Sergey Kislyak will welcome us to their spectacular Russian Embassy with its soaring ceilings, glorious gilt, dramatic murals, stunning chandeliers—it's unbelievable. The Gala Committee, chaired by Nancy Taylor Bubes and Lesley Lee, has been working to make this event unforgettable. The black tie evening will begin with a VIP reception for the Gala Patrons. Last year this included the Ambassador, Mayor Fenty and Alexander Ovechkin.

We have booked the Right On Band so wear your dancing shoes. There will be champagne, caviar and Russian vodka. The dinner buffet is scrumptious. And we have added lots of additional seating so you can sit and catch up with your neighbors when you



need a break from the dance floor. Invitations will be mailed later in the summer. Tickets will be \$175 for CAG members; \$200 for non-members.

The silent auction is filled with unique items only found at the Gala—original art and jewelry, private chef dinners, book parties, restaurant meals that include babysitting, event tickets

—even photography sessions. And auction chairs Annie Lou Berman and Erika Donohue are also putting together a few over-the-top live auction must haves—anyone up for a trip to the Vineyard?

All proceeds from the Georgetown Gala go to making our community a more wonderful place to live. They support historic preservation, advocacy, and public safety. It's not too late to become a Gala Patron and have your name listed in the invitation. We are also recruiting corporate sponsors. It's the perfect opportunity to showcase your business to the Georgetown community. Call or email the office for details: 337-7313; cagmail@cagtown.org.



## At Long Last: O + P Streets Renovation

**A** June 3rd meeting of the Old Georgetown Board signaled that the forthcoming reconstruction of O and P Streets from Wisconsin Avenue to 37th Street, and of 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, and 37th streets between O and P streets, will start soon.

The centerpiece of the reconstruction is the repair and rehabilitation of the old streetcar tracks, and the granite cobble pavers on O and P streets between Wisconsin Avenue and 35th Street. Driving on these cobbled streets, with their markedly uneven surfaces, is something akin to being in a three-axis flight simulator as one bounces and lurches.

The streetcar tracks are the last surface remnant of a streetcar system that was built in only three cities: Washington in 1894, New York City in 1895, and London. This system features an underground conduit to power the streetcars, using a slot rail between the two wheel rails (More typically electric streetcars received power from overhead wires.) The O and P Street tracks were a turn-around loop of the Metropolitan

Railway Company.

The Old Georgetown Board meeting reviewed several outstanding design issues with the District's Department of Transportation, including the number of new streetlights and their luminosity; the height and distance from the curb of the fence surrounding the tree boxes on three sides; and whether there would be one diagonal disability access ramp or two ramps at each corner of an intersection. The District government intends finalizing documents this month and putting the project out to bid. This should allow construction to start by fall.

On O and P streets between Wisconsin Avenue and 35th Street, the streetcar tracks will be removed, restored, and reinstalled on the original subsurface structure. Any cavities in the subsurface structure will be filled. The granite pavers—cobblestones—will be removed from the existing roadway and reset on a new base. Two large old water mains on P Street and one on O Street will be replaced. The asphalt roadway of O and P streets between 35th and 37th

streets and on the five streets intersecting O and P streets will be redone. Streetcar tracks that may exist beneath the present asphalt on O and P streets west of 35th Street will be removed.

The project will also repair and replace sidewalks, curbs, and gutters on these streets; repair and replace driveway and alley entrances; replace fire hydrants; remove lead pipe water connections to homes; improve the street drainage and catch basins; and improve street lighting.

The overall construction timetable is estimated to be 18 months, and will significantly impact the daily lives of every resident living within the project area. A community relations group is being organized to communicate with residents, while also serving as a conduit for residents to use in voicing concerns, as the work begins to impact them individually and collectively; e.g., curb cuts on their driveways, utilities, and matching existing brickwork.

—Walter Groszyk

## NEWSBYTES

**The Apple Store** opened June 18....**Ugg Australia** is opening on the 1200 block of Wisconsin in the old Deisel space....**Café Divan** was given approval for outdoor seating at the corner of 34th and Wisconsin but not on the 34th Street side where it would crowd the sidewalk....new stores opening on M street: **Camper**, a Spanish shoe brand opened their flagship store selling sandals and athletic shoes and accessories boutique **Charm** carries everything from costume jewelry to upscale handbags....the **C&O Canal bridge replacement** project is wrapping up on 30th Street and will move on to the Thomas Jefferson Street bridge at the beginning of July....ANC Commissioners are looking into adding **bike racks on M Street** and removing **neon signs** in the area as per a promise from Jack Evans last month....neighbors on and near 33rd Street vented they received fines for putting trash out incorrectly without a warning, and CAG has urged DPW to issue warnings FIRST....**Pepco** now acknowledges it will install an interior electric meter that can be read remotely, a plus for historic preservation because it leaves the exterior of the property untouched....Sounds good: **DC Water and Sewer** Authority, known for years as WASA, is making a name "brand" change to **DC Water**, using a new logo featuring a water drop and the tagline Water is Life.

## Tennis Tournament at Volta Park



**Volta Park Tennis Tournament participants**

**T**he 2010 Volta Park Tennis Tournament came to a successful close in the late afternoon on Saturday, June 12. Sixteen players representing a wonderful cross section of our community—men, women, boys and girls of all ages and skill levels—came together for a round robin tournament. The four top players then met to determine the champions in a ten game pro set.

The championship was a contest between youth and seniority. Mayada Audeh, age 14, and Tucker Johns, age 21, were matched against veteran Samuel Wimbley and emerging mature player, John Begert. The seniors played well, displaying great patience and guile; however, the kids were stronger, hitting hard to the bodies of their opponents and aggressively controlling the net for a 10-3 win.

Mayada Audeh, for the second year in a row, will have her name placed on the plaque, and Tucker Johns will join his father, a previous winner.

We want to thank the players and contributors who continued the tradition of the Volta Park Tennis Tournament. Eleven of the sixteen players were new to the tournament. The average age was lower than the last few years. The Tournament reflects the continuing arrival of a crop of young folks who are stepping up to keep our Georgetown vibrant, active and truly livable.

—Anne Colclough & Tim Downs

## Good News for Runners and Bikers

Relief is on the way from odors along the C&O Canal due to the 50-mile long Potomac Interceptor sewer. The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA) and the National Park Service (NPS) have broken ground on the first of six odor-scrubbing facilities that will remove the vents that have for years emitted sewer gases to the open air above.

“We have been working with DC WASA for a permanent fix to the odors and are pleased with this solution that will control odors, provide new public restrooms and will blend in with the park surroundings,” said National Park Service Superintendent Kevin Brandt.

The groundbreaking was held at Fletcher’s Boathouse, the site of the first scrubbing facility to be built and the only one located in the District. The facility features a new set of public restrooms to make the park more enjoyable for visitors.



## Safety Scare with a Happy Ending

A girl who attends school in Georgetown (but does not live here) disappeared after school causing a group of concerned neighbors to call the police and enter a missing child report. As it started to get dark, the realization that the girl had neither a cell phone nor money sank in. Georgetown resident, Stephanie Bothwell, flagged down CAG Guard Donovan Carmichael and gave him a description of the girl and other details of the situation. “Mr. Carmichael was extremely conscientious and helpful,” Bothwell said, “he did not make the situation seem like it was out of his realm of duty.” Carmichael called later to say he was unable to make progress on his end and wanted to know if the MPD had found details. Fortunately, the girl was found safely at home. Bothwell noted that the CAG’s Public Safety Guards “take their responsibilities seriously.” Indeed, they are an extra layer of protection to keep our neighborhood safe.

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- Sun. June 20** FREE CAG Concert in the Park featuring the *Junkyard Saints* and Fathers Day Activities; 5pm; Volta Park, 34th & Q Streets.
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- Mon. June 28** Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2E Public Meeting: 6:30pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; agenda available at [www.anc2e.com](http://www.anc2e.com); call 338-7427 for more information.
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- Thurs. July 29 and Thurs. Aug 19** Celebrating 100 Years of Film in Georgetown; 5:30-7:30pm; cocktail reception at Tudor Place featuring an exhibition of early 1900s movie scores and historic film equipment; ages 21 and over; members \$12, nonmembers \$15; visit [www.TudorPlace.org](http://www.TudorPlace.org) .

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