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CAG ANNUAL MEETING • MAY 27

JACK EVANS, MAYOR BOWSER AND AWARDS

Councilmember Jack Evans will speak at CAG's annual awards and elections meeting on Wednesday, May 27. Mayor Muriel Bowser has also been invited. The meeting will include the presentation of CAG's prestigious awards to outstanding community leaders for 2015. The reception and annual meeting will be hosted at the Sea Catch Restaurant, 1054 31st 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.



Annual Awards

The prestigious Belin Award will be presented to **Barbara Downs** for her expert and dedicated work in preserving the historic character of Georgetown.

Drs. Sachiko Kuno & Ryuji Ueno will be honored with the William A. Cochran Award for "exceptional efforts to protect and enhance the community's parkland and architectural resources."



The Charles Atherton Award will be presented to Ward 2 Councilmember **Jack Evans** for "exceptional service by a dedicated public-sector professional for outstanding work preserving and protecting historic Georgetown."

The Martin-Davidson Award to businesses that have contributed significantly to the community will be presented to **Foley & Lardner LLP**.

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CONCERTS IN THE PARKS:

*The Voice Contestants come
to Georgetown*

HANNAH ISLES, Chair, Concerts

Shake out your picnic blanket, dust off your basket and charge your cameras, there will be stars of NBC's hit show, *The Voice* in our midst. The first Concert in the Parks scheduled for Sunday, May 17 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM is fast approaching and you won't want to miss it!

Fans of NBC's *The Voice* will recognize Jack Gregori, who competed on "team Adam."



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“GOODNESS IS THE ONLY INVESTMENT THAT NEVER FAILS.”

- Henry David Thoreau

As a leader in Georgetown's real estate community, our firm proudly supports the Georgetown community. We are proud to sponsor the following events and organizations:

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President's LETTER



Each year CAG spends hundreds of hours fulfilling our mission – cherishing the historic character of our community and sustaining a quality of life that benefits young families, as well as those of us you might call settled.

Two years ago this month, I was elected president of the Citizens Association of Georgetown. It has been an awesome experience. The hundreds of volunteers who give their time, treasure and dedication to CAG and to our National Historic Landmark, Georgetown, have made the time especially rewarding. Working, often on a daily basis with many of you, to forward our mission has added to the reward. As I move on, I am pleased that there is a board position for former presidents. It would be a sad day for me if I thought I was leaving this exceptional board, the hard-working chairs of the many active committees, the committee members and the many friends whom I see at our community meetings, at our many planning meetings and in our community.

Being president of CAG has also put me in touch with our ANC2E commissioners, DC Council members and their staffs, members of the Georgetown Business Improvement District, the Georgetown



The CAG Board had our monthly meeting at the Peabody Room recently and heard from Jerry McCoy

Business Association, the leaders of our numerous historic properties, the members of the clubs that are key to Georgetown, and Georgetown University leadership. I don't recall in my many years of community involvement a more talented, committed group of individuals. In my treks across the city, often representing CAG, I hear others express a wish that their communities could work together as well as the Georgetown community does. Their residents and businesses would benefit, they conclude.

I want to offer my thanks particularly to our organization's officers Bob vom Eigen, Barbara Downs and John Richardson. My thanks also to our board of directors – Jennifer Altemus, Karen Cruse, Hazel Denton, Hannah Isles, Bob Laycock, Christopher Mathews, Luca Pivato, Victoria Rixey and John Rentzepis. And a special note of appreciation to Richard Hinds, a legal advisor extraordinaire.

Certainly change calls for some reflection. Each year CAG spends hundreds of hours fulfilling our mission – cherishing the historic character of our community and sustaining a quality of life that benefits young families, as well as those of us you might call settled. It isn't always an easy balance. Again complimenting all involved, I am impressed by the willingness to consider another's point of view and to work together to achieve outcomes that give some quarter to all parties. That approach to problem solving makes this a unique place in today's world.

I wish the very best for the board of directors to be elected on May 27 at our Annual Meeting and board members who will be appointed after the election. In my last letter as president, I also would like to encourage you to offer your talents to an improved Georgetown.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to working with you in whatever new capacity I may serve.

Pamla Moore, PRESIDENT

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SPRING MAY MEAN MORE CRIME – VIGILANCE IS ESSENTIAL

JOHN RENTZEPIS, Co-Chair, Public Safety Committee

Another surveillance camera has been installed by CAG in Georgetown. Thanks to business owner Jordan O'Neill and with oversight from public safety committee member, Chip Dent, this camera is located at Scheele's Market at 29th and Dumbarton Street. It is a newer generation model which should provide higher quality images in both night and day conditions.

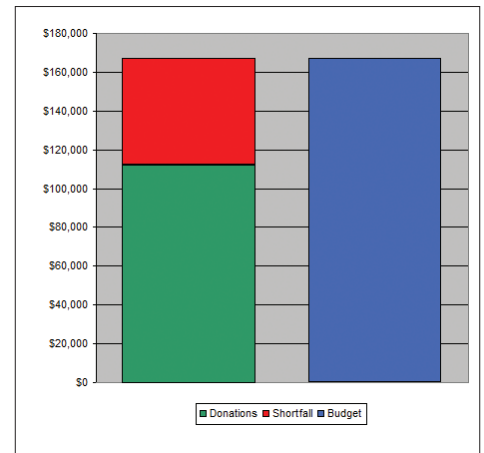
One of the original CAG cameras captured the partial license plate of a Ford SUV used in the February 25 armed car-jacking on P Street. One suspect was arrested after fleeing in the vehicle he allegedly stole, while his accomplice escaped in the SUV. Video and stills of the car-jacking, including the partial tag, were provided to the police and will hopefully lead to the arrest of the second suspect.

Spring's warmer weather and flowers unfortunately often bring more criminal activity. Please remember to remove any

valuables from your cars, as well as anything which may appear to contain valuables, such as backpacks, briefcases, shopping bags, or boxes. Also, hide chargers and cables. Theft from autos has already started to climb from the winter low (which includes the Super Bowl car break-ins), so vigilance is important.

In other areas, CAG continues to receive contributions to its 100% donor-financed Public Safety Program. **Currently, the program is 68% towards attaining its operating budget of \$167,560. As can be seen in the graph, we still urgently need contributions** to meet our annual operating expenses to keep vital initiatives, such as the guard program and camera operations, running.

We give a special salute and thank you to the Cloisters West Homeowners Association for their continued strong support of the Public Safety Program. They are an important donor and we are grateful for their



vital support. We also thank and welcome new supporters of the Public Safety program: **Dumbarton Court Owners Association!**

Please follow their lead by making a tax-deductible contribution using the attached form or visit www.cagtown.org and click on "Public Safety" for more details! Additional donors will be listed in the fall newsletter.

Aspects of Georgetown: Taking to the Woods

BY EDITH SCHAFER

Thoreau wrote: *I went to the woods because I wanted to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life and see if I could learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.*

That's all fine, and indeed Thoreau had a way with words, but it's not the only reason why a lot of us go to the woods. We go because the woods, the meadows and the streams are enormously restorative. Nature does that for some of us. Remember the twenty-third psalm, about the green pastures and walking beside the still waters, and how this restores our souls. There is something to that.

We latter-day Thoreaus appreciate the woods. This latest tribute to nature is a book, *A Year in Rock Creek Park, The Wild, Wooded Heart of Washington*. Its author,

Melanie Choukas-Bradley, grew up in Vermont where, as she says, "she ran wild in the woods" along with her brothers and sisters. This affinity for nature traveled well when she moved with husband and children, first to Sugarloaf Mountain in Maryland, and then to DC.

We are now celebrating the 125th anniversary of Rock Creek Park; it became a federal park in 1890, the same year Yosemite became a national park. Choukas-Bradley tells about our earlier leaders who saw the power of the Park, championed it, and wanted others to know what they knew. Charles Glover, in 1888, took civic leaders into the Park to show them its beauty, Justice William O. Douglas led walks there so people would know and love it, and Teddy Roosevelt, a big nature lover, made his friends hike up to Pulpit Rock.

With its splendid beech trees, and dramatic rocky outcroppings laced by a friendly stream, it is lovely in all seasons. Perhaps never more so than in fall. But there is nothing wrong with spring either (at last!). The woods are full of Jack-in-the-pulpit, skunk cabbage, Virginia bluebells, mountain laurel, spice bush, great blue herons, hawks, pileated woodpeckers, and owls-- they are all there.

Choukas-Bradley is very sought after to give talks these days, as there is ever increasing interest in the Park, which is good as it has created a lot of volunteer opportunities for working in the Park. At a symposium sponsored by Casey Trees, Choukas-Bradley closed by saying she "had managed to make a career out of wandering in the woods." This was greeted by sustained applause. Apparently the audience got her message, and they liked it.

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You may also donate online: www.cagtown.org and click on Public Safety Program

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

NOLA KLAMBERG

Recently, I had an opportunity to meet with a nice couple planning to buy the house next door to mine here in Georgetown. They wanted to explain what they would be doing to the house before moving in. They even brought and introduced me to their architect who gave me his business card and indicated I should call anytime with questions or concerns. Needless to say, I was extremely pleased to learn these details as they were not going to be expanding the property/house footprints. Their primary goal is a new, enlarged kitchen.

After 34 years in my Georgetown home, I have seen a lot of changes in the area and have followed closely efforts sustaining the Georgetown Historic District. Many have worked long and hard at the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG), and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC), and ultimately, the Old Georgetown Board. This process assures considerable review with opportunity for public input.

In addition, there is a DC Historic Preservation Office offering oversight, answering questions,

and providing guidance. Toni Cherry runs the office and Keith Lambert is her assistant in Georgetown matters. She can be reached at 202-442-8844 and Keith is at 202-442-8837. They have been with the office for some time and provide considerable advice.

While some, especially newcomers to Georgetown, may resist complying with historic preservation guidelines, advice and assistance is readily available, and ultimately, very beneficial.

TALKING TRAFFIC

MICHELE STEWARDSON, CAG Program and Communications Manager

COUNCILMAN JACK EVANS,
CAG AWARDS AND ELECTIONS

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Look south of Canal Street and see dozens of Car2Go vehicles or watch various people on M Street getting out of Ubers, and you might just realize where the transportation industry, specifically here in Georgetown, is headed.

All of this and much more was discussed at CAG's recent monthly meeting "Talking Traffic, Transportation and Bridges" on March 25 at Malmaison, 34th and Water streets. About 100 people listened to presentations from Colleen Hawkinson, AICP Manager, Strategic Planning Branch, District Department of Transportation; Will Hansfield, Transportation Director, Georgetown Business Improvement District, and Allison Davis, Regional Planning Manager, Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Statistics presented supported that in the last decade the District has grown by nearly 30,000 people. By the year 2040, DC will be a city of more than 770,000 people. The question remains how to move more people most efficiently.

"One of the biggest stories in transportation is how ride sharing (Uber), car sharing (Car2Go) and other new systems (bike share) have reduced the cost of travel," said Hansfield of BID. "For a typical person who sells their car and replaces most of the trips they were taking with one or a combination of these systems, they can save anywhere from 30-60 percent on total transportation costs." He said that in the District, it is now possible to replace all vehicle trips with ride sharing or car sharing at a lower cost than owning your own vehicle.

Hawkinson, who added it's important to realize that DDOT not only oversees roads, streets, curbs, and trees, but also runs Circulator buses, Capital Bike Share and the

Streetcar project on H Street, seemed to agree.

"By enhancing travel choice and reliability, DDOT will be able to improve conditions and accommodate future growth on a city-wide scale generally and more specifically in the Georgetown neighborhood," she said.

Comparing the 'big five' as DDOT sees them (pedestrian, bicycles, transit, vehicles and freight), those in vehicles will soon feel the impact of upcoming projects on Rock Creek Parkway and Canal Road as well as the rehabilitation of the Key Bridge.

The evening concluded with a Q & A from the audience. Residents queried the panel about parking and traffic back-ups on 34th Street. And, of course, the longstanding question of a Metro stop coming to Georgetown.

According to Davis, 54 percent of the regions two million jobs are within a mile of metro and the proximity to metrorail increases property value by seven to nine percent. So will Georgetown ever get a Metrorail?

"While Georgetown residents and businesses can continue to advocate for a Metrorail station, it is part of a much larger expansion that takes a tremendous amount of regional cooperation, funding, and time," says Davis. "The community needs to also support near-term transit improvements, such as transit priority, to create better, faster and more frequent bus service."

She reminded the audience that it took 29 years for the first rides to begin on the Silver Line that will eventually connect Dulles to downtown. Metrorail may be in Georgetown's future, but it is still a long way off, possibly by 2040.

When it comes to transportation, there's a lot happening in Georgetown – stay tuned.

There will be a special appreciation award presented to Georgetown University's **Lauralyn Lee** and **Cory Peterson** "for dedicated and distinguished service to the Georgetown community." And **Diane Colasanto** will be honored with a special appreciation award "for her years of sustained and significant work on CAG's Public Safety and other neighborhood programs."

Election of CAG officers and four directors for 2015-2016 will also take place at the May 27 meeting – which is the organization's annual meeting. The slate is Bob vom Eigen, President; Jennifer Altemus, Vice President; Barbara Downs, Secretary; Bob Laycock, Treasurer and elected directors Karen Cruse, Hazel Denton, Hannah Isles, and John Rentzepis (See page 8). Treasurer John Richardson will report on the financial condition of the organization.

The Sea Catch Restaurant & Raw Bar opened a quarter of a century ago and today is one of the oldest seafood restaurants in Georgetown. But long before it became a renowned restaurant, the Canal Street building built in 1842, served as a shipping warehouse for barge traffic on the bustling C&O Canal. Herman Hollerith converted the structure into a factory for manufacturing & printing punched card tabulating machines which were successfully used to collect the data from the 1890 census. Hollerith's Tabulating Machine Company was eventually merged with two others in 1924 to create the "International Business Machines Corporation" otherwise known as IBM, making the Canal Street building the "birthplace of the modern computer."

The Sea Catch is well-known for its jumbo lump crab cakes and its selection of fish and live Maine lobster; selected items on the menu change frequently. **Sea Catch is offering CAG members a special three-course dinner the evening of our meeting for \$35.** To make a reservation and learn about the menu choices please call 202-337-8855.

Please join CAG to hear from Jack Evans and hopefully, the Mayor, and to honor the members of our community who have made Georgetown a better place. The reception begins at 7 pm at Sea Catch Restaurant 1054 31st Street. The meeting, the final meeting until September, begins at 7:30 pm.

UPDATES ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN GEORGETOWN

WALTER GROSZYK, *Historic Preservation Committee*

The proposed development of the **Doggett's parking lot at 3220 Prospect Street** has received design approval by the Old Georgetown Board. The land is owned by the Weaver family, long-time Georgetown business-owners. McCaffery Interests Inc. of Chicago is developing the property for the Weavers.

The new building called Prospect Place, will feature nearly 30,000 square feet of retail on two floors. Underground parking on two levels will have space for about 100 cars – which is 20 percent more spaces than on the current surface lot. Construction is expected to begin near the end of 2015, with stores opening in 2017.

CAG and the ANC have jointly worked with the developer and DDOT on reducing the current congestion in the 3200 block of Prospect Street caused by the loading and unloading of delivery trucks. The Board of Zoning Adjustment will hear the developer's application for a variance, regarding requirements for loading docks. The loading docks would be replaced by loading zones on Prospect Street.



3150 M Street, the site of Nathan's and then the short-lived Serendipity 3, is being developed by interests associated with Under Armour, the Baltimore-based athletic gear company. The general concept design for the building was approved in March by the Old Georgetown Board. The Board is seeking a further refinement of a corner canopy and the balcony railings.

Architect/developer Robert Bell's reconstruction and restoration of the **Georgetown Theater, 1351 Wisconsin Avenue** is well underway. Passers-by looking beyond the bank parking lot at the corner of N Street and Wisconsin Avenue can see a new top floor being added to the existing theater structure.

TREES FOR GEORGETOWN IN ACTION

BETSY EMES, *Chair, Trees for Georgetown*

Trees for Georgetown has just completed the spring planting of 53 native trees on the residential streets of Georgetown. Species include oak – shumard, swamp white, scarlet, willow and burr – London plane, hackberry, American hornbeam, single stem birch, sweet gum and American elm.

Many residents don't realize that it is incumbent upon them to care for the trees in front of their houses, just as they are responsible for clearing their sidewalks of snow and ice in the winter.

Practice 25 to Stay Alive

Please make sure our new trees receive 25 gallons of water (1.5 inches of rainfall) each

week in times of little or no rainfall. Simply fill up the 25-gallon slow release watering bag at the base of the tree when it starts budding in the spring through the autumn months, when the leaves begin to fall.

If a new tree is planted in front of a neighbor's who is away or you plan to be away for an extended period of time, especially in the summer, please try to make arrangements to have the tree watered.

Keep the Tree Box Free of Plants

Plants compete with the tree for water, air and nutrients. Wait until the tree's root system is established - two years after it has been in the ground; three years is ideal.

Keep the tree box mulched with no more than 2-3 inches of mulch, not letting it touch the trunk of the tree.

Avoid Bumping or Cutting the Bark

A tree's vascular system is just beneath the bark and can be permanently damaged by car doors, bicycles and pedestrian/pet traffic. Within the next few weeks, regulation protective wrought iron fences will be installed around the tree box.

If your tree should become damaged, please report it to www.311.dc.gov or call 311.

Thank you for helping our tree canopy thrive.

SLATE FOR CAG OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS • MAY 2015–MAY 2016

RICHARD HINDS, *Nominating Chair*

The nominating committee has proposed the slate of officers and four of the directors. Please come to the CAG meeting at Sea Catch Restaurant on May 27 to cast your vote.

President – Bob vom Eigen

Bob and his wife, Ann, have lived and raised their children in Georgetown since 1978. Bob practiced law in Washington since 1970 until he retired in 2011 from the firm of Foley & Lardner LLP, located at Washington Harbour. Bob currently serves as Vice President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown. He is also a member of the Executive Committee and the Historic Preservation & Zoning committee. He has served as President of the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park (FOGWP) since 2006, and served on the fundraising committee of the Georgetown Waterfront Park Commission that preceded FOGWP's creation. Bob is the Vice President and Director of the Georgetown Village, which provides volunteer assistance to seniors living in Georgetown and Burleigh.

Vice President – Jennifer Altemus

Jennifer, raised in the Washington DC area, graduated from Georgetown University in 1988. Currently, she is an event planner at the Library of Congress. She is a former president of CAG and currently is a co-chair of the CAG Georgetown Gala Committee and the Alcohol Beverage Control Committee.

She is the lead CAG representative for the Georgetown Campus Plan and is part of the Steering Committee of the Georgetown Community Partnership. A Georgetown resident for over 30 years, she lives on P Street.

Secretary – Barbara Downs

A resident of P Street, Barbara has served on the CAG board in several capacities – as President and on numerous committees including Public Safety, Beautification, Gala, Membership and Nominating. Currently she serves as board secretary. She is also active in the Georgetown Garden Club and the Senior Center at St. John's. She and her late husband, Tim Downs, have been pivotal leaders in Georgetown, from CAG Beautification Days to the O & P Street renovation project.

Treasurer – Bob Laycock

Bob, a CPA who has been treasurer of CAG in past years, 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 12 years and is an active member of Friend of Book Hill Park, having donated and helped plant hundreds of daffodils. Bob lives on O Street.

Director - Karen "Cookie" Cruse

A CAG board member for over seventeen years, Karen is co-chair of the Alcohol

Beverage Control (ABC) Committee, working diligently to create a balance between the residential and commercial sectors. She coordinates with businesses and residents to modify and answer concerns regarding liquor licenses -- known as settlement agreements. "Cookie" is a key liaison person with Georgetown University on town-gown matters, serving on the Safety and Student Life Committee of the Georgetown Community Partnership. She also assists with editing the CAG newsletter and is a regular volunteer at the Senior Center Lunch Program and Meals on Wheels. She and her husband, Jim, live on 35th Street.

Director - Hazel Denton

Hazel Denton has lived on P Street for 20 years, during which time she has been active in a number of neighborhood activities and organizations including CAG where she is Chair of the Parking Committee. She is Co-Chair of the Parking and Transportation Working Group of the Georgetown Community Partnership. Hazel currently teaches courses in health and population issues at Georgetown University. Previously Hazel had a 20-year career at the World Bank.

Director - Hannah Isles

Hannah Isles has lived in Georgetown since 2006 and recently moved from 33rd Street to 30th Street. She started her career as a political fundraiser and later transitioned to public relations working for private sector and non-profit companies including AOL, GE, Powell Tate, and Share our Strength. In 2007 she left office life to work at home raising her two children, Nina and Peter. She has served on the committee for CAG's Concerts in the Parks program for the past 8 years and currently chairs the committee. She is married to Adam Isles.

Director – John Rentzepis

John has lived in Georgetown since 2000 and has been Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee since 2014. For many years, he has been involved with Friends of Book Hill Park serving as a volunteer and board member. He works in alternative investments and resides on P Street with his wife and two daughters.

CAG WELCOMES MICHELE STEWARDSON: NEW COMMUNICATION AND PROGRAM MANAGER



A native of Pennsylvania and graduate of Bethany College with a degree in Communications, Michele comes to CAG with a strong journalism background. She has written for various newspapers and magazines, including The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, and The Washington Post Magazine. She has worked with community outreach and organizations such as The Green Door, Ocean Conservancy, and the Carpenter's Homeless Shelter. Most recently, Michele owned and operated a rug care business in Latrobe, PA. She is in the CAG office five days a week.

E-CIGARETTE CRAZE COMES TO GEORGETOWN

VV HARRISON

With all the remarkable electronic devices now available in our ever amazing and constantly expanding world, here comes the e-cigarette. First developed in China, and introduced to us in 2007, it is now available at Vaporfi, a new Georgetown emporium located at 3210 O Street. The store is open Monday to Thursday 11-9, Friday – Saturday 11-10, and Sunday 11-7.

When I spoke with manager Jeremy Tomlinson, he explained that smoking electronically has become a real passion for many people who have opted to give up cigarettes, but not the pleasure of smoking.

Laid out in a long glass case, in various colors, prints, stripes, polka dots and sizes, the smoke-free cigarettes resemble a display of ball point pens. Behind the counter, which Jeremy referred to as a bar, were 58 bottles of juices in amazing flavors which can be mixed together

to create unique blends of vapors. Jeremy assured me that he is a world class mixologist. The e-cigarette does contain nicotine, but the smoker can elevate or decrease the levels depending on the mixture he chooses. And just like your phone, computer and car -- you can recharge your cigarette battery by plugging it into the nearest outlet. If you want a truly unique experience, you can buy a portable hookah at Vaporfi to take along on those life changing trips to the Himalayas.

Since there is no smoke, no carbon monoxide and no odor, e-cigarettes are allowed to be smoked in most smoke free environments, and although there are many unanswered questions regarding the health factor, this is now a 25 billion dollar business which seems to be flourishing. Jeremy says the store has only been open for seven weeks, and although business has been slow, things are picking up. Whether or not it will flourish in our village remains to be seen.

CONCERTS IN THE PARKS

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He will perform with Human Country Jukebox, and Georgetown's own Nashville singing songwriting star Rebecca McCabe performing on lead vocals. The May concert will have plenty of fun family May Day activities provided by our generous sponsors, plus free cupcakes from Sprinkles, free ice cream from Haagen Dazs and food trucks!

Grab your dad and don your dancing shoes for the fabulous father's day concert on Sunday, June 21 in Volta Park from 5:30 to 7:00 PM – including a performance by another star of The Voice! Paul Pfau who was also a contestant on this season of The Voice, and his Pop/Rock band will perform. In addition to great music, there will be chair massages for dads, special family photos, plus sweet and savory edibles for all.

Beat the summer heat at the final Concert of the season that will be held on Sunday, July 12th in Rose Park from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Concert goers will tap toes and sway to the Roots Rock/Americana band The Walkaways. And as always our sponsors will have special treats and activities for cooling off.

The Concerts in the Parks series continues to draw ever larger crowds of families and friends of all ages from the Georgetown community and beyond because of the great bands, fun family activities, free treats and recent addition of food trucks. The 2015 season promises to be the best yet. Many thanks to the generosity of the loyal sponsors and the dedication of the hard working committee, including:

Hannah Isles, Jennifer Altemus, Robin Baker, Betsy Cooley, Renee Esfandiary, Kelly Doolan, Jessica Heywood, Kathleen Jenkins, Michelle Korsmo, Amy Kuhnert, Amy Looney, Leslie Maysak, Elizabeth Miller, Erin Mullan, Tina Nadler, Ginny Poole, Shannon Pryor, Jennie Reno, Colman Riddell, Reagan Smith, Erin Sobansky, Elena Tomkins, Madeline Wade, Dorothy Williams and Trish Yan.

If you would like more information, to join the concerts committee, or become a sponsor please contact the Citizen's Association of Georgetown at www.cagtown.org.

Eco TIP

RECYCLE NEWSPAPERS

There are 63 million newspapers printed in the U.S. each day. Of these, 44 million or about 69% will be thrown away. Recycling just the Sunday papers would save more than a million trees a week. Simple things . . .

— LEE CHILD
Georgetown Garden Club

Save the Date

The Georgetown Gala
Friday, October 23, 2015 at The Four Seasons



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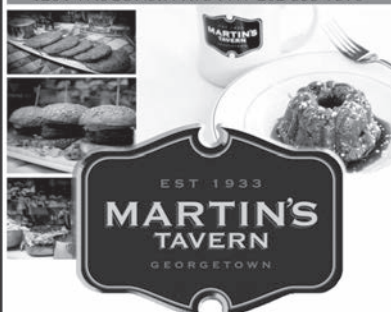
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