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Jack Evans, CAG Awards and Elections on May 17 at Dumbarton House

ouncilmember Jack Evans will be the featured speaker at CAG's annual awards and elections meeting on Tuesday, May 17. The reception and meeting will be hosted this year by historic Dumbarton House at 2715 Q Street.

Councilmember for Ward 2 since 1991, Jack serves as chair of the Council's Committee on Finance and Revenue, which oversees the District's finances, including tax policy. In addition to earning a reputation as one of DC's toughest budget and tax stewards, Jack has used this committee to secure approval of many major legislative tax reforms including: reducing tax rates, simplifying DC's antiquated tax code and establishing incentives for businesses. His comments on the "State of Georgetown" are always lively and enlightening.

The prestigious Belin Award will be presented to Richard Hinds for his expert work in preserving the historic character of Georgetown. Richard became active in CAG shortly after moving to Georgetown in 1973 and served as President of CAG from 1989 through 1991. His efforts on behalf of Georgetown have continued actively for almost four decades. He has been a champion of many important historic preservation cases, has been active on GU Campus plans, has spearheaded public safety efforts and served as CAG's legal advisor since 1991.

Brenda Moorman, who served as Chair of the Beautification Committee, will be honored with the William A. Cochran Award for "exceptional efforts to protect and enhance the community's parkland and architectural resources." She worked countless hours to ensure proper trash disposal and recycling and was central in rodent abatement efforts.

The Charles Atherton Award will be presented to Toni Cherry for "exceptional service by a dedicated publicsector professional for outstanding work preserving and protecting historic Georgetown." Ms. Cherry was recently named DC's first historic preservation inspector and is on the front lines of protecting historic Georgetown.

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May 22 Concert is Rockin and Green!

t's that time of year again! The weather is warm, the sun is shining, the flowers are in bloom, and the CAG Concerts in the Parks series is back in action Sunday, May 22nd at Volta Park (34th and Q Street) at 5 o'clock.

CAG's first concert has a jam-packed line-up of activities for the entire family. The amazing vocals of Georgetown's own singer and song writer Rebecca McCabe will be highlighted at the May concert. Joining her on stage for several songs will be long-time CBS news television journalist, Bob Schieffer, who has sung with several bands including HonkyTonk Confidential.

Gifts of Good Earth, a DC-based group of hip designers who created a modern GoGE garden for easy city garden-

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Conga Line to the music

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

ell, Spring seems to have come and gone in one afternoon—Hello, Summer!

The Friends of the Georgetown Library and Friends of Book Hill Park co-sponsored a lovely Sunday afternoon soiree at the library and the park. Thanks to our generous sponsors, Julia Diaz Asper and the restaurants of Book Hill. A big thanks to Ginny Poole and her committee for making this event such a wonderful success. They are an impressive group—thoughtful, engaged and a godsend for the Georgetown library.



Enjoying the view from the CAG reception on the roof of the House of Sweden Jennifer Altemus, Steve Cooley, Debra Abell, Betsy Cooley & Bob vom Eigen

The first Zoning Commission hearing on the 2010 Georgetown University Campus Plan

took place on April 14. The University presented their case. GU now proposes to move 250 undergraduates out of the community and house them either on campus or elsewhere in the region. With over 2500 students living in the 20007 zip code, their proposal is much too small to have any real impact. Furthermore, it could take years to implement. We feel it is imperative for GU to re-adopt its 1990's goal of housing 100% of its undergraduates on campus or in a satellite campus outside 20007.

Over the past 10 years, GU's main campus enrollment has grown from 10,000 students to over 14,000. By adding more students, as they propose to do, they will only exacerbate already untenable conditions in our community. Georgetown and Burleith are at the tipping point now. We cannot absorb any more students in our communities. There is no more space for them to live, to drive, to park, to party.

The first hearing ended midway through the cross examination of the University. The hearing will continue on May 12 at 6:30pm with the Office of Planning, DDOT, ANC 2E and 3D, CAG, BCA and Foxhall presenting. It seems unlikely that we will get through all of this on the 12th. My guess is that this part of the process will continue on May 16. Then individual witnesses will be asked to speak. There will now be two additional dates for hearings—June 2 and 6. All of these meetings begin at 6:30pm.

It is extremely important that anyone who is adversely impacted by the University testify. The Zoning Commission needs to hear that there are real people experiencing real consequences from living near the University. We can show them all the charts, statistics, and photos we want but until they hear tax paying citizens voice the reality of the situation it doesn't really sink in. Testifying is not as daunting as it sounds. But there are a couple of things you need to do in advance. Please look at www.cagtown.org for more specific instructions. We are also hosting a meeting at 6:30pm on May 5 to help individuals prepare for the process. Call the CAG office to get more details.

If you unavailable to testify May 16, June 2 or June 6 please consider writing a letter to the Zoning Commission telling them of the impacts you are experiencing. Again, check out the CAG website for details or call 337-7313.

The recent spate of early morning armed robberies is unsettling, to say the least. The nicer weather tends to bring more people to Georgetown, some with nefarious intentions. We need to look out for each other.

If you see something unusual report it to the proper authority. If you are not a member of CAG's public safety program, please consider joining. Based on the premise that there is strength in numbers and community involvement, we work together to have more police on our streets, immediate information about crimes, better communication among neighbors, stronger advocacy with the MPD and elected officials for police resources in Georgetown. Through donations to the program (see complete list on pages 8 and 9) we hire off duty MPD officers to patrol the residential streets; hire two security guards who canvas the area both on foot and in CAG patrol cars; and run an effective Block Captain system. Speaking of which, Helen Darling and Diane Colasanto are meeting with experienced-and new-block captains on Wednesday, May 25 at 1648 32nd Street at 6 o'clock.

I look forward to seeing everyone at 7pm on May 17 at the Dumbarton House for our elections and awards ceremony.

ASPECTS OF GEORGETOWN

Our Spring Indulgences

s life seems to grow more and more unpredictable, spring matters. Come to think of it, spring always mattered, and how and where it happens matters too.

It is that time of year for which we have waited through all those gray days. Our patience has been rewarded. Spring has its rituals and we have ours too. We celebrate our gardens with a Garden Tour of local beauties and, not to get all Hallmarky about it, we also observe Mothers Day.

I had a friend who thought that when she died she would find her mother waiting for her in the garden in a linen dress. When she told me this I found it beyond touching, very affecting, speaking as it does, of things that move us—gardens and mothers. And the past and linen dresses and a world gone glimmering. These things we celebrate this month in many ways. First our garden tour. This year you can see the stately garden of Lincoln's son Robert with its big old trees and the boxwood he planted. You can discover an astonishingly large garden with gravel terraces and a big pool that you would never know was there it is so well hidden. Near Tudor Place a stately garden with a really large pool radiates serenity. And we show small gardens for young families.

For mothers, but certainly not just for mothers, there is a charming new flower shop, Fleur Greige, located above Marston Luce at 1653 Wisconsin Avenue. There Jeanette Momeni specializes in arrangements to order and also offers classes in fixing flowers and other materials from nature. In talking to her she evokes life in Europe where you might pass a little flower shop on the way to market, order a small bouquet and then pick it up on the way home. Her shop is full of things like birch bark rolls and bird's nests, acorns, pinecones and bell jars. It's very stylish and continues, in a different vein, the serene stylishness of Marston Luce, whose windows she sometimes does.

About indulgences: we are not talking about selling them, to relieve one of one's sins, a practice that so annoyed Martin Luther that he started the Reformation, we are talking about taking unrestrained pleasure in something. To indulge someone is to treat them with generosity and consideration. That's what we are after here.

Keep on loving your mother, and now I mean everybody's mother, our earth, Mother Nature. She needs you as never before.

-Edith Schafer



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The Martin-Davidson Award will be presented to the Hays family and The Phoenix for their efforts as a "local business staying true to the character of the Georgetown community." The Phoenix is Georgetown's oldest retail store and is a three-generation family owned shop, founded by the late Betty Hays and now run by John and Sharon Hays and daughter Samantha.

A new award, "The Ratatouille Award," will be presented to The George Town Club for effective management of a successful rodent abatement program. CAG will salute their impeccable alley way and spotless trash removal area.

A special award for "distinguished service to the Georgetown community" will be presented to MPD Officer Mark Lee, an exceptionally dedicated, steadfast and delightful police officer.

Election of CAG officers and four directors will also take place at the May 17 meeting—which is the organization's annual meeting. The slate is Jennifer Altemus, President; Luca Pivato, Vice President; Topher Mathews, Secretary; Bob Laycock, Treasurer; and Directors Diane Colasanto, Hazel Denton, Brad Gray and Pamla Moore. (See page 6). Treasurer Bob Laycock will report on the financial condition of the organization.

Please join CAG to hear from the always-informative Jack Evans and to honor the members of our community who have made Georgetown a better place. The reception begins at 7 pm at Dumbarton House at 2715 Q Street. The meeting, the last one until September, begins at 7:30.

CAG Concerts in the Parks 2011 May 22 Concert is Rockin and Green! continued from cover

ing, will provide concert-goers with seedling planters which kids can decorate to take home. E-cycling will also be available to recycle old computers, printers, phones, stereos, and other electronics.

Lil Omm yoga will lead a parentchild yoga class just before the concert begins at 4:30. Arrive early to take advantage of this yoga session that gets the entire family involved. BabyLove, a DC based charity that helps needy families by providing baby gear, clothing, and products for children ages infant-6, will have a truck to pick up any gently-used or new baby supplies.

Georgetown Cupcake has donated 200 cupcakes for the occasion, Haagen Dazs is providing ice cream cones, and there will be a special Scout bag giveaway!

Mark your calendars for the rest of the series. Fathers' Day activities will highlight the Sunday June 19 Concert featuring The Image Band at 5pm in Rose Park. A special 4th of July celebration concert will be held on Monday July 4 at Rose Park with a parade at 4:30 and the Wes Tucker band performance at 5pm.

CAG thanks all our generous supporters including: Nancy Taylor Bubes and Washington Fine Properties, Tutt Taylor and Rankin/Sotheby's International Properties, The Friends of Rose Park, The Friends of Volta Park, Georgetown University Hospital, Georgetown Floorcoverings, Clyde's, The Georgetown Current, The Georgetown Dish, 1789, and Sprinkles.

-Elizabeth Maloy

NEWSBYTES

A new face at the Georgetown library: **Lucy Thrasher** is the new manager of the Georgetown library after 18 years in the Palisades—welcome!... **Mid-town Café** is open at 1639 Wisconsin Avenue serving breakfast and dinner with a Mediterranean flair... Georgetown resident Debra Proud Abell has started **Georgetown Concierge** service to help run errands and organize the lives of Georgetowners — learn more at www.GtownConcierge.com... **Capital Teas** now has a Georgetown location in the courtyard space at 1614-A Wisconsin Avenue selling unique teas and tea supplies.

Catherine Plume Outlines Green Efforts and Resources at April Meeting

AG's April 18 meeting celebrated Earth Day by highlighting ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle at the House of Sweden. On a gorgeous evening, the reception was held on the rooftop of the House of Sweden, giving attendees a panoramic view of the Potomac River at its height and, unfortunately, the flooding on the waterfront.

Representatives from the House of Sweden spoke about the structure of the building and the concepts behind its design. Designated as the new home of the Swedish Embassy in 2006 and is a forerunner in the green-movement.

Catherine Plume, author of the DC Recycler blog, gave a presentation

outlining recycling options and enumerated many opportunities to live a greener lifestyle. She offered simple tips such as starting a compost bucket, using a clothesline or drying rack rather than a drying machine, and opting to not use the garbage disposal.

Then she outlined her Top 10 Favorite Recycling/Greening Resources in DC including: #1 Freecycle DC where you can post items to give (and get) instead of tossing them out; #2 Community Forklift which runs a very large warehouse where you can donate new and used building materials to receive a tax deduction or you can purchase materials at prices that are much below retail; #3 Capital Bike-



Catherine Plume talks about recycling

Share and Zip Car; #4 Residential Hazardous Waste Disposal which gives information about DC's hazardous waste disposal options. Check out her blog:

www.dcrecycler.blogspot.com to see the entire Top Ten list and more useful information.

Many thanks to Occasions— Washington leading "green caterer" —for a delightful spread at the rooftop reception.

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progressive dinner—May 14

The Hyde-Addison Public Elementary School in Georgetown is hosting a Progressive Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 7-11 pm. A large portion of the money raised by this fundraiser will be used to improve the new urban garden and tree boxes and the remainder will be used to support teacher aides, office staff, activities and o ther PTA endeavors.

Guests will begin the evening at 7:00 in groups of approximately 20 guests at 10 different homes for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. They will then progress to one of 15 homes for dinner at 8:15 and then gather together at the home of Nancy Taylor Bubes and Alan Bubes for dessert at 9:30.



Nancy Taylor Bubes and Hyde-Addison Principal Dana Nerenberg

Tickets are \$100 a person and may be purchased on-line at: http://www.hydeelementary.org/ PTA.cfm?sub page=516835

To have a hard copy of the invitation mailed to you, please e-mail Elizabeth Miller at elizabethhayesmiller@gmail.com

Slate for CAG Officers and Directors

The nominating committee has proposed the new slate of officers and four of the directors. Voting will be held at the May 17 meeting.

President—Jennifer Altemus

Jennifer, raised in the Washington DC area, graduated from Georgetown University in 1988. She has worked for Capital Management Restaurants and the Austin Grill. Currently, she is an event planner at the Library of Congress. Jennifer has served on the CAG Board for four years, co-chaired the Fall Gala Committee for four years and is active on GU Relations Committee. She is also CAG's representative with the Georgetown business community. She lives on 32nd Street with her husband, Tim.

Vice President—Luca Pivato

Gianluca Pivato moved to Washington from Italy over 15 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 Co-Chairs the Public Safety Committee assisting with MPD and block captain issues and is active on the GU Relations Committee.

Secretary—Topher Mathews

Topher, a Connecticut-native, moved to DC in 1999 to attend American University Washington College of Law. In 2003 he moved to R Street across from Montrose Park. In 2008 he started the Georgetown Metropolitan, a website covering Georgetown. He continues to write for the site daily



and produces over 700 articles a year. He also serves as a member of CAG's Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee. In 2009 he married his wife at the Dumbarton House and they continue to live on R Street.

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

Director—Diane Colasanto

Diane, a resident on O Street, moved to Georgetown from New Jersey 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 helps coordinate block captains.

Director—Hazel Denton

Hazel Denton has lived on P Street for 16 years. She has been involved in traffic, parking and other transportation issues for CAG. Hazel works as a consultant in health and population issues, teaches at SAIS, Georgetown, and at the Academy of Hope. Previously Hazel had a 20-year career at the World Bank. She has a PhD in Economics from Harvard University.

Director—Brad Gray

Brad and his wife, Helen Darling, have lived on 32nd Street since 2004, when they moved from the Watergate. He is a block captain and Co-President of the Friends of the Georgetown Library which became a part of CAG this year. An Oklahoma native with a Ph.D. in sociology from Yale, Brad is a senior fellow at The Urban Institute and is editor of the Milbank Quarterly, a leading health policy journal. He has previously held academic positions at Yale and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and non-academic positions at the New York Academy of Medicine and the Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences.

Director—Pamla Moore

Pamla Moore has lived on Dumbarton Street for 20 years. She owned a Georgetown development and public relations firm from 1993 untill 2003 and is a founding and current board member and past-president of Friends of Rose Park, Inc. Currently a CAG Director, she chairs the Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee. She is married to Powell Moore and shares the joy of seven grandchildren.



Trees for Georgetown ~ Spring Celebration

May 11, 6 - 8 p.m. 1617 29th Street, N.W.

Please join Trees for Georgetown on Wednesday, May 11th, at the home of Jill and Rock Tonkel, a house with a history. Their house was built by Herman Hollerith at the turn of the 20th century for his three maiden daughters, Lucia, Nan, and Virginia who, with their mother, co- founded the Georgetown Garden Club.

Mr. Hollerith invented the punch card tabulating machine which was used in the 1890 national census, saving our country \$5 million. His business, the Tabulating Machine Company, located at 1054 31st Street in what is now the Canal Square Building, would ultimately become IBM in 1924.

Trees for Georgetown plants, cares for and maintains residential street trees in Georgetown and has planted over 2,000 trees. Just one new tree costs \$900 to purchase, plant and provide protective tree box fencing. We need your help to keep Trees for Georgetown growing!

For tickets and information contact: Betsy Werronen, (202) 337-6810, werronenb@aol.com.



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Cleanup Day April 9



Beautification Co-Chairs David Dunning and Patrick Clawson spearheaded Cleanup Day



All ages pitched in on cleanup day



GU's Ray Danieli and Christopher Baldwin unloaded the picked up trash



Jonathan Goldblatt (right) was the lucky winner of a Martins Tavern gift certificate

Donors to the 2011 Public Safety Program (As of April 26, 2011)

Thanks to the generosity of the following people, CAG has raised over half of the required revenue for the 2011 Public Safety Program. We urge everyone else to contribute soon. Detailed information is on the website: 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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The CAG Guards are on the scene again!

Last month we reported how the CAG Guards helped foil a residential burglary and capture the suspect. This month, the problem was at an apartment building near 30th and P Streets. A man, who had been chased away from the outside of the building on other occasions for harassing tenants, was found to have gained entry to the locked building and was causing a disturbance, making noise and destroying mail. That evening, the

police were slow to respond, but when the CAG Guard was called, he arrived immediately and remained until the police showed up 40 minutes later. The MPD officer unfortunately did not think the incident merited further action or investigation and so did not pursue the suspect, so the building's residents are happy to know the CAG Guard is there to help for all types of public safety concerns. Thanks Tesfaye and Donovan!

> —Diane Colasanto Public Safety Committee

Report from the Washington Harbour Flood

On Washington Harbour, the story I have heard is as follows:

The flood gates were raised during the day on Sunday, but five or six gates remained down because several restaurants were crowded with customers. Monday morning dawned

and the river started rising through the still lowered flood gates. Attempts to stop the water by sandbagging were unsuccessful. The pumps on the second level of the garage were started to remove the water, but later stopped due to fears that the first level of the garage would collapse under the weight.

The second level of the garage is designed to be flooded with city water in the event of a big Potomac flood to reduce the hydraulic Washington Harbour cleanup generators pressure on the garage walls. The gates that surround the entire complex are raised when that happens. This has only happened once to my knowledge, maybe 20-25 years ago. Because of this, the electrical wiring is on the first level of the garage, presumably out of harm's way. However, this time the flood was "top-down" and both garage levels filled with water. The river water inundated all the main electrical panels and transformersthese now need to be replaced along with any wiring submerged by the water. There were also high levels of carbon monoxide reported due to the activity of the pumps.

Of all the restaurants, Sequoia seems only to be affected by the cut off of electricity and not water damage. On the K Street level Bangkok Joe's, Roche Salon, Starbucks, Gelateria Dolce Veta and Cafe Cantina are now open.

Here are two pictures of the Harbour cleanup. The first is of large holding tanks into which the most polluted water and sludge from the lower level of the garage is pumped. The contents are pumped into large tanker trucks and hauled away.

Regarding power, the transformers do not need to be replaced, but the rest of the electrical equipment in the garage does.

Several of the hardest hit restaurants are making temporary renovations to allow them to open in May

> and will close temporarily for permanent renovations later.

The cause reports vary. Did restaurants ask that not all the gates be raised on Sunday because it would interfere with the customer view? Sunday was a beautiful day and business in April had been bad because of the weather

Rather than raising the gates, someone suggested using sandbags and plastic to keep the river out, thus preserving the view. (Sandbags and plastic are what is used on the garage entrances on K Street so it is a known method.)

Suffice to say, the sandbags and plastic method

quickly failed once the river got high enough out of its banks.

-Walter Groszyk



Holding tanks for Washing Harbour cleanup

The second photo is two of the eight generators stationed on three sides of the complex to provide power; these will be in place for at least another month. The generators run on diesel fuel and trucks continually arrive at the Harbour to refuel the fuel tanks for the generators.

Volta Park Weekend

June 10: Friends of Volta Park Cocktail Party and Silent Auction, 6:30-8:30pm, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, 1524 35th Street NW. Tickets available at the door or on the web voltapark.org and start at \$100. Proceeds support one year of maintenance for Volta Park.

June 11-10: **Tennis Tournament** sponsored by Friends of Volta Park; Contact Anne Colclough colcloughanne@hotmail.com

June 12: **Volta Park Day**, 3-6pm, Annual family festival featuring a cookout, bake sale, live music, and lots of great children's games and activities! Softball game 2-3pm, East Side vs West Side; Contact John Bradshaw john.bradshaw@gs.com

Party to Benefit Montrose Park June 3

There will be a cocktail party to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Montrose Park the evening of June 3 at the home of Brooke and Stephane Carnot. Tickets are \$100 (or \$150 for two). It's organized by Friends of Montrose Park, a volunteer non-profit dedicated to Montrose Park and helping with park improvements through donations.

This is the first time in years that an event has been held to help Montrose!

http://www.montrosepark.org/ Montrose_Park/Home.html

About Those Trash Cans!

he DC Department of Public Works has announced that effective Monday, April 25, 2011 it will begin charging residents \$45 each for new 32-gallon trash carts and 32-gallon recycling carts. DPW says that the new fee is necessary to allow it to restock the supply of trash carts used in twice-a-week collection neighborhoods and recycling carts used citywide. (By the way, most of DC has once-a-week trash pickup using "supercans," for which DPW charges \$62.50.) What DPW will provide to Georgetown residents for that \$45 is a 32 gallon can with wheels and a lid; the trashcan is green and the recycling bin is blue. Contact them by calling 311. Presumably the DPW website will soon also have a way to order trash cans.

DPW does have a stock of the 18gallon open recycling bins which it used to hand out in Georgetown. Call 311 if you want one. It seems unlikely that DPW will purchase more after the current stock runs out. Note that these bins are not so great from a rat-control point of view, because there is no lid. That can also be a problem on wet days, when the contents get soaked.

If you don't want a DPW can, DPW tells us it will pick up trash from cans individuals purchase, either for trash or for recycling. DPW says such a can should be without wheels and no larger than 32 gallons, and it should have a lid and handles. Note that you can easily order on line or buy at local stores 32-gallon bins with lids and without handles, either in blue with the recycling symbol on them or in green for regular trash. The price seems to be a bit less than DPW's \$45. such as \$42, but that is for cans without wheels while the cans from DPW have wheels. If you are like me and have to haul your can through your house and then down steps, the wheels may be a nuisance, not a help.

If you would prefer an 18-gallon bin for your recycling, Suncast makes one with lids which are widely available on the web (e.g., from Home Depot) for \$45 for three though I am not sure if their handles will pass muster with DPW. Meanwhile, DPW is giving out mixed signals about the trash inspectors. Our inspector is Sonya Chance who is out on our Georgetown streets most week days; do e-mail her at sonya.chance@dc.gov if you see a trash situation which is against DC regulations. She can issue fines for those not following the rules. The trash inspection positions are safe until September 30. But after that, it is not clear what will happen.

> —Patrick Clawson Co-Chair, CAG Beautification Committee



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Wed. May 4	Georgetown Farmers Market in Rose Park Opens; 3-7pm every Wednesday until October 26; 26th & O Streets.
Fri. May 6	Yoga in the Garden at Tudor Place; every Friday May through September; 10am; \$12 per session or \$100 for 10 sessions; bring a yoga mat, if raining class is held inside; 1644 31st Street; www.tudorplace.org.
Sat. May 7	Glover Park-Burleith Farmers Market Opens; 9am-1pm every Saturday until October 29; Hardy Middle School parking lot on Wisconsin Avenue.
Sat. May 7	Georgetown Garden Tour; 10am-4pm; \$35; call 962-1950 or visit www.georgetowngardentour.com.
Wed. May 11	Trees for Georgetown Celebration; 6-8pm; home of Jill and Rock Tonkel, 1617 29th Street; contact Betsy Werronen for ticket information, 337-6810 or werronenb@aol.com.
Thur. May 12 & Mon. May 16	Zoning Commission Hearings on GU Campus Plan; 6:30pm; Zoning Hearing Room, 441 4th Street NW Suite 220-S; www.cagtown.org for more information.
Sat. May 14	Civil War Georgetown Tours Commemorating 150 Years ; Tudor Place house tour through the eyes of those living through the Civil War at 10:30am; walking tour through Georgetown at 12:30pm; members \$8 for one tour or \$12 for both, nonmembers \$10 for one tour or \$15 for both; 1644 31st Street; visit www.tudor-place.org for more information.
Tues. May 17	CAG Annual Meeting: Jack Evans, CAG Awards and election of officers; reception 7pm, program at 7:30; Dumbarton House, 2715 Q Street.
Sun. May 22	CAG Concert in the Park featuring Rebecca McCabe; 5pm; Volta Park, 34th & Q Streets.
Wed. May 25	CAG Block Captain Meeting; 6pm; gathering of Public Safety BlockCaptains at Helen Darling's house, 1648 32nd Street.

And planning ahead...

June 10 - 12 Volta Park Weekend—see page 11. Sun. June 19 CAG Concert in the Park: The Wes Tucker Band; 5pm; Rose Park, 26th & P Sts. Mon. July 4 CAG Concert in the Park: The Image Band; 5pm with special parade at 4:30pm; Rose Park, 26th & P Sts.