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Public Safety Program Accomplishments

CAG's expanded public safety program, launched a year and a half ago, has been a continuing success. Thanks to financial support and volunteer involvement by hundreds of Georgetown residents and organizations, CAG has been able to continue this much needed community initiative.

While the neighborhood guards had been a part of the effort for many years, the level of personnel (under contract from Securitas) has been significantly elevated and they now patrol on foot and in marked security cars with flashing lights. The CAG Guards also have GPS cell phones to use in contacting police and residents — and enabling CAG to track their movement around Georgetown. These experienced guards have met dozens of residents personally and have provided personalized escort and surveillance service on request.

An extra layer of security was added with the deployment of a Metropolitan Police Department reimbursable detail on Friday and Saturday nights. Two officers patrol

both sides of town in marked police cars and are also equipped with GPS cell phones. This valuable addition to the program was made possible by joining with Georgetown University to share the cost.

The hard-working members of the Public Safety committee — especially Co-Chair Luca Pivato and Denise Cunningham — provide strong advocacy with the Metropolitan Police Department and elected officials, resulting in more police resources earmarked for Georgetown. Especially with recent personnel changes in our precinct, Luca and Denise — and several block captains — have met regularly with the new MPD2D Commander Mark Carter and the Lieutenants in charge of our PSA 206 to work out more effective deployment of police.

There is a very informative crime-mapping tool on the CAG website at www.cagtown.org. It provides comprehensive information about where and what kind of crimes have occurred — all handily pinpointed on a map of Georgetown.

The grass roots participation of



CAG Security Guard Nathan Graham on patrol.

neighborhood block captains rounds out the Public Safety Program. Over 50 residents have volunteered to make sure safety information is passed on to their neighbors. Block captains are listed on the CAG website.

The safety of our community, unfortunately, has a steep price. The names of many donors were listed in the May newsletter and we will list additional names of people who have made recent contributions in the September issue. If you haven't already done so, please send your check (all donations are tax-deductible) to CAG.

— Betsy Cooley

CAG Concerts Rock the Parks in June and July

What offers an amazing array of darling children, free Haagen Dazs ice cream cones, marvelous clowns making balloon creatures, surprise favors for kids, well-behaved dogs, friends and neighbors, festive picnics — and fabulous live music to boot? The CAG Concerts in the Parks! The sec-

ond and third concerts are coming up on Sunday afternoon, June 22 in Rose Park, and again on Sunday afternoon July 13 in Volta Park.

Young and old alike will beat the heat in our lovely parks at the free concerts starting at 5 pm —

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Clown Judy with young concertgoers.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

You hear about the “CAG Board” passing resolutions, launching initiatives or trying to persuade one city agency or another about some issue. As an entity, the “CAG Board” might seem like a faceless group that appears to have its fingers in a whole lot of pies. But who are these people? In actuality, the “CAG Board” is made of individuals who come from distinctly different backgrounds and who hold and voice a variety of opinions.

The board is made up of men and women, grandparents and young parents, east siders and west siders, liberals and conservatives. Some have lived here for a lifetime. Others are relatively new transplants. They’ve landed in Georgetown for a variety of reasons, professional and personal. Sounds pretty much like a good representation of Georgetown as a whole, doesn’t it? And that’s what it’s meant to be.

Having had the privilege of getting to know this diverse group of people over the years, I’ve discovered interesting tidbits about each and every one of them. In upcoming newsletters we’ll reveal some little known morsels about the board.

A Thank You

Two former board members have tendered their resignation due to other pressing commitments. On behalf of the Board and the entire membership, we extend our gratitude to Victoria Rixey and Seth Kirschenberg for their valued service.

New CAG Street “Garden”

Some projects/committees are formed to fill a specific need; others seem to happen almost spontaneously. During a discussion at a membership committee meeting, it was mentioned that a long, rock-laden strip of dirt bordering the sidewall of our office building could be spiffed up. It would brighten the corner and give a much more pleasing entrance to the exterior staircase that leads up to the CAG office.



Before: John Baker and his crew chief clearing the stone from the weed-infested strip.

The response to a few phone calls from Betsy Cooley was amazing: numerous volunteers swung into action. Lee Child and Edie Schafer sketched the site and gave landscaping suggestions. J.F. Baker contractors cleared the plot of cement debris. GU student Dennis Hannen spent a

long afternoon tilling the soil in the 16’ by 4’ area. John Baker donated and delivered bags of mulch and soil. And on June ninth — in 98 degree heat — landscapers Gail and Lesley Rogers planted a beautiful arrangement of trees, shrubs, ferns and annuals. Gail selected native plants that “soften” the very straight-lined building and are good bets to thrive on the north O Street side of the BB+T building. In the center are two variegated Samaritan dogwoods and Leucothoe, surrounded by three hydrangeas, ferns, Lamium and white flowering Scavola (the only annual).



After: Lesley and Gail Rogers put the finishing touches on the plantings.

So stroll by to see the new CAG street plantings. Call it “beautification” or “membership outreach” or just people working together to make the neighborhood a better place — we think you will like it. Many, many thanks to Gail and Lesley Rogers of Rogers and Company, the Jim Bakers of J.F. Baker Contractors, and the other enthusiastic volunteers who made this happen!

Holiday in Georgetown

We are in the early planning stages for a community holiday event that we think has the potential to become an important Georgetown tradition. The idea was floated last year to the leadership of the Business Improvement District, Georgetown Business Association, the ANC and Councilmember Jack Evans office and now it’s beginning to take on steam. While most of the activities are still in the embryo stage, the highlight of the day will take us back to gentler times with community caroling in the middle of town.

The holiday event is going to take a lot of volunteer hours. This and many other committees can always use an extra hand and new ideas. If you are able to give just a little of your time, energy and knowledge, take a look and see what might appeal to you. Or call Executive Director, Betsy Cooley, and tell her your interests. We will definitely find a place for you.

Don’t forget the upcoming Concerts in the Parks on June 22 in Rose Park and July 13 at Volta Park. The May concert was amazing. Our next newsletter and membership meeting will be in September. Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

—Denise R. Cunningham

ASPECTS OF GEORGETOWN

By Edith Schafer

River Watchers

Our river is a thing of glory. Many people, the river's people, know this. The river's people are a diverse lot and they obviously derive different comforts from it. It's not just the fishermen on every promontory by Chain Bridge when the shad are running, or those who drop a line by the Kennedy Center. There are those who are simply fans of the river.

So it was that during a rainy May our river put on a show. It was a force, something to behold. It was literally boiling along, carrying large tree trunks, various household items, every kind of thing along at a fast clip. People, many young and some old, went out on the various available parapets to look at it. Just below the Exorcist Steps there are old abandoned foundations that stretch out toward the water, serving no apparent purpose. High, narrow and slightly scary, they were full of what appeared to be college kids gaping at the power of the river.

Some of us were on Roosevelt Island in mid May at the southern end of the Potomac Gorge. (The Potomac Gorge! It sounds so dramatic, and it is!) Standing by a relatively quiet backwater, the leader of the walk said, "You think it's peaceful here, you should see it at Great

Falls. The word is 'roiling.'"

If you have never been to Great Falls after a big rain, don't miss the next opportunity. It's not a closely kept secret. It's somehow reassuring that so many people are obviously moved by what they are seeing. In our world of getting and spending it is worth one's time to see nature unbridled. It commands respect, puts us in our place, keeps us humble.

We are fortunate that our river is quite protected because some people had the commendable foresight to protect it with parks—for the most part anyway. And what wasn't protected is finally being taken care of, the last green link in a long chain of riverbank green. And of course

some of it has impossibly rocky cliffs that discourage human predators and their ravages. All good.

T. S. Eliot wrote:

I do not know much about gods; but I think that the river

Is a strong brown god—sullen, untamed and intractable.

Our river is not particularly sullen. See it from Washington Harbor on a bright day with a blue sky, with shells scooting and flags flying; sullen is not the right word. But yes, untamed and intractable. And god-like is not far off the mark.

—Edith Schafer

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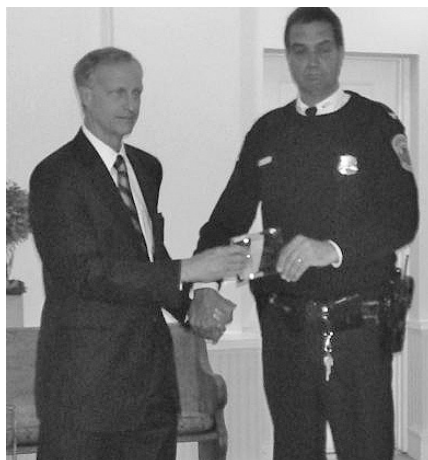
Awards Presented and Officers Elected at May Meeting

The May 12th CAG meeting featured the presentation of awards, the election of officers, and remarks by Councilmember Jack Evans. The official program was preceded by the Treasurer's report, several committee briefings, and the "What's on your mind" session.

CAG Treasurer Bob Laycock provided the organization's financial overview status, saying "CAG is in good health, with good cash reserves" and he offered to answer any questions at the close of the meeting.

CAG historic preservation & zoning committee chair, Barbara Zartman, gave a summary of the working groups that comprise the DC zoning rewrite. The groups have been working for six months, and will continue for another eighteen months, to help determine what can be built in commercial and residential neighborhoods. Visit www.dczoningupdate.org for more information.

The "What's on your mind" session yielded questions about the opening of the Waterfront Park; the next public meeting regarding the library (May 15 at St. John's Church) and progress on the interim library (it will be in the old Staples



DC Councilman Jack Evans congratulates Field Commander Solberg on his award from CAG.

space on M Street); the removal of a US Postal Service mailbox at 33rd and O Streets. Hazel Denton spoke about the Transportation Study, reminding everyone it is a "study" at this point, and asked residents to look at the proposals in context, as part of a whole package to improve traffic flow in Georgetown. She encouraged attendance at the next Transportation Study public meeting, saying the more community input the better. Visit www.georgetown-transportationstudy.com for more information. Denise noted the important role of community involvement in keeping the Circulator buses operating on Wisconsin Avenue.

Nominating committee chair, Diane Colasanto presented the new slate of officers: President — Denise Cunningham; First Vice President — Rob Housman; Second Vice President — Jennifer Altemus; Third Vice President — Brenda Moorman; Secretary — Tara Scopelliti; Treasurer — Bob Laycock; and two of the Directors — Louise Brodnitz and Hazel Denton. The slate was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Denise announced the resignation of two board members: Victoria Rixey and Seth Kirshenberg, expressing gratitude for their fine

work on the board. Denise said she was "honored and privileged to work with the current board," calling them very hard working.

DC Councilman Jack Evans assisted Denise in presenting the annual CAG awards for significant contribution to the community. Mary Oehrlein, one of the country's most respected preservation architects, received an appreciation award for her "dedicated service to historic Georgetown as Chairperson of the Old Georgetown Board (OGB)." Denise commended Mary for her extensive volunteer work as OGB chair, reviewing "thousands of projects large and small." As chair of the OGB for the past 12 years, Mary said she had three goals: "The Georgetown National Historic Landmark District should receive the same or higher level of review as the other historic districts in DC; preservation of the historic fabric of the buildings in Georgetown should be the first and highest priority; and design for alterations and additions to the historic district should be compatible with the character of the historic district." She told the audience she hopes her colleagues will continue the good work of preservation, and if they don't, she urged the audience to remind them.

MPD Commander Andrew Solberg accepted an appreciation award for "dedicated and distinguished service to the Georgetown community." Denise called the award "bittersweet" as Solberg has recently been reassigned as a Field Commander, which gives the whole of DC the benefit of his expertise. A member of MPD for 22 years, Solberg worked his way up through the ranks and served in almost all the police districts in DC. He was promoted to the rank of Commander, and assigned to our district in 2006.

The Charles Atherton Award for "exceptional service by a public sector official" was presented to David



Charles Atherton Award recipient David Maloney with (left to right) Denise, CAG awardee Mary Oehrlein and Barbara Zartman.



Denise presents Belin Award to John Dreyfuss.



Denise with Cochran Award recipient Anne Lewis.

Maloney, who has more than 25 years of experience in historic preservation, planning and design in DC. He joined the Historic Preservation Office in 1985, and became State Historic Preservation Officer this past October. His involvement covers all aspects of the preservation program, with lead responsibility for planning and review of major commercial and government projects downtown, including the Mall area. David Maloney acknowledged the important contributions of his fellow awardees and longtime colleagues, Anne Lewis and Mary Oehrlein. He said Mary “knows how to tell people what they don’t want to hear in a wonderful way.” David told the audience how he referenced the writings of the late Charles Atherton on Meridian Hill

and Embassy Row when he was working on the Italian Embassy issue. He also saluted DC Historic Preservation Office staff member and previous Atherton award winner Tim Dennee, who was in the audience.

Anne Lewis accepted the William A. Cochran Award for “exceptional efforts to protect and enhance the community’s parkland and architectural resources” for her outstanding work with the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). Anne has lived in Georgetown since the 1970s, practicing architecture here for over three decades with an “emphasis on historically sensitive design.” Denise noted that Anne “has devoted much time to community and public service. She is known for being able to creatively and sensitively blend historic preservation principles with the needs for growth and modernization.” Anne thanked CAG for the “wonderful honor” and spoke about the importance of community input at HPRB, urging the audience to “get involved, as it makes a tremendous difference.”

CAG presented the Belin Award for “distinguished service to the Georgetown community” to sculptor John Dreyfuss for his continuing efforts in preserving and maintaining historic Georgetown. John is known for his monumental works of art that “marries classic art and 21st century technology.” Schooled as an architect, John was honored for rescuing and renovating Halcyon House on Prospect Street, a property he opens frequently to community organizations. Additionally, he donates time and his truck during CAG’s Clean Up Day. On Prospect Street throughout the year, he picks up trash, and sweeps the sidewalks and streets. John spoke about how pleased he was to be part of the warm Georgetown community, and

accepted the award “on behalf of this great family and Prospect Street.”

Jack Evans addressed the meeting and saluted the awardees. He credited the Mayor on the DC budget, noting that DC is doing quite well, as “one of the only cities not affected by the recession.” Councilman Evans called DC the “most fiscally responsible city in the region,” noting the \$1.5 billion budget shortfall in Maryland and the \$1 billion budget shortfall in Virginia. He believes the biggest problem facing the city is the school system, with the problem of crime directly related to lack of education and lack of opportunity. He noted that the Waterfront Park has received the money for completion and the Circulator bus route will stay as is. Evans has been speaking with DC Chief Librarian Ginnie Cooper about moving the library renovation process forward at a faster pace. Regarding those who “wax nostalgic for the golden years of Georgetown,” Jack said the “golden years are now.” He urged everyone to vote in the September 9th election. Questions and comments from the floor included the firing of the principal at the Oyster School; repair of Klinge Road and the importance of community input in Council decisions. Jack said we need to expand mass transit, but does not think a metro stop in Georgetown will happen “anytime soon.” Jack was alerted to fire hydrants being out of order for a long period of time on 30th near Dent and Avon. Other comments covered property tax relief and streetcleaning.

Denise closed the meeting, urging everyone to attend the CAG summer concerts in May, June and July.

—Tara Scopelliti
Secretary

Concerts in the Park

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although many people set up their chairs and blankets earlier. On June 22 the Billy Coulter Band (www.bil-coulter.com) entertains with rock 'n roll that will remind you of Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Mott the Hoople and Squeeze (something for everyone!), all fashioned into an intriguing new sound by talented writer and producer, Coulter. According to Concerts committee member Pete Eisler (an accomplished musician himself), Coulter and his players "will wow the crowd!" You can catch this Wammy-winning musician at The Birchmere ... or ... come hear him at the free CAG Concert!

Citizens Association of Georgetown Concerts in the Parks



The first 50 families/groups at the CAG Concerts will receive this bright green reusable shopping bag with the CAG Concerts logo.

On July 13, the Image Band — back by popular demand — will unleash the harmonious vocals and dynamic rhythms of their fabulous Caribbean/Reggae music. Last year, a record-breaking crowd of 450 Georgetowners enjoyed the infectious sounds of Reggae and Clown Judy led a conga dance line across the grass. Check them out at www.imageband.com

While visiting with friends, swaying to the beat, and enjoying ice cream cones courtesy of Haagen Dazs, you can also test your luck by



Singer Patty Reese brought crowd to their feet with the Star Spangled Banner.

purchasing chances to win a **\$1500 Georgetown Dining Extravaganza Raffle**: a cocktail party for 15 by Quite a Stir Caterers; dinner for four at Mendocino Grille; a three-course dinner for two at Seasons Restaurant in the Four Seasons Hotel; and a \$150 gift certificate from Café Milano. Put together by Concerts Co-Chairs Elizabeth Miller and Jennifer Altemus, raffle tickets are a bargain at \$5 each.

New this year is an option to purchase pre-order picnics from the Griffin Market. The market is offering two choices of a three-course picnic supper, a children's meal, and



Nancy Taylor-Bubes (on left) and Constance Chatfield-Taylor scoop ice cream.

an antipasto selection, to be picked up on your way to the park. See menu choices below.

CAG salutes all the generous corporate and private supporters including: Capital Restaurant Concepts, Clyde's, Eastbanc, Friends of Rose Park, Friends of Volta Park, Garrett's, Georgetown University Hospital, the *Georgetown Current* and the *Georgetownner*, Long & Foster Georgetown, Martin's Tavern, Sassanova, Jean Smith, Nancy Taylor Bubes (who gives away concert T-shirts, hot dogs or frisbees) and Washington Fine Properties.



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\$36 per antipasti misti for four adults

Griffin Market, 28th & P Streets (965-1222), is open 7 days a week; from 9 – 9 Monday through Saturday, and 9 – 8 on Sundays.

Georgetown Waterfront Park

As construction and landscaping crews worked to finish the western portion of the new Georgetown Waterfront Park, the Department of the Interior

announced that a \$4.5 million Centennial Challenge grant had been awarded for construction of the Park, extending from Washington Harbour to a central plaza at the foot of Wisconsin Avenue.

Phase I of the Park, starting at 34th Street and stretching east to Wisconsin Avenue, is close to completion and will open to the public this summer. The \$4.5 million matches a \$3.5 million grant from the District of Columbia government and \$1 million from private sources.

Phase 2 will include a central plaza with a shallow fountain con-

sisting of water flowing over natural paving stones. A vine covered trellis will provide shade for the area. On the river bank, generously proportioned stairs will provide seating for spectators of high school and college regattas as well as for visitors enjoying the Park.

The National Park Service Centennial Challenge is a ten year initiative to mark the 100th anniversary of the National Park system in 2016. Out of \$24 million appropriated by Congress this year, the Georgetown Waterfront Park received the single largest grant.

When completed, the ten acre Park, extending from Washington Harbour to Key Bridge, will create the final link in the 225 miles of parkland along the Potomac River from Mt. Vernon, Virginia to Cumberland, Maryland. The Waterfront Park is also the largest new park created in the District of Columbia since Constitution Gardens was dedicated in 1976.

—Walter Groszyk and
Barbara Downs



The fundraising "thermometer" is painted in full to celebrate full funding for completion of construction of the Georgetown Waterfront Park. Pictured are (left to right): John Parsons, Adrienne Coleman, Jonda McFarlane, Bill Starrels, Bob vom Eigen, Barbara Downs, Ann Satterthwaite, DC Councilman Jack Evans, Grace Bateman, Corinne Bronfman, Robin Gilbert, Roger Stone.

Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collections

The District will open its first permanent free, weekly Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and electronic recycling (e-cycling) drop-off site at the Benning Road Trash Transfer Station, 3200 Benning Road, NE, on Saturday, May 17. The District will also offer the first permanent weekly document shredding service at the same location beginning Saturday, May 24.

All electronics will be broken down into parts and recycled or disposed of safely. Computers and hard drives will be wiped clean three times using US Department of Defense high-level security wiping procedures. Acceptable hazardous waste items include leftover cleaning and gardening chemicals, small quantities of gasoline, pesticides and

poisons, mercury thermometers, paint, solvents, spent batteries of all kinds, antifreeze, chemistry sets, automotive fluids, and asbestos tiles. Unacceptable items include ammunition, bulk trash, wooden TV consoles, propane tanks, microwave ovens, air conditioners and other appliances.

The Benning Road Trash Transfer Station will be open every Saturday, excluding holidays, from 8 am to 3



DPW crew helps at successful April 26 CAG hazmat pick up.

pm. For more information visit DPW's website at www.dpw.dc.gov or call 311.

Georgetown Transportation Study Update

In May of last year, at the initiative of DDOT, it was announced that HNTB Corporation would conduct a transportation study of the Georgetown area. The purpose of the study is to investigate possible transportation management improvements with the goal of easing the flow of traffic on the main arteries, reducing the flow of traffic through the residential areas, and improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Over the past year, the consultants have reviewed past documentation, collected information on the number of vehicles that travel the streets of Georgetown, the times of day they travel, the number of pedestrians and bicycles, and how land uses affect travel. Throughout

the process, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of community stakeholders has been briefed on the progress and findings of the consultants. CAG is represented on this Committee by Hazel Denton, along with ANC2E Commissioners Ron Lewis and Bill Starrels.

Following public meetings and the receipt of over 600 comments, the consultants have now drafted a series of proposals for consideration by the community: short- medium- and long-term. These were presented to residents at the third meeting, on April 23, 2008. The proposals range through signage, lane adjustments, traffic light timings, location of bike paths, sidewalks, speed bumps, bus bulb-outs, and the direction of traffic flows. Some of the proposals

encompass a package of changes (as a modification in one area — such as a proposed change in direction of traffic flow — often relates to proposed changes in another). Some of these modifications are receiving extensive discussion by residents, which is most helpful to the consultants and DDOT.

At this stage, it must be emphasized that these are initial drafts of consultants' proposals, and there is no indication of which — if any — proposals will be taken further by the consultants or by DDOT. The TAC will be maintaining close contact with DDOT to ensure that the views of the community are heard. Should DDOT begin to take any of the more controversial ideas under serious consideration, residents would have the opportunity to comment and influence the issues at that time.

Residents are encouraged to look at the proposals which can be found on the website (www.georgetown-transportationstudy.com), and provide comments electronically (comments@georgetowntransportationstudy.com) or by mail (the addresses for DDOT and the consultants are on the website). Your views are important — do plan to attend the next public meeting, tentatively scheduled for July.

—Hazel Denton
Chair, CAG Transportation
Committee



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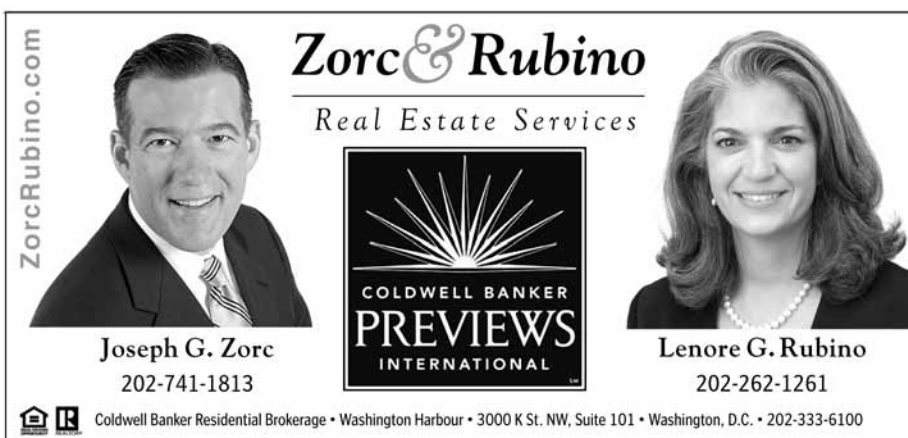
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What's Happening at Hyde and Addison Schools?

A bright new mural on a plywood wall signals a new era for the two school buildings. Behind the wall, changes are being made to the old (circa-1885) Addison School, which was closed in 1942. According to Hyde School Principal Dana Nerenberg, Hyde

Elementary will expand to include 70 students with learning disabilities, and the two buildings – Hyde and Addison – will form a single school starting in the fall of 2009.

By the beginning of school this fall, Hyde's blacktop playground will be repaved with a safety materi-

al, the grassy area next to Addison will feature an amphitheater, a new fence will enclose the expanded play area, and most of

the sidewalk in front of the school will be made brick. By the following year, the drop-off/pick-up route will go through the school grounds from P Street to O Street, instead of taking up street space. Renovation plans for Addison include a multi-purpose room, and enough new classrooms to double the number of Pre-K to Grade 5 classes (Hyde currently has one classroom per grade).

Significantly, as Hyde School turns a new page, a recently published 100th anniversary book, *Hyde: A Centennial Celebration 1907 – 2007*, recaps the school's past. Full of fascinating anecdotes and photos, the extensively-researched book is available for \$20 at the school (282-0170).

—Louise Brodnitz



The colorful mural at the Hyde School playground behind Addison School which is undergoing major renovations.

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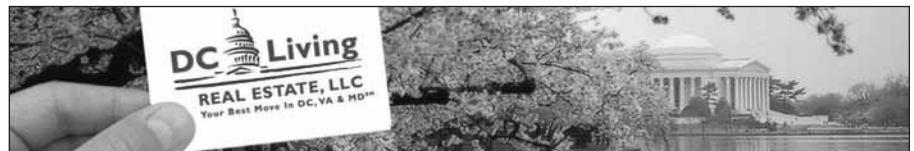
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 Chadwicks (3205 K St.): half price entrée with purchase of entrée of equal or greater value;
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 Clyde's of Georgetown (3236 M St.): complimentary crab & artichoke dip;
 English Rose Garden (3209 O St.): 10 % off regularly priced items;
 Garrett's Restaurant & Tavern (3003 M St.): second entree half off with purchase of first;
 GChris Sculpture Studio/Gallery www.GChris.com.: 15% discount;
 Georgetown Café (1623 Wisc. Ave.): 10% discount;
 Georgetown Wine & Spirits (2701 P Street): 10% discount; free delivery w/ \$50 purchase

Georgetown Yoga: \$5 off first class;
 Haagen-Dazs (3120 M St.): 20% on ice cream;
 Hugo Boss (1517 Wisc. Ave.): 20% discount on regular price suits;
 Jaryam (1631 Wisc. Ave.): 10% discount;
 Just Paper (3232 P St.): 10% on personalized stationary;
 Mie N Yu (3125 M St.): complimentary dessert with brunch or lunch;
 Mendocino Grille (2917 M St): 15% discount;
 Red Ginger Bistro (1564 Wisc.Ave): free dessert with lunch or appetizer with dinner;
 Sands of Time Antiquities (3003 P St.): 10% discount;
 Sassanova (1641 Wisc. Ave.): 10% discount;
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Sugar (1633 Wisc. Ave.): 15% discount;
 Susquehanna Antique Co. (3216 O St.): 10% discount;
 Tabar Boutique (1624 Wisc. Ave. 298-6363): 15% discount;
 The Old Print Gallery (1220 31st St.): 10% discount;
 The Georgetown Pet Gallery (3204 O St): 15 % discount;
 The Phoenix (1514 Wisc. Ave.): 10% discount on jewelry;
 Tudor Place Gift Shop (1644 31st St.): 10% discount;
 Washington Walks (www.washingtonwalks.com): half price on any walking tour;
 W. T. Weaver & Sons Hardware (1208 Wisc. Ave. 2nd Floor): 15% discount;
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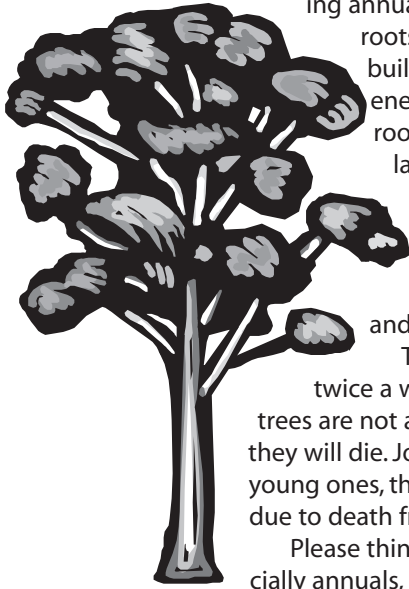
Check out childrens' Playtime in the Garden at **Proper Topper**, 3213 P Street from 10:30 to 11:30 Saturday mornings beginning June 7....Manhattan Grill Restaurant has been replaced by the Spanish-themed tapas restaurant, **Bodega** on the 3100 block of M Street.....New clothing store, **Karen Millen** is opening on Wisconsin between M and N Streets.....and **Yves Delorme** is coming to Cady's Alley.

On Sunday June 22nd, **ILO Salon & Spa** at 1637 Wisconsin Avenue will be OPEN for appointments — raising funds to contribute to Cynthia DeLoria and her husband, Carlos's, growing medical bills. Carlos was struck by a car and needs extensive surgery/physical therapy on his legs. Cynthia has been a nail/wax technician for over 25 years and is well known in Georgetown. Show your support by booking your appointment (call 342-0350), and sharing this fundraising event with your friends and neighbors. 100% OF ALL PROCEEDS will go to the DeLorias.

No No's for Tree Boxes

During a recent meeting with John Thomas, Associate Director of the DC Urban Forestry Administration, John reminded me of the following which I would like to share with you.

Planting annuals in a tree box means almost certain death for our street trees. Planting anything in a tree box not only disturbs tree roots but also steals air, water and nutrients from the tree — as well as room to grow. Planting annuals is particularly troublesome as tree



roots are continuously severed and soil builds up in the tree box, with the tree's energy going to the formation of surface roots rather than to strengthening the large, deep roots which stabilize the tree.

To keep annuals alive and fresh, especially in the summer, they are watered often, sometimes daily, which leads to an almost constantly wet (tree) root ball and box.

Trees need deep, slow waterings once or twice a week, with time in between to dry out. If trees are not allowed to dry out between waterings, they will die. John recounted the many trees, especially young ones, that had already been removed this year due to death from over/improper watering.

Please think twice before adding plantings, especially annuals, to our tree boxes!

Also, dog urine is very caustic to both the bark and roots of a tree and as it accumulates in a tree box, it will often kill a tree. It is unlawful to leave dog waste in tree boxes/on public property — a \$50 fine if caught.

— Betsy Emes, Chair
Trees for Georgetown Committee

DC Bicycle Registration Law to be Discontinued Bicyclists Encouraged to Register with National Bike Registry

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) announce a major change in DC bicycle registration law.

Beginning June 1, 2008 bicycle registration is no longer required by law in the District of Columbia. Subsequently, registration will no longer be available at any District police or fire station as of this date.

DDOT and MPD now encourage citizens to register their bicycles with the National Bicycle Registry (NBR). NBR is a service that allows users to register their bicycle by serial number in a national database.

Accessible by law enforcement anywhere in the United States, NBR makes it easier and faster for police officers to identify and prove ownership of stolen bicycles and return them to their rightful owners.

To register a bicycle with NBR residents may do any of the following:

- purchase a NBR registration kit for \$10 at area bicycle shops
- register bikes and find additional information online at: www.nationalbikeregistry.com
- call 1-800-848-BIKE

For additional information contact DDOT's Bicycle Program Office at 202-671-0681.

Did you know bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles – including observance of stop lights and stop signs? Visit www.ddot.dc.gov to download the "Safe Streets – It's Everyone's Job" brochure with important information.

Also visit the Washington Area Bicyclist Association website at www.waba.org for more information.

You'll Hear it on the Grapevine...

When You Sign up for CAG's Listserv: GeorgetownForum

The GeorgetownForum listserv is an online community bulletin board open to CAG members and non-members alike. Using e-mail, people who have signed onto the GeorgetownForum listserv, seek and exchange information on safety, local events, local businesses and services, and items of importance to the neighborhood. The exchanges are moderated, so only relevant messages are sent to the entire listserv community. Up and running for 14 months, over 470 Georgetowners are now participating.

Get lots of news and interesting tidbits early and often by joining at www.georgetownforum.com and just follow the easy sign-up instructions. You can also access instructions through the CAG website: www.cagtow.org.

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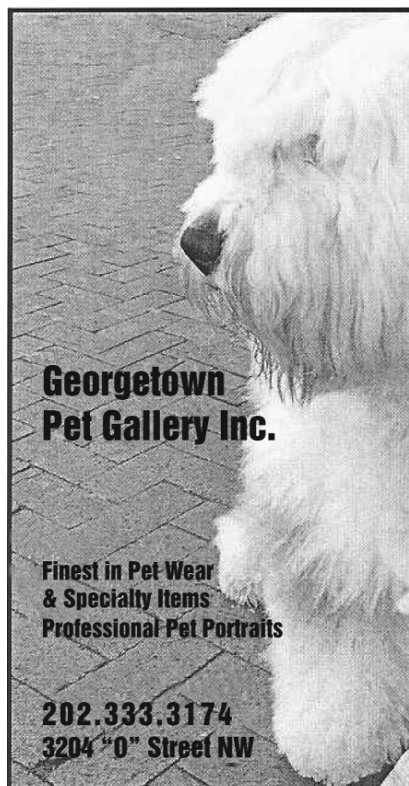
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Sun. June 22	FREE CAG Concert in the Park featuring the Billy Coulter Band; 5 pm; Rose Park, 26th and P Streets. (Raindate: June 29).
Tues. June 24	Nathans Community Lunch featuring Ted Sorensen; Noon; call 338-2000 for reservations.
Tues. June 24	Dumbarton House Chamber Music Concert Series starring the Friday Morning Music Club; 7:30 – 9 pm; 2715 Q Street, NW; free admission; call 337-2288 ext. 450 for reservations.
Sat. June 28	Fifth Annual Doggie Parade with prizes given to the dogs for best costume, best smile, best trick, etc.; 10 am; Book Hill section of Wisconsin Avenue (between Q & R Streets); free to the public.
Tues. July 1	Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2E Public Meeting; 6:30 pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; (agenda available at www.anc2E.com); call 338-7427 for more information.
Sat. July 12	Partnership for Problem Solving (PPS) Meeting Sponsored by the Metropolitan Police Department to discuss community issues at 10:30 am; MPD 2nd District, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW.
Sun. July 13	FREE CAG Concert in the Park featuring the Image Band; 5 pm; Volta Park, 34th and Q Streets. (Raindate: July 20).
Sat. Aug. 9	Partnership for Problem Solving (PPS) Meeting Sponsored by the Metropolitan Police Department to discuss community issues at 10:30 am; MPD 2nd District, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW.
Tues. Sept. 2	Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2E Public Meeting; 6:30 pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; (agenda available at www.anc2E.com); call 338-7427 for more information.

Save the Date...the CAG Gala will be an elegant Black & White Masked Ball on Friday, October 3.