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## CAG Concerts in the Parks—9th Season!

*Mad Science and Games with Dads Sunday, June 19th*

*Independence Day Parade Monday, July 4th*

**S**unday afternoons in Georgetown keep getting better during the 9th season of CAG's Concerts in the Parks series. The May 22 concert in Volta Park was the biggest turnout ever—over 400 neighbors came to hear the country rock vocals of Rebecca McCabe and special guest performer, CBS's Bob Schieffer. The next two concerts will be in Rose Park (26th & P Streets) on Sunday, June 19 and Monday, July 4.

The "Rockin' 'n Green" May concert featured a yoga session for parents and kids led by Lil Omm yoga, seedling planters for kids to decorate, Sprinkles cupcakes for people and dogs alike, contests with great prizes—an



**Rebecca McCabe and Bob Schieffer sing on stage**



**Teddy Berman goes for a Sprinkles cupcake**

amazing t-shirt decorating contest and a Lego building contest, and a special appearance by a lobster roll truck. Decked out in

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## Public Safety Block Captain Network Expands

**C**AG is in the midst of a major expansion of the Public Safety Block Captain program: we have added eighteen new block captains in the past month and four others have taken on coverage of an additional block [see the blocks marked "NEW" in the accompanying list]. For the first time, more than half of Georgetown's almost 150 residential blocks are served by a block captain. CAG's goal is to expand the program so every resi-



**Front row (l-r): Bev Casserly, Helen Darling, Jay Sumner, Catherine Snowden, (seated): Sara Carroll, Ray Kukulski, Ellie Budick, Bill McNamara, Helen Kaper, Charles Silverman, Marcia Carter; (standing): MPD Lt. John Hedgecock, CAG Guard Tesfaye Terefe, Karen Morrison, Clarisa Ringlien, CAG Guard Donovan Carmichael, Jonathan Goldblatt, Sara Mashek, Block Captain Coordinator Diane Colasanto, Perry Trimble, Debra Abell, Judith Bunnell. At the meeting but not in photo: Constance Chatfield-Taylor and Shannon Pryor.**

dent who wants access to public safety information has it immediately at their fingertips.

Block captains act as "crime communication central" for their close-by neighbors. They each assemble a contact list for all the households on their block and forward information about public safety and community well-being to the residents who agree to be contacted. The information about crime and community issues is pro-

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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

**T**he Zoning Commission heard from the community at the last two hearings on the GU Campus Plan on June 2 and 6. The testimony was compelling. Over 30 individuals from Georgetown, Burleith, and Foxhall made the trek down to Judiciary Square to share their experiences as neighbors of the University. Some of the presentations were heart wrenching, others were galling, all were persuasive. The five commissioners were definitely paying attention. The witnesses were extremely well prepared and did a superb job explaining the negative impacts GU is having on their daily lives. These are busy people who took hours out of their schedules to ensure that those ruling on this plan understand the reality of the situation.

Georgetowners who testified in opposition to the GU Campus Plan included Victoria Rixey, Lee Child, Karen Cruse, Ken Archer, Ann vom Eigen, Stephanie Knight, Walter Parrs, Marie-Louise Caravatti, Brenda Moorman, and Eugenia Kemble. Many, many others submitted letters to the Zoning Commission. A special thanks to Ken Archer, Bonnie Hardy and Betsy Cooley for helping shepherd people through the often confusing process and to Luca Pivato and Richard Hinds who spent hours preparing CAG's case.

It is important that the Commission realizes that the opposition to the Campus Plan is well founded; we are not rabid neighborhood activists protesting for protest sake. The GU Plan has the capacity to forever change the character of our communities. **The record is open until June 20 so it is still possible to make your views known by submitting a written statement.** Our website has details on how to do this [www.cagtown.org](http://www.cagtown.org).



**Neighbors testify in opposition to the GU plan, Janice Sims, Aaron Kohn, Ornelle Napolitano, Bonnie Hardy, Walter Parrs and Glen Harrison**

The final hearing date is June 20 and will focus on traffic issues. DDOT will give their take on the impact the plan will have on the city. CAG will have the opportunity to question GU's experts and submit testimony from our own traffic experts. Then the University gets



**Jennifer Altemus presents CAG testimony at Zoning Commission hearing**

the last word with their rebuttal and the case goes to the commission who will decide to either accept, reject or accept with conditions GU's 2010 Campus Plan. I hope they are able to help us and save our community.

If you missed the May 22nd **Concerts in the Parks**, don't despair. This year's committee, co-chaired by Elizabeth Miller and Renee Esfandiary Crupi, has two more planned for us. On Father's Day, June 19, Wes Tucker & the Skilletts will rock Rose Park. You won't want to miss their funk inspired foot-stompers and soulful ballads. We'll have super fun kids' activities with a cool construction theme and, of course, the annual Dance with Dad.

**The third concert is on the Fourth of July in Rose Park** featuring The Image Band, a reggae group that has been a Concerts staple over the years—we LOVE them. Come to the Basketball Courts at 4:00pm for the 4th of July parade. Decorate your wagon, tricycle, bicycle, stroller, pooch, kids, grandkids, and friends and join us for this patriotic extravaganza!

The amount of work that goes into putting these concerts together is enormous. The Board and I extend a huge **THANK YOU** to the Concerts Committee for all of their efforts.

I'd also like to thank all of our sponsors: Sprinkles, Nancy Taylor Bubes at Washington Fine Properties, TTR Sotheby's, the Clydes Group, Georgetown Floorcoverings, GU Hospital, Friends of Rose Park, Friend of Volta Park, The Georgetown Current, and The Georgetown Dish. Although these concerts are free to the public they cost quite a bit to produce and we couldn't do it without their help.

The **Friends of the Georgetown Library** are actively seeking volunteers to help with their various projects. If you are interested in helping with children's activities, book sales, art donations, or landscaping give us a call at the CAG office and we will put you in touch with the Friends board. It's so exciting that we have such an incredible local library let's do all we can to make it work for us.

See you at the concerts and have a happy summer!

—Jennifer Altemus

## ASPECTS OF GEORGETOWN

## The Things We Care About

When I was maybe 12 or 13 my school showed a movie on birds. I fell in love. The other girls in my class were discovering boys. Not me, not then, I fell for birds. I was hooked and have remained so ever since. It has been a total life-enhancer, as anyone who is into it would know. It has its downside, but then most things do.

My kitchen has an abundance of glass doors. One morning a few weeks ago I went into the kitchen and immediately noticed a small brown bird lying dead on the deck. This in spite of the doors being festooned with menacing large diving hawk silhouettes and other devices suppose to prevent this kind of thing from happening. It was some kind of a thrush, it could have been a veery, although this species has been sadly depleted and is scarce now, or it could have been a hermit thrush. In either case it was beyond painful to find this sweet singer of the northern woods dead on my deck. I told you there was a downside.

There is more to this story. A few days later there was an article in the paper about a group called Lights Out DC. And then I was reminded that I already knew about this group from talking with Anne Lewis last year at the Jackson School Open Studios — about the work she and others do rescuing, in so far as it is possi-

ble, the thousands of migrating birds that crash into the lighted windows of office buildings in the spring.

Songbirds migrate at night, they get tired out, and they become disoriented by the lights. In this city volunteers from Lights Out arrive at Union Station around 5:30 a.m. They are armed with nets and bags, and they pick up from the sidewalks and plazas the birds that are still alive-stunned but alive—they hydrate them and they keep them, sometimes half an hour, sometimes a day. Then they release them and most of them survive. Of the 124 picked up at this time last year 35 were alive.

Songbirds are in decline everywhere. Between a half a billion and a billion are killed every year in man-made collisions. Lights Out wants to gather evidence to mount a campaign against corporations who leave the lights on all night. The Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building downtown is a recent and much appreciated convert to this cause. It used to keep its lights on all night, and converging planes on the surface of the building funneled birds into the glass at the entrance. This building (which is administered by the Architect of the Capitol office) has now turned out its atrium lights. The result: fewer birds found on the ground so far this year!

Lights Out is now in 15 cities in the U.S. and Toronto. More effective devices are now coming on the market for alerting birds to glass hazards. An ultra violet vein pattern in windows is available that can be seen by birds but not by humans. Migration is built into bird species; caged birds show restlessness at the time of year their fellows are getting on their way. This “furious northern urge” is another of the underlying rhythms and mysteries that shape and enrich our lives.

But this is not just about the loss of our much-loved wild heritage, so painful to many of us. It’s also about people who are willing to stand up and make an effort to slow the devastation and ameliorate the problem of our losses. Our fellow Georgetown, Anne Lewis, is such a person. An architect and a botanical painter, you could say that she is now working to save birdsong in our world. That seems to me a life purpose of which one can be decidedly proud. We need more like her.

Bear in mind Dumbarton Oaks Park is full of birds beyond crows and robins. And the traveling singers will be back in the fall, probably not singing so much then, but well worth discovering.

—Edith Schafer

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**Jennifer Altemus, Elizabeth Miller with daughter Agnes and Renee Esfandiary with daughter Alexis.**



**Bob Schieffer and Andrew Bubes help pick the best decorated t-shirt**



**Arts and crafts table**

**Katelyn Strike with CBS's Face the Nation Bob Schieffer**



**Olivia and Penelope Jia model their t-shirts**



**Kids join McCabe and Schieffer on stage to sing a Taylor Swift song**



**Sprinkles Cupcakes even had treats for dogs—Betty Van Iersal's dog Chloe was interested!**

cowboy hats and boots, Rebecca McCabe and Bob Schieffer got the whole crowd involved singing country hits—with lots of kids on stage for several numbers.

Celebrate Fathers Day at the June 19 concert in Rose Park (26th & P Streets). Starting at 4:30 there will be construction hats to decorate and a construction vehicle to climb on—and if you guess how much the vehicle weighs, you'll win a prize! There

will be Mad Science experiments—slime, anyone? The concert begins at 5pm featuring the R&B music of *Wes Tucker and the Skilletts*. Our lead sponsor, Sprinkles, will again provide cupcakes, Jetties will be offering sandwiches, and Häagen Dazs will be scooping ice cream cones. The concert's intermission will feature a three-legged race, Father-Child dance, and egg relays—with prizes for the winners courtesy of

Vineyard Vines, Sherman Pickey, and J. McLaughlin.

The popular Fourth of July parade and concert will be Monday, July 4th—this year at Rose Park (26th & P Streets). Meet at the basketball courts at 4 pm to decorate bikes, strollers, scooters, and your pups in red, white, and blue garb and parade around the neighborhood. There will be a prize for the most patriotic. The concert begins at 5pm with the popular

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MJ and Annie Lou Berman collect supplies for BabyLove DC Trish Yan and crew at the popular Sno Cone machine

Image Band's reggae sounds. Games in the afternoon include a pie eating contest and an East Side vs. West Side tug-of-war. Sprinkles Cupcakes and Häagen Dazs ice cream will be there so all concert-goers will be sure to enjoy a red, white, and blue day!

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**Public Safety Block Captain Network Expands** *continued from cover*

vided to each block captain by the coordinators of the program, Diane Colasanto, Helen Darling, and Bev Casserly. The coordinators continuously monitor the crime reports and alerts issued by the MPD and Department of Public Works, and gather additional information about incidents from the police when needed. They email summaries to the block captains to share with people on their block. Captains also report back to CAG about problems on their block needing attention.

Twenty-two of the sixty-nine active block captains attended a lively and informative meeting at Helen Darling’s home on May 25 to discuss crime and safety and talk with CAG Guards Tesfaye Terefe and Donovan Carmichael. Experienced captains shared know-how with new recruits and a detailed block captain guide was provided. Lt. John Hedgecock, the head of Georgetown’s Police Service Area (PSA 206), also spoke, answered questions, and

distributed the latest crime statistics. The good news is that violent crime is down 46% over the comparable period last year. The bad news, reflecting a trend apparent city-wide, is that property crimes are up 21%. Burglaries, in particular, *doubled from 24 in 2010 through May 24th to 49 in 2011 over the same period*. Lt. Hedgecock urged the block captains to help bring these burglary numbers down by getting the word out to all residents about the importance of securing your home. Many recent burglaries occurred in homes where a door or window was left unlocked. Block captains can also make sure that residents know to pay attention to the comings and goings in the neighborhood and to call 911 when they see something or someone that looks suspicious.

Check the block captain list below to note your block’s captain. If you haven’t heard from him or her in a while, get in touch and make sure

your block captain has your email address. If your block is not listed here, then your block doesn’t have a block captain, so please consider volunteering yourself. Contact Betsy Cooley at the CAG office (337-7313) or send an email to Diane Colasanto at dcolasanto@gmail.com.

The Block Captain Program is only one element in CAG’s Public Safety Program—it also includes guards and patrol cars from Securitas, extra weekend police patrols paid by CAG, and strong advocacy with the police department. The program is entirely funded by donations and CAG’s fundraising efforts are ongoing. All donations are tax deductible. If you haven’t yet donated to the program, visit the CAG website today at [www.cagtown.org/guard.html](http://www.cagtown.org/guard.html) to contribute.

—Diane Colasanto  
*Block Captain Coordinator*

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Since we acknowledged Public Safety donations in the May newsletter, we have received donations from the following people. (We also missed a few donors in the earlier list.) We urge everyone else to contribute soon —detailed information is on our website, [www.cagtown.org](http://www.cagtown.org), and you can also donate there. Or simply send your check to CAG made out to CAG Public Safety. **All donations are tax deductible.** Many thanks to the following supporters:

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## Dumbarton House Hosts CAG Annual Meeting

**D**irector of historic Dumbarton House, Karen Daly, graciously welcomed people to the May 17 CAG meeting. Safeway Catering generously provided a beautiful buffet hors d'oeuvres and wine.

Nominations committee member, Diane Colasanto, presented the slate of officers who were unanimously elected: Jennifer Altemus, President; Luca Pivato, Vice President; Topher Matthews, Secretary; Bob Laycock, Treasurer; and Directors Diane Colasanto, Hazel Denton, Brad Gray, and Pamla Moore. Treasurer Bob Laycock presented the annual financial report.

Councilmember Jack Evans talked about important developments in the DC council and the Mayor's office affecting Georgetown and then joined CAG President Jennifer Altemus in presenting CAG's annual awards.

The William A. Cochran Award which recognizes exceptional efforts to protect and enhance the community's parkland was presented to Brenda Moorman. Brenda served as the chair of CAG's Beautification committee and organized fall and spring community clean-up days as well as spearheaded the rat abatement program. She also enhanced public awareness and enforcement of recycling and trash regulations.

The Charles Atherton Award was presented to Toni Cherry for "exceptional service by a public-sector professional for outstanding work preserving and protecting historic Georgetown." Toni is the senior inspector at the DC State Historic Preservation office and is the go-to person providing residents with immediate assistance regarding preservation procedures and violations.



**(l-r) John Hays, Jack Evans, Sharon Hays, Samantha Hays, Toni Cherry, Brenda Moorman, Officer Mark Lee, Jennifer Altemus, and Brian Armstrong—General Manager of the George Town Club.**

The Hays family, owners of The Phoenix, was presented with the Martin-Davidson Award honoring a local business for staying true to the character of Georgetown. The Phoenix is a three generation family owned shop and the oldest retail store in Georgetown.

A special award was presented to MPD Officer Mark Lee for distinguished service to the Georgetown community. Officer Lee has spent his ten years as a police officer patrolling the streets of Georgetown and making every effort to keep Georgetown safe. A second special award, The Ratatouille Award, was presented to The George Town Club for effective management of a successful rodent abatement program.



**Brenda Moorman with husband Jim and daughter Beth**



**Tim Dennee with Toni Cherry and Jack Evans**



**The Hays Family—Samantha, Sharon and John—receives the Martin Davidson Award**



**Officer Lee receives special award for service**

## Get the Instant Skinny on Georgetown

If you are not yet one of the 1,200 plus members of CAG's **GeorgetownForum** listserv, signing up for the Forum is easy to do. The GeorgetownForum is a great way to discuss common interests, and, similar to a community bulletin board, identify and recommend businesses and services for Georgetown residents. The forum is a Yahoo group, though you don't need a Yahoo email address to join.

Go to this page <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/georgetownforum/> and find a link saying Join This Group. That will bring you to a page for joining. If you already have a Yahoo ID, you can sign in with your Yahoo email ID. If you don't have a Yahoo ID, you can create a Yahoo ID from this page.

Once you have joined the group, you can specify how often you get messages sent to you that are posted

on the Forum. (Typically, there are over 125 messages posted every month.) For example, you can have each message sent to your email as they are posted, or you could have a daily digest summary of posted messages, or simply not be notified at all. Your replies to messages can go to the author of the message only, or you can choose to have the reply posted to the message board for the entire group to read. (To have your reply read by all, in the "To:" bar, change the address to that of the forum, rather than the individual poster who posted the message.)

The Forum is not the only way to stay in touch with what is going on in Georgetown. Below is a list of on-line blogs with a Georgetown focus.

The **Georgetown Metropolitan** by Topher Mathews at <http://georgetown-metropolitan.com/> covers Georgetown issues in depth, including thoughtful

write-ups of the ANC meetings.

Beth Solomon's Georgetown Dish has lots of contributing editors and photos and more of a magazine format: <http://thegeorgetowndish.com/>

*Swimming in Quicksand*, the unfettered fascinating personal viewpoint blog of Georgetown writer Carol Joynt is <http://www.caroljoynt.com/>

The newest on-line reporting of what's happening in Georgetown is the **Georgetown Patch** at <http://georgetown.patch.com/>

And combining old-style media with new, there is the on-line edition of *The Georgetownner*

<http://www.georgetownner.com/> and *The Current newspapers* <http://www.currentnewspapers.com/>

—Walter Groszyk

### NEWSBYTES

On no—everyone is heart-broken: **Furins** is closing ... **President Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel** whisked into the **1789 Restaurant** for dinner on June 2...unfortunately one of the GU buses being directed around a traffic jam on Prospect Street knocked down the historic call box in front of Halcyon House.... **Heiner Contemporary**, a new art gallery, opened its doors in Georgetown at 1675 Wisconsin Avenue ... more clothing stores moving into Georgetown: **Jack Wills**—British clothing store to take over O Salon space... **Athleta** women's yoga and athletic wear store taking over Tommy Hilfiger ... **Calvin Klein Underwear** reportedly looking for staff for their new shop on M Street... **Comer & Co. antiques** and home furnishings, located in the former Sixteen Fifty-Nine space on upper Wisconsin Ave. ... **Fuhgetaboutit NY Pies** is moving into the old Philly Cheesesteak Factory... **Fleurir Hand Grown Chocolates** takes over the Poppy space on P... **Lou Lou** offers fun accessories at Wisconsin and N... Skincare shop **Nectar** has opened its door at the old Sugar's location in Book Hill ... **Kids Gap/Baby Gap** are closing to merge into the regular Gap Store across the street ... **Saturday June 18** will feature a **Pet Adoption Event at Washington Harbour** from noon until 4 sponsored by **Coldwell Banker**... **Secret Service and DC Metropolitan Police** were stationed outside **Keshet Israel Synagogue** when **Israeli Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu** was there.



The historic call box toppled by a GUTS bus at 34th and Prospect was rescued by the BID, DPW and John Dreyfus. GU is working on the repair and installation.

## Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee Actions

It has been a productive winter and spring for our active committee. A few highlights:

As a result of urging by the CAG Historic Preservation Committee, Councilman Jack Evans is proposing legislation that will remind and inform residents on their annual property tax assessments that they live in a historic district and are subject to special reviews by the Old Georgetown Board.

Committee member Shannon Christmas has been following the design of the EastBanc planned condominium on the Exxon Station site on M Street. Neighbors have been upset with the look and height of the building, and at the last OGB meeting, even Anthony Lanier agreed that the Exxon location concept needs to be reworked. Another EastBanc project building office space around the Post Office on 31st Street has received concept approval from the Old Georgetown Board, as has the new “Verizon building” at 1045 Wisconsin Avenue. (Copies of the proposed building designs are available in the CAG office.)

Outerbridge Horsey, Richard Hinds, Jim Wilcox, Jerry Zurn and Pamla More of CAG’s zoning subcommittee have met to review the draft residential zoning re-write and regulations. The Zoning Commission has asked the Office of Planning to schedule more community input creating a new time-line. Community comment will most likely happen in the fall. Second draft/final will most likely be in winter 2011. For the commercial re-write, the draft regulations will be available in June with a similar time-line as with residential.



**CAG's Historic Preservation Committee: (l to r seated) Nola Klamberg, Louise Brodnitz, Barbara Downs, Jennifer Altemus; (second row) Shannon Christmas, Topher Mathews, Radley Emes, Hazel Denton; (back row) Merle Thorpe, Cheryl Gray, Jim Wilcox, Rich Hinds, Shelley Ross-Larson, Michele Jacobson, Outerbridge Horsey.**

Ken Archer has been meeting with DDOT on issues of streetcars, Circulator fares, and the Bikeshare locations for Georgetown.

Topher Mathews and Pamla Moore have continued working with the BID to identify and push for enforcement against illegal signs. A joint CAG BID walk-around pointed out some of the most egregious signs.

Committee Chair Pamla Moore led discussions on how the committee could improve CAG response to preservation and zoning issues in Georgetown and how the committee could serve the community more effectively on individual preservation and zoning project cases that come before the ANC2e, the OGB and BZA. An earlier date for monthly committee meetings is planned in order to receive the OGB preliminary agenda with time for the committee to meet and vote on positions to present to the CAG board at their meeting and to present to the month-

ly ANC and OGB meetings. In addition, Outerbridge Horsey proposed a plan where five copies of building project plans would be requested by OGB with one copy of each project plan automatically being available to ANC2e and CAG.

—Betsy Cooley



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<b>Fridays</b>	Yoga in the Garden at Tudor Place; every Friday June through September; 10am; \$12 per session or \$100 for 10 sessions; bring a yoga mat, if raining class is held inside; 1644 31st Street; <a href="http://www.tudorplace.org">www.tudorplace.org</a>
<b>Sat. June 18</b>	Father's Day Gilding Workshop; 10:30am; tour the museum and gild a frame with gold leaf to take home; adults \$3, member children \$7, nonmember children \$10; 1644 31st Street; <a href="http://www.tudorplace.org">www.tudorplace.org</a> .
<b>Sun. June 19</b>	FREE CAG Concert in the Park featuring Wes Tucker & the Skillets and Fathers Day activities; activities at 4:30, concert begins at 5pm; Rose Park (26th & P Streets).
<b>Mon. June 20</b>	Zoning Commission Hearing on GU Campus Plan; 6:30pm; Zoning Hearing Room, 441 4th Street NW Suite 220-S; <a href="http://www.cagtown.org">www.cagtown.org</a> for more information.
<b>Thurs. June 30</b>	Georgetown Public Library and the Washington Sports Club host a free Zumba class—a dance fitness program that combines international music with dance that makes exercise fun; 7-8 pm; 3260 R St., To reserve sign up here: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/zumba32">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/zumba32</a>
<b>Fri. July 1</b>	Fourth of July Ice Cream Social; 1-3pm; tour the museum, create your own ice cream sundae in the garden, and participate in games and crafts; member children \$5, nonmember children \$10, adults \$5, free for military families; 1644 31st Street; visit <a href="http://www.tudorplace.org">www.tudorplace.org</a> for more information.
<b>Mon. July 4</b>	FREE CAG Concerts in the Park featuring The Image Band and Fourth of July Parade; parade begins at 4 pm at the basketball courts, concert begins at 5pm; Rose Park (26th & P Streets).
<b>Tues. July 5</b>	Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2E Public Meeting; 6:30pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; agenda available at <a href="http://www.anc2e.com">www.anc2e.com</a> ; call 338-7427 for more information.
<b>Sat. July 16</b>	Garden to Table in partnership with <i>Just Simply...Cuisine</i> ; learn to grow sustainable organic foods in your backyard and how to cook with them alongside Chris Coppola Leibner; 10-2:30pm; Tudor Place, 1644 31st Street; members \$90, nonmembers \$95; <a href="http://www.tudorplace.org">www.tudorplace.org</a> .
<b>Fri. August 19</b>	Family Fair in Georgetown; 10am-1pm; celebrate the end of summer with games, sweets, and crafts at Tudor Place and Dumbarton House; member children \$8, nonmember children \$10, adults \$5.

Save the Date: Georgetown Gala at the Russian Embassy December 2nd.