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Mayor Fenty and Awards at May Meeting



Mayor Adrian Fenty will speak at the May 11th CAG meeting. We are pleased that he, along with Councilmember Jack Evans, will be present to honor individuals and groups that have contributed to the betterment of Georgetown.

The Friends of the Georgetown Waterfront Park will be honored with the William A. Cochran Award for exceptional efforts to protect and enhance the community's parkland. The prestigious Belin Award will come full circle as it will be presented to Harry Belin for his generosity and spirit of community along with his efforts in preserving historic Georgetown. The Charles Atherton award for exceptional service by a public

sector employee will be given to Jerry McCoy for his stewardship of the Peabody Collection at the Georgetown library.

Special appreciation awards will be given to Davis Kennedy, publisher of the Georgetown Current, for his exceptional support of the community, and to the Urban Forestry Administration for their substantial contribution maintaining our tree canopy and their partnership with Trees for Georgetown.

Election of CAG officers and four directors will also take place at the May 11 meeting—which is the organization's annual meeting. The slate is Jennifer Altemus, president; Luca Pivato, Vice President; Tara Scopelitti, Secretary; Bob Laycock, Treasurer; and directors, Diane Colosanto, Brenda Moorman, Louise Brodnitz and Rene Esfandiary Crupi. (See page 4).

CAG Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2009

St. John's Church Parish Hall

Potomac and O Streets, NW

Reception 7 pm; Program 7:30 pm

Treasurer Bob Laycock will report on the financial condition of the organization.

Please join CAG to hear from Mayor Fenty, along with Councilmember Jack Evans, and honor the members of our community who have made Georgetown a better place. The reception begins at 7 in Blake Hall at St. John's Church (O Street and Potomac Streets). The meeting, the last one until September, begins at 7:30

Rockin' and Green at May 11 CAG Concert

CAG's first concert of the season will be a "rockin' and green scene" featuring the wonderful Natty Beaux band at five o'clock on Sunday, May 11, in Volta Park.

Natty Beaux was named the 2008 Big Band/Swing Group of the Year at the Washington Area Music (WAMMIE) Awards. Each band member brings their own style — including Roots Rock, Zydeco, Rockabilly, Klezmer, and Jazz — that all blend together to provide great entertainment. Their finger-snappin', fun-lovin', hoppin' and boppin' numbers may get you on your feet and dancing.

In addition to the fabulous music, the May concert will offer children the opportunity to decorate and plant biodegradable planters with small seedlings to take home. Plus the first fifty concert-goers will receive a bright green reusable shopping bag decorated with the concerts logo. There will be other surprises for children and Haagen Dazs ice cream cones for everyone. The concert is free



**Kathleen and Thomas
Pryor at concert last year**

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As you've probably noticed, I'm rarely at a loss for words. But I am now. I'll be completing my final term as President of CAG at our May 11th membership meeting. And I must admit, I have very mixed emotions. I look forward to having days and nights freed up from seemingly endless meetings. But I will also miss them because of the people who are there and the important issues that are discussed and sometimes moved along. I look forward to not staring at a blank screen that needs a newspaper or newsletter column to fill it. But I will also miss the pleasure of providing the updates on things that matter to this community.



I would like to thank my fellow board members for their guidance, patience and overall good humor. It is a very dedicated, bright, hard-working and congenial group of people. We don't always agree on everything. But the discussions that follow are well-thought out, respectful, logical and eventually lead to a decision that is best for the community. Another very big thank you goes to Executive Director, Betsy Cooley, who has helped advance the organization with her professionalism and innovative thinking and keeps us all on the right track with her valuable insights. It is my great pleasure to not only be a part of this organization, but also to be able to count all these people as valued friends.

Jennifer Altemus, who has chaired our recent fall galas, will be assuming the role of President. She will bring new insights and perspectives to the position and do a terrific job. Joining her as Vice President will be Luca Pivato who already has made a very significant contribution to the community by his incredible efforts as Public Safety co-chair. They will be a very good and dynamic team and we all look forward to working with them.

UPDATES AND DATES TO REMEMBER

Public Safety

The Public Safety donations to date are very good, but not yet to goal. We need everyone to seriously consider just how much they can donate. We all know these are very difficult times. But I do think most residents in this community are able to contribute something. We know this program is working. We have the statistics. And the fact of the matter is we are heading into the summer months when crime incidents spike. This is coupled with the fact we are deep in a recession; another

time when crime rises. An appeal to those who have not yet contributed to the cause is in the mail. Please give it very serious consideration.

Trees for Georgetown

Trees for Georgetown is holding its annual event on May 28 at the home of Patrice and Herb Miller. We are deeply indebted to the Millers for hosting this important, and very fun, evening. Invitations are in the mail. If by any chance you didn't receive one, please call the office.

Georgetown University

The second community input meeting regarding the upcoming 10-year campus plan will be held on May 30 in the Duke Ellington cafeteria. Enter on R St. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 with the meeting beginning at 10. As was the case last spring at the first meeting, representatives from the University along with their architectural planning team will bring us up to date on the status of the plan and hear community concerns and ideas.

Please be aware that while these community meetings are a very important segment of the planning process, this is not the only time that the University is hearing about our concerns and discussing relevant issues. Community representatives meet with Georgetown personnel monthly and this topic has long been on the agenda. It was also discussed at great length with President Jack DeGoia at a recent meeting where very candid and helpful dialogue took place. The topics at the top of the list are student housing, student behavior and transportation. A very positive recent result from these meetings is the installation of roaming Department of Public Safety officers on the Prospect, 35th and 36th street corridors to shut down late night noise from students making their way back to campus.

Midnight in Moscow

This year's fall gala promises to be extraordinary! Mark September 25 on your calendar now. Ambassador and Mrs. Sergey Kislyak will serve as honorary chairs for a night to remember at the stunning Russian Embassy. The committee is energized and pulling out all the stops.

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Let me leave you with a final thank you to all who have given me great support, kind words and the opportunity to make so many wonderful acquaintances. I am honored to have been able to serve as president of this vigorous organization. Thank you.

—Denise Cunningham

ASPECTS OF GEORGETOWN

Jelleff Boys and Girls Club (and the playing fields of Eton)

It seems that here in Georgetown we are always trying to save something. We have no shortage of skirmishes, often about preserving things — sometimes it is a building, sometimes it is the past, and sometimes it is open land.

So, many of us have reason to be dismayed by the proposed closing of Jelleff. But the hopeful news is that it might continue to exist, under different management. It would no longer be part of the Boys and Girls Clubs. That organization is—7.5 million in debt, even though the Jelleff branch has always shown a profit.

Take a look at what goes on there. It's not an idle place. Stoddert Soccer is headquartered at the club. Its 5,200 players are enrolled as club members. Jelleff fields 84 basketball teams of ten players each. It has

lacrosse, karate, a computer lab, a gym, a Teen Center, music and cooking classes, and an outdoor swimming pool. It has popular Saturday night roller skating events. It's a full service year-round club and a safe and enjoyable place for kids to spend time after school. It draws kids from all over the city. Sounds good, doesn't it? It is.

The Boys and Girls Clubs want to sell it to pay their bills and that would likely be to a developer. This would not be good publicity for the organization.

The District has allocated money to buy it and keep it as a club for kids. There is DC money only for the purchase, not for the operations, so a lot remains to be worked out. Possibly it could be put under the Department of Parks and Recreation and

run by a Friends of Jelleff group with some kind of DC oversight and a board representing the community. This is one idea.

The present board president, Denis James, is confident that the programs, already good, could be expanded and improved. There is enthusiasm for doing this and enthusiasm is catching, even during financial doldrums.

Remember, the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton. Forget about the battle part; what they were talking about was the building of character. That happens on sports fields and playgrounds. The rallying cry could be something like "Playing fields for a fragile planet." That has a ring to it!

—Edith Schafer



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Slate for CAG Officers and Directors

The nominating committee proposed the new slate of officers and four of the directors at the April CAG Meeting. Voting will be held at the May 11 meeting.

President—Jennifer Altemus

Jennifer, raised in the Washington, DC area, graduated from Georgetown University in 1988. She has worked for Capital Management Restaurants (J Pauls, Paolos, Georgetown Seafood Grill, and the River Club) and the Austin Grill. Currently, she is an event planner at the Library of Congress. An East village resident for over sixteen years, Jennifer has served on the CAG Board for two years, been co-chair of the Fall Gala Committee for three years and active on the Concerts in the Parks Committee. She is also CAG's representative on the Georgetown Business Association Executive Board. She lives on 32nd Street with her husband, Tim.

Vice President—Luca Pivato

Gianluca Pivato moved to Washington DC from Italy 14 years ago and settled in Georgetown in 2001. He works for companies all over the world offering IT services, consulting, and technology to modernize legacy systems. Luca currently serves on the CAG board and is the very active Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee assisting with MPD and neighborhood liaison. He helps CAG with numerous IT projects.

Secretary—Tara Scopelliti

Tara is a 1984 graduate of Georgetown University. She has served as board secretary since June 2005 and was editor of the CAG Newsletter from 2005 through 2008. Her committee involvement includes the fall Gala, parking/transportation, streetscape and beautification. Tara lives at Washington Harbour.

Treasurer—Bob Laycock

Bob, a CPA who lives on the West side, currently serves as Board Treasurer. He is a Professor Emeritus of Accounting at Montgomery College and Professorial Lecturer in Account-

ing at George Washington University. Bob has worked with the Trees for Georgetown committee for seven years and is an active Friend of Book Hill Park, having donated and helped plant the growing number of daffodils. Bob lives on O Street.

Director—Louise Brodnitz

Louise D. Brodnitz, with 20 years of experience as an architect and urban planner focusing on historic preservation, serves on the CAG Historic Preservation Committee and as chair of the CAG Oral History Committee. She was Cultural Resource Manager for Walter Reed Army Medical Center from 2003 to 2007, and a member of the Montclair (New Jersey) Historic Preservation Commission for six years before moving to Georgetown in 2002. Ms. Brodnitz has a Master of Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master of City and Regional Studies from Rutgers University. She lives on 29th Street.

Director—Diane Colasanto

Diane, a resident on O Street moved to Georgetown from New Jer-

sey after retiring from a career as a public opinion researcher in 2003. Currently a Director, she is chair of the membership committee, an active member of the public safety committee and a block captain.

Renee Esfandiary—Director

Renee, a Senior Special Counsel at the Securities and Exchange Commission, lives on 33rd Street with husband Eric Crupi. She has worked on the CAG Gala and Concerts in the Parks—she is co-chair of the Concerts this year.

Director—Brenda Moorman

Brenda, currently serving on the CAG Board, works with the Georgetown Garden Club on the Garden Tour and is a former Co-Chair of the Georgetown House Tour. As chair of the CAG Beautification Committee, she works on trash collection and proper trash disposal issues, as well as spearheading the rat abatement pilot program for Georgetown. An environmental activist, Brenda is the former Chair of the Sierra Club's Recycling Committee. Brenda lives on 33rd Street.



Proposed Amendments to Bylaws of CAG

The purpose of the proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Citizens Association of Georgetown (outlined in detail below) is to reduce the number of officers by reducing the number of Vice Presidents from three to one. CAG is not a bank and does not really need three Vice Presidents. Since the Vice-Presidents were elected by the membership, the number of directors to be elected by the membership is increased from two to four. The only other amendment is to make clear that a member of the Board may attend a meeting of the Board of Directors by telephone and that the entire Board may meet by conference call. These bylaw changes will be voted on at the membership meeting.

Amend Article VI, Board of Directors as follows:

Section 1. Composition.

Amend the first sentence to read: The Board of Directors shall consist of up to thirteen members of the Corporation including the President, who shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the immediate past President, four other members to be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation and up to four other members to be appointed by the President at his/her discretion.

Section 3. Meetings of the Board of Directors.

Add at the end of this Section the following:

Members of the Board shall be permitted to attend meetings of the Board by telephone or other electronic medium that permits two-way conversation and the President may designate a conference call center as the place of the meeting.

Section 4. Chairman.

Amend this Section to read: At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board, if present, shall preside. If the President is absent the Vice President shall preside. In the absence of both the President and Vice President the Board shall elect a Chairman.

Amend Article VIII Officers as follows:

Section 1. Required Officers.

Amend this Section to read: The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.

Section 6. Vice President.

Amend this section to read: In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to such Vice President by the President or the Board of Directors.

—Richard Hinds
CAG Legal Advisor



CAG Public Safety Block Captains met with the Public Safety Committee and CAG Guards on April 1 at the home of Helen Darling to discuss issues and update information.

Pictured (L to r) are CAG Guard Robert Taylor, Public Safety Co-Chair Luca Pivato, Rosemarie Harris, Diane Colasanto, Patrick Clawson, Celia Ward, Shannon Pryor, Jeff Jones, Ginny Poole, Bev Casserly, Roberto Coquis, Constance Chatfield-Taylor, Karen Morrison, Helen Darling, Henry Townsend, Helen Darling and CAG Guard Tesfaye Terefe. Not pictured: Katie Snowdon, Marcia Carter, Betsy Cooley, Perry Trimble, Carla Bicks, and Cooby Greenway.

Rockin' and Green at May 11 CAG Concert

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Citizens Association of Georgetown
Concerts in the Parks



*Keepin' Georgetown
Rockin' and Green*

and open to the public
– so bring your
friends, family and
neighbors.

Tickets will be on
sale for \$5 each to
win a \$1500 combi-
nation of spa, exercise
and beauty treatments
in our Pampered in
Georgetown raffle.
It's worth buying a
chance to enjoy a two
night stay at the
Georgetown Inn; a

spa package from Erwin Gomez Salon; a haircut plus a
manicure/pedicure at ILO Salon; 10 yoga classes at Down
Dog Yoga; and a manicure/pedicure and wax from Pol-
ished. The drawing will be at the end of the third concert
on July 5 at Volta Park.

CAG thanks all the generous corporate and private
supporters including: HSBC Bank, Friends of Rose Park,
Friends of Volta Park, Georgetown University Hospital,
Nancy Taylor Bubes at Washington Fine Properties, and
the Georgetown Current.

Round up your blankets and beach chairs, picnics and
snacks, and join neighbors and friends in our lovely
parks. The schedule for all three concerts is:

- Sunday, May 11th at 5 pm in Volta Park (34th + Q
Streets) featuring Natty Beaux
(<http://nattybeaux.com>).
- Sunday, June 21st at 5 pm at Rose Park (26th + P
Streets) featuring the Melodime Band and special
activities for Fathers Day.
- Sunday, July 5th at 5 pm at Volta Park (34th + Q
Streets) featuring the Reggae Image Band (back by
popular demand)—preceded by a Fourth of July
Parade around Volta Park at 4 o'clock!

GEORGETOWN *Baby* BOOM

CONGRATULATIONS AND A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW LITTLE ONES

Laure and Antoine Genevois
(and big sisters Clemence and Victoire) on P Street:

Augustin Genevois—BORN DEC. 8, 2008

Roberto and Judy Coquis on 35th Street:

Sofia Coquis—BORN FEBRUARY 13

Kathie and Kevin Martin
(and big brothers Luke and Will):

Elizabeth "Libby" Perry—BORN FEBRUARY 18

Nonie Cameron & Andrew Gillies
(and big brother Lee):

Graham Christian—BORN FEBRUARY 15

Hannah and Peter Isles
(and big sister Nina) on 33rd Street:

Peter Wilson—BORN FEBRUARY 23

Kathleen and Chris Long on West Lane Keys:

Haley Kathleen—BORN MARCH 27

Amy & Josh Kuhnert on Volta Place:

Caroline Alleman—BORN MARCH 30

Kieran & Erika Donohue on Poplar Street:

Molly Kathleen—BORN APRIL 1

Surprise Dad — Put an Ad in CAG Concert Fathers' Day Concerts Playbill !

Please consider purchasing an ad in our Fathers' Day Booklet which will be part of the Concert Playbill at the June 21st "Father's Day Concert." It's as easy as 1-2-3.

- 1: Simply fill out the below; Donation Form
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Please contact cagfathersdayads@gmail.com with any questions.

**Yes, I want to place a Family Ad in the CAG Concerts in the Parks Fathers' Day Booklet.
Enclosed with my payment is:**

- ☐ Message text + original art work/photo ☐ PDF/formatted file ☐ Will forward materials to cagfathersdayads@gmail.com

Ad prices are as follows:

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- Quarter Page - \$25

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Signature: _____ Date: _____ Please retain a copy of this form for your records.

WASA at April Meeting

President Denise Cunningham opened the July 13 meeting by announcing the slate of nominated officers and outlining proposed minor changes to the CAG bylaws (see page 4)—all to be voted on at the May 11 CAG meeting. She commended Patrick Clawson for his recent extensive survey and photographs of 680 street lamps in Georgetown which will be used to prioritize painting and repairs. After reminding attendees of upcoming events, Denise welcomed representatives from DC Water and Sewer Authority (WASA).

WASA's public relations Director Michele Quander-Collins introduced David McLaughlin, the Acting Director of Engineering and Technical Services, Richard Giani and Sarah Neiderer from the Department of Water Services, and Chief Financial Officer Olu Adebo. Mr. McLaughlin said that the District would benefit from the

stimulus package which would add much needed funds to the ongoing effort to upgrade WASA systems and meet EPA goals such as reducing nitrogen in the Potomac River.

He explained that the “antique” sewer lines in Georgetown are combined water and sewer lines which during major storms flow directly into the Potomac. The Rock Creek Sewer Separation project required by EPA mandates separating sanitary and storm sewers for the drainage basins serving four specific overflow locations. During “wet weather events” overflows occur in Rock Creek just under the Q Street Bridge and therefore major construction will be performed in that area along Q Street beginning this summer. A long range plan will also help remedy other pollution problems by 2025 when overflows will go into specially constructed tunnels to avoid the direct overflow.

McLaughlin also explained the lead service line replacement and odor abatement programs. Regarding hydrants, he explained what the different color cuffs indicate. He also said that a recently discovered leak coming from the 2.5 mile-long Crosstown Water Tunnel (a seven-foot-diameter tunnel from Foxhall Road to Scott Circle, generally running under the northwest section of N Street and Rock Creek) will be visually inspected at three sites (including 25th and N Street) to determine what repairs are necessary.

The WASA representatives fielded numerous questions from the audience, displayed extensive maps, and provided handout materials regarding the issues they addressed.

—Betsy Cooley

Rosslyn Looms

Last year, even the most casual observer standing in the Georgetown Waterfront Park and looking across the river at the not-so-distant skyline could not miss the appearance of yet another silhouette. This was Waterview—620,000 square feet of new office space, 185 apartments, and the 160 room Hotel Palomar.

This summer, the 26 story Turnberry Tower will open. Built on the site of a motel, Turnberry Tower is of similar height and marks the western bounds of high-rises in Rosslyn. Waterview is a luxury condominium building with commanding views from its upper floors. A recent rumor has a prominent television personality

buying a condominium on the top floor, where the largest unit is over 6,000 square feet, with three bedrooms and 5 and a half baths.

These projects will eventually be overshadowed by three taller structures of 31, 30, and 30 stories in the heart of Rosslyn. Two of the buildings will comprise Central Place to be built opposite the Rosslyn Metro station entrance. It will have 570,000 square feet of office space in one building and 370 apartments in the other. A large observation deck will provide panoramic views.

The third building is known simply as 1812 North Moore Street and will also have 570,000 square feet of

office space. These three buildings will rise nearly 400 feet above ground level, and nearly 500 feet above the level of the Potomac River. They are the last of the high rises to be built in Rosslyn, as the FAA will not approve any further buildings of similar height in the area. The FAA is requiring that special lights be installed on the Central Place towers so airline pilots can see them more clearly during times of poor visibility.

While the sites for these buildings have been cleared—Tom Sarris' Orleans House was recently demolished—actual construction seems to have been postponed.

—Walter Groszyk

Book Hill Park

Among the many captivating sights this time of year is the sea of daffodils that cover Book Hill Park at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Reservoir Road. It hasn't always been that way. For years the property, owned by the National Park Service and leased to the DC Parks and Recreation Service, was ignored and fell into a state of overgrown chaos.

In 1999 Ed Thomson and Juila Diaz-Asper formed a committee to adopt it. They distributed a flyer to recruit volunteers and then began the Herculean task of clearing the trash and brush that had accumulated dur-

ing years of neglect. Soon it became clear that professional help would be required to remove the debris and add new brick paths — not to mention planting thousands of bulbs and many new trees. To this end a fund raising drive was set in motion. Thanks to the generosity of Georgetown neighbors, especially the Georgetown Garden Club, and a number of Upper Wisconsin merchants — who now refer to their businesses as the Shops at Book Hill — over \$200,000 has been raised.

In 2004 the Citizens Association of Georgetown honored the Friends of Book Hill Park with the William

Cochran Community Service Award, for “exceptional efforts to protect and enhance the community’s parkland and architectural resources.”

Every year there is a much anticipated Dog Show at Book Hill - this year it is Saturday morning, July 4, at 10. But much work remains to be done — irrigation, lighting, masonry, and more planting and restoration await funding. So if you’ve ever glanced up at that amazing hill of daffodils, give a nod to Mother Nature and The Friends of Book Hill Park. For more information contact Ginny Poole at 944-2753 or vpoole@earthlink.net.

—V V Harrison



The CAG Georgetown University clean up day on April 18 was a great Success!



A mountain of trash was collected at the CAG-GU Cleanup Day by over fifty people. Some shown here are GU students, Patrick Clawson, Lee Child, DPW's Charlene Barber, Denise Cunningham, Bill and Freddie Skelsey.



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Discovering History in Our Alleyways

In springtime I often find myself strolling quiet alleyways: Poplar Lane, Pomander Walk, Cecil Place, Cherry Hill Lane, Cady's Alley, Blue's Alley, Bank Alley, Solomon's Alley, St. Mary's Place, and Lover's Lane. Looking into alley history, I learned that Georgetown alleyway inhabitants were referenced in city directories before their Washington counterparts. In 1850 the population of the District of Columbia (including Georgetown) was 14,000, but during the 1850s, there was a 50 percent growth, a number reflected in increased alley dwellers. The Civil War years and the growth of a permanent bureaucracy impacted those numbers considerably.

There are different opinions about whether alley structures were originally slave dwellings. Some historians have insisted that prior to the Civil War slaves were expected to live on the owner's premises. Within that space, the slave was considered off the street and therefore free from the nightly pickup after curfew. On the other hand, in most border and even Deep South cities, some slaves were able to seek their own housing, usually alongside free blacks and working-class whites.

Philanthropic organizations early on encouraged these dwellings. The Friends Society reportedly built many of them for benevolent reasons. Many were constructed before the Emancipation Proclamation in order to provide shelter for runaway slaves from the South. In addition, some freedmen arriving during and after the Civil War were housed in Washington barracks and hospitals, while others lived in area shanty-towns. Eventually, they built homes on alley

properties with materials confiscated from those abandoned camps and hospitals.

Eventually, speculators moved into the market, with profit becoming the motive. By 1871, nearly 1500 District of Columbia heads of households had addresses in 118 alleyways. With speculation rampant and rental alley dwellings poorly maintained, Congress passed legislation in 1892 to end alley dwelling construction altogether. At the peak, between 1897 and 1912, District alleys may have housed more than 20,000 people.

*Experience a
peaceful ambience
and reconnect with an
important piece of
Georgetown history*

As early as World War I, residents of Georgetown saw possibilities in their 19th century houses and were aided by New Dealers moving into Georgetown in the 1930s. They rehabbed houses and businesses, giving new life to old Georgetown. Preservationists were aided by residents of Capitol Hill in the 1940s and Foggy Bottom in the 1950s pursuing similar efforts toward revitalization. By 1954, D.C. Citizen's Groups succeeded in forcing a repeal of a 1934 Congressional ban on alley dwellings. Suddenly, alley dwellings became desirable real estate.

A good example of alley dwelling revitalization is Pomander Court, formerly, Bell's Court, located off Volta Street, between 33rd and 34th Streets. In 1950, these 1888 homes rented for \$12.50-15.00 per month. By September 1951, the dwellings were declared unfit and inhabitants were evicted. Owners, during restoration work, were careful to preserve the beams of the structures, which originally came from old C&O Canal boats. After restoration, rents rose to \$120-150 per month.

Bob Lyle, a former curator of the Georgetown Collection at the Georgetown Library, owned a Cherry Hill Lane alley dwelling in southwest Georgetown. In 1955 he personally fought for and won an exemption to the Alley Dwelling Closure Act. Cherry Hill Lane is now a quiet enclave of homes near the Georgetown waterfront. For a period of time in the 1950s an alleyway off 33rd Street between O & P was called Artists Alley because it housed a number of artists in small garages. Solomon's Alley from 31st Street to Wisconsin, still runs behind Ben and Jerry's Store on M Street. Alleyway names which have disappeared, but are referenced in history books, include Copperthwaite Lane, Warehouse Alley, Beatty's Alley, West Alley, Oak Alley, Jonah Row, and Dent Place Alley.

By 1970, 192 heads of household were listed as inhabiting alley dwellings citywide. So, the next time you are taking a walk in Georgetown visit one of these special spaces and discover a unique view of your neighborhood. Experience a peaceful ambience and reconnect with an important piece of Georgetown history.

—Nola Klamburg

Addison Hyde Campus Opens

Third and fifth grade students returned from spring break to a newly-restored Addison building. Delighted students admired the decorative floor in the hall, found their new cubbies, marveled at the high-tech projection screens and enjoyed the gleaming new multi-purpose room. Perhaps best of all was the cafeteria, serving hot meals prepared in the state-of-the-art kitchen. One student said, "the milk is really cold, and the food is nice and warm." Many decided then and there to switch from brought-lunch to hot-lunch.

Addison School, generally closed since 1942, has a bright new look inside and out. A mini-amphitheater next to the building will host all-school meetings on pleasant days. The playground has new landscaping while keeping the lovely old trees. There is new fencing and soft-surface paving under the play equipment. Parking for staff is tucked along the east side of the complex affording a pass-through for cars from P to O Streets. The two buildings, Hyde and Addison, now form a single school campus, with lower grades in the Hyde Building and upper grades

(second thru fifth grades) in the Addison Building, with shared facilities throughout.

Beginning this fall, the ample new space will allow an increase of up to 75 students, and the number of classes in some grades will increase (Hyde currently has one classroom per grade). In addition, the new facilities will accommodate an inclusionary model for special education: students with IEP's (individualized education plans) will remain in the classroom, not in a separate space.

—Louise Brodnitz

FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSE PARK OPENS MAY 6TH

The Friends of Rose Park, in cooperation with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, has again arranged for several local farmers and producers to supply fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, meats, eggs, pasta and other items on Wednesday afternoons in Rose Park. This is the sixth year that Friends of Rose Park has sponsored the Farmers' Market, which is open every Wednesday until the end of October from 4 until 7 pm at the corner of O Street and 26th.

Leslie Wheelock, who co-manages the Market with Will Morrow on behalf of the Friends of Rose Park, has invited some new faces to the market. In addition to the regular market features of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables, breads, flowers, plants, and meats, there will be fresh pasta, cuisine sauces, and jams—along with an additional baker. Comments and questions can be sent to roseparkmarket@yahoo.com.

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Trees for Georgetown Party May 28, 2009

Trees for Georgetown will hold its annual fundraising party on May 28 from 6-8 pm at the home of Patrice and Herb Miller. This important evening raises funds to help enhance the tree canopy of our community. The last planting added 70 new residential trees and the tree box fences that protect them. The organization, formed over 20 years ago has planted over 1400 trees in that time period. The group, a committee of CAG, has also been responsible for watering our street trees during periods of drought and for inoculating the endangered elms on Q Street. Invitations are in the mail. For information call 471-4350 or email cag-president@cagtown.org.



Georgetown PROGRESSIVE DINNER

A Fundraiser for Hyde Elementary School



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Molly Whalen, Marjorie Tucker-Pfeiffer, Maya Berry, and Allison O'Connor

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Invitations to the progressive dinner have been mailed. If you did not receive one or need more information,

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All money raised from this special evening will benefit the Hyde Elementary School—a portion will be used to maintain and upgrade the lovely new garden.



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Congratulations to Dr. Lee Morgan at Georgetown Veterinary Hospital (2916 M St.) on being named 2008 Veterinarian of the Year and 2008 Best Vet in America/Northeast... Glover Hardware at 2251 Wisconsin Avenue will now accept most batteries you use and recycle them safely... Good news for NYC, bad news for Georgetown: Award-winning producer and active member of the CAG public safety committee, Kathy O'Hearn, will return to New York to produce a new program with Christiane Amanpour on CNN International in September... Don't miss the fascinating opportunity to peek inside more than 30 embassies on Saturday May 2nd - details at www.PassportDC.org ... Erwin Gomez Salon & Spa (1519 Wisconsin Ave.) was listed as one of three things actress and comedienne Ali Wentworth "cannot live without" on NBC's program 1st Look ... The Embassy of Sweden is "going green" this month with a series of programs aimed at educating the public, and Café Grön (2900 K St.) serves only "green" food...

Georgetown Library Community Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2009 6:30 pm

Georgetown Interim Library
3307 M Street NW

Join the District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) and the renovation design team of Martinez and Johnson Architects for a community meeting to discuss the renovation of the Georgetown Neighborhood Library.

For more Information log on to www.dclibrary.org .
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Sun. May 3	Jackson Art Center's Spring Open Studios; noon – 5; 3048 R Street; free admission; visit www.jacksonartcenter.com .
Mon. May 4	Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC2E) Public Meeting; 6:30 pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; agenda available at www.anc2e.com ; call 338-7427 for more information.
Wed. May 6	Georgetown Farmers Market in Rose Park Opens; 4 – 7 pm; open every Wednesday until October 28th; located on the corner of O and 26th Streets.
Sat. May 9	Georgetown Garden Tour; 10am – 5pm; tickets \$30 if purchased before May 2, \$35 thereafter; call 965-1950 or visit www.georgetowngardentour.com for more information.
Sun. May 10	Tudor Place Mother's Day Tea in the Garden; meet at Visitor's Center, 1644 31st Street; 10 until noon or 1 until 3pm; ages 5+; \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers; advance registration required; call 965-0400 ext.110.
Mon. May 11	Citizens Association of Georgetown Meeting featuring Mayor Adrian Fenty; annual CAG Awards and Election of Officers; reception at 7 and Program at 7:30pm; St. John's Church Parish Hall, Potomac and O Streets.
Thur. May 14	Georgetown Neighborhood Library Community Meeting; 6:30pm; Georgetown Interim Library, 3307 M Street; visit www.dclibrary.org for more information.
Thur. May 28	Trees for Georgetown Annual Celebration; home of Patrice and Herb Miller; 6-8 pm; call 471-4350 or email cag-president@cagtown.org for more information.
Sun. May 30	Georgetown University's 10-year Campus Plan Meeting; Duke Ellington Cafeteria; breakfast served at 9:30 am; meeting begins at 10.