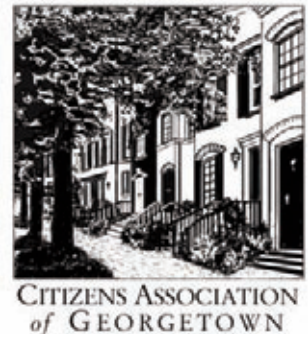


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Guided Tour of the Waterfront Park and Reception at Potomac Boat House September 20

The Tuesday, September 20 CAG meeting will provide guided tours of the newly completed Georgetown Waterfront Park and a special reception at the historic Potomac Boat Club. Join CAG at the Potomac Boat Club, 3530 Water Street, at 7pm for the reception. Tour groups will leave the boat house for a behind-the-scenes look at the Waterfront Park. Many experts, Friends of the Georgetown Waterfront Park, and National Park Service officials will be positioned throughout the park to tell the intriguing stories behind this remarkable, decades-long project.

The Waterfront Park comprises a ten-acre space hugging the turns of the Potomac River from the Key Bridge to the Washington Harbour complex featuring many places to walk, run, bike, sit, and admire the beauty of the river. The park project began in the 1970s as an effort to transform the condemned industrial site along the water into parkland. Citizens planning groups working with the National Park Service made slow progress. Eventually the District of Columbia transferred the waterfront land to the National Park Service. In the late 1990s, plans for the park received new support from the Georgetown Waterfront Commission, chaired by former Georgetown resident Senator Charles Percy, and new designs were drafted by Wallace, Roberts and Todd that would highlight the Potomac's signature sport: rowing.

The Georgetown Waterfront Park Commission and more recently, the Friends of the Waterfront Park, galvanized local residents, the rowing community, regional leaders, and the National Park Service in an effort to bring the park to fruition. Now the park can finally be enjoyed by the public including an interactive fountain, stairs for viewing crew races, and a pergola-shaded plaza for socializing. The park contains three rain gardens of native plants and shrubs which assist in catching polluted run-off water before it flows into the storm drains and pollutes fresh water. The park also features The Labyrinth, designed and funded by the TKF Foundation to create "open spaces, sacred places." The space fosters a sense of community and features a teak bench for con-

templation and a diary for the public to write their thoughts.



Georgetown Waterfront Park

photo courtesy of Wallace Roberts & Todd



Potomac Boat Club

Our reception host, the Potomac Boat Club at 3530 Water Street, is a hidden treasure in Georgetown. Located in the shadow of the Key Bridge, the historic club was founded in 1869 and is home to 300 senior members ranging from recreational rowers to Olympic athletes -- and the Washington-Lee High School crew team. The boathouse has survived several floods, numerous hurricanes, and the catastrophic fire that destroyed the Washington Aqueduct, the remaining abutment of which shelters many of the members' rowing shells. Aside from providing the training ground for a long list of highly successful national team, club, and masters rowers, PBC is perhaps best known as the host of the Scullers' Head of the Potomac, a fall regatta which began in 1981.

A building with a spectacular view of the Potomac River, it will provide a wonderful backdrop to celebrate our new Waterfront Park -- and serve as a venue for indoor presentations about the Park should it be a rainy evening. Please join CAG to tour the Waterfront Park and enjoy the venerable Potomac Boat Club on Tuesday, September 20 at 7pm.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope you had a nice summer. I stayed in Georgetown for the most part and enjoyed the heat. And the quiet. But I am rested and ready for fall.

I would like to update you on the GU Campus Plan proceedings. Following the presentations by ANC 2E, ANC 3D, the Citizens Associations of Georgetown, Burleith, and Foxhall, and individual witnesses in opposition to the Campus Plan, the case before the Zoning Commission ground to a halt on June 20th. GU's transportation plan was for the second time found inadequate by the DC Department of Transportation and the University was granted a continuance until November 17, 2011 to submit a revised plan and its rebuttal arguments.

Our principal argument is that in order to deal with the persistent and widespread incidents of student noise, trash and misconduct, GU needs to house undergraduate students on the main campus or a satellite campus. In addition, GU needs to limit its growth in graduate enrollment unless and until graduate housing is provided because the total number of the students residing in and traveling through West Georgetown and Burleith is threatening the viability of those neighborhoods as residential communities.

After rebuffing the communities' demands for relief in its Campus Plan filed December 30, 2010, the University tabled at the Zoning Commission a number of proposals in an attempt to address our objections to the Campus Plan. While their proposals are welcome and steps in the right direction, they are totally inadequate to deal with the multiple problems the University has created during the last 20 years by enrolling many more students than it houses. For example, GU's proposal to house 250 undergraduate students, probably in the Leavey Center Hotel on campus, accounts for a small percentage of the approximately 1,700 undergraduates living in West Georgetown and Burleith. The University is also still proposing to increase graduate enrollment by almost 1,000 students over current levels without providing any housing.

Finally, GU proposed in June a number of minor tweaks to its existing off-campus student life programs. They include hiring additional off-duty MPD "reimbursable detail" officers to patrol West Georgetown and Burleith, implementing a new daily trash pick-up in "student-centric areas," and more follow-up on resident complaints. GU says it will implement these programs by September and we expect GU to contend at the November hearing that these steps eliminate the need to provide more student housing.

We request that residents communicate to CAG the effectiveness of these new initiatives. While the Zoning Commission is no longer accepting submissions from indi-

vidual witnesses, we will file an assessment of these new programs prior to the November hearing, and we need your input. Please send your comments to cagmail@cagtown.org.



Jennifer presenting the prize to Dorothy Nelson (with mom Laura) for winning the M&M guessing contest

Over the summer I heard lots of questions about fines residents and landlords have received for improperly stored trash. It is DC law that all household trash be placed for pick up in containers with tight fitting lids no earlier than 6:30pm the night before pick up (Tuesdays and Fridays unless there is a holiday). Residents who put their trash on the curb in plastic bags are breaking the law and, more importantly, inviting rats. The Department of Public Works has been issuing citations to residents who do not put their trash in cans with tight fitting lids. If you do not have a proper trash can you can call 311 to have one delivered to your house but I understand there is a waiting list. An alternative is to purchase a similar can and mark it with your address.

When our association's Beautification Committee met with Gerard Brown and Gabe Curtis, the city officials responsible for rat control, they emphasized that one of the primary sources of food for rats is plastic bags left curbside. For rat abatement to be effective, everyone must work together.

The city has also been working with the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) on fifteen trouble areas, mostly alleys. The businesses have hired one central exterminator, Western Pest Services. With just one contractor, efforts are coordinated so rats don't just move from one spot to another. I recommend that residents consider using Western for their homes. Residents having problems should also give group consent to the Department of Health rodent control program to exterminate on private property.

Also pick up your dog droppings and cleanup leaves and debris that offer rodent harborage. We must eliminate food sources and hiding places for rodents. If everyone does their part we can get control of the rodent situation.

Town/gown issues and rats, I feel like a broken record. Sorry about that. I know the next couple of months will have many more uplifting topics for us. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Waterfront Park on the 20th.

—Jemmifer Altemus

ASPECTS OF GEORGETOWN

Georgetown Village Plans Launch of Services Executive Director Recruited; Fall Party September 8

Last spring, the Georgetown Village initiated its campaign to obtain at least 100 membership pledges from seniors 55 years and older by September 1. The Village's mission is to help seniors live better and longer in their homes with neighbors helping neighbors. More than 140 residents of Georgetown and Burleith have responded with their pledges to become Founding Members. Founding Members who pledge by September 1 will pay a lower introductory membership fee of \$500 for single and \$800 for household memberships for the first year of operations, and will receive a

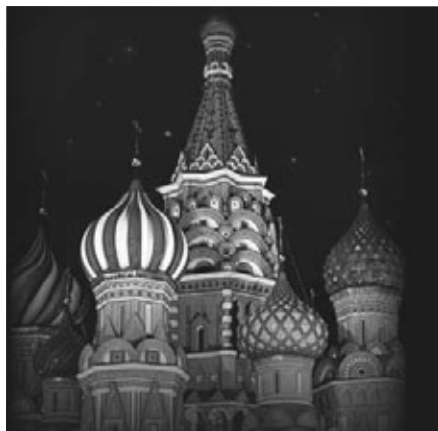
10% discount against future fees for as long as they remain members. Those who join after September 1 will pay \$600 for the single membership and \$900 for the household membership.

After the threshold of 100 membership pledges was crossed, the Board of Directors began recruiting an executive director to organize the services, to train the more than sixty volunteers who have come forward, and to launch the services by year's end. The Village Board interviewed a number of highly qualified candidates for the position, and has selected an individual with two degrees in social work

and more than 20 years of experience in heading programs for seniors. She will be introduced to the community once the appropriate background checks have been completed.

The Village has accepted the very generous offer by Nancy and Alan Bubes to host the Georgetown Village Fall Party on September 8 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at their home at 1601 31st Street, NW. CAG members and their neighbors with an interest in the Village are invited to attend the party, and should RSVP to the Village's founder and chair, Sharon Lockwood, at: sharonlockwood100@hotmail.com or 202-965-0455.

SAVE THE DATE



The Georgetown Gala will take place on Friday, December 2nd from 7 until 11pm at the Embassy of the Russian Federation. Co-chairs Nancy Taylor Bubes, Michele Evans, and Patrice Miller announced the *Winter Wonderland* event will honor Georgetowners John Richardson and Franco Nuschese for their extraordinary efforts in making our community a better place. Mr. Richardson is a long-time Georgetowner who led the transformation of Volta Park in the 1990s and his building company has shaped many houses in Georgetown. Mr. Nuschese is the owner of Cafe Milano and a strong supporter of the Georgetown community.

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2011 Concerts in the Parks

Elizabeth Miller and Renee Esfandiary Crupi spearheaded an amazing ninth season of CAG's Concerts in the Parks featuring festivals of special activities, contests, crafts, and games -- with the live concerts as the centerpiece. The May concert highlight was music by Rebecca McCabe and Bob Scheiffer (covered in the last newsletter), and this is what took place in June and July.

On Sunday, June 19th, Renee Esfandiary, Danielle Dooley, Dorothy Williams, and Dima Zalatimo organized a "Mad Science Excavator Father's Day Extravaganza." While Wes Tucker and the Skillets performed their blend of rock, funk, and R&B, there was a huge construction excavator to play on and have photos taken. Thanks to Ginny Poole and John Rentzepis kids could also conduct "mad science" -- i.e., fun, experiments such as making slime and insta-sno -- and mixing up a (safe) concoction that exploded! Other activities included making Father's Day cards and #1 Dad medals, egg relays and 3-legged races. The Dance with Dad competition was won by Joe Kerr and daughter Lucy and special prizes were donated by Sherman Pickey, J. McLaughlin, Vineyard Vines, and Grooming Lounge. Jettie's provided an amazing array of sandwiches,

Sprinkles arrived with cupcakes for everyone, and Häagen-Dazs served up ice cream cones.

On Monday, July 4th Erika Donohue and her crew of volunteers Leila Bremer, Jessica Heywood, Alison Jia, Kara Sullivan, and Maryann Surrick organized a red, white, and blue parade around Rose Park -- complete with free decorating materials. Arts and crafts tables were set up to decorate American flags and cookies with red, white, and blue frosting. And Nancy Taylor Bubes led a t-shirt decorating contest with an amazing array of creative entries. During the intermission of the popular reggae music by The Image Band, there was an East vs. West tug-of-war, 3-legged races, and a dramatic



Artists show off their patriotic t-shirts



A Concerts first: Jill White and friends brought their own tent

pie eating contest. Dorothy Nelson won the Guess-How-Many-M&Ms-Are-in-the-Jar. Once again Sprinkles cupcakes and Häagen-Dazs ice cream were available to all.



4th of July Concert organizer Erika Donohue with daughter Molly and Alexandra Adams with son Axel



Sprinkles Cupcakes were delicious at all three concerts



East vs. West tug of war

Thank you to all the Concerts hardworking volunteers and generous sponsors!



These girls show their cookie decorating skills with red, white, and blue frosting



Pie-eating contest winner Hugh Jia



Sarah and Tom Strike with Ryan, Jordan and Katelyn



The Excavator was a huge hit with Curtis Sullivan at the Fathers Day Concert



Leo and Mateo Pivato enjoying Sno-Cones



Kids singing with Rebecca McCabe and Bob Schieffer

Friends of Montrose Park Celebrates Park Centennial

On Friday June 3rd the newly formed Friends of Montrose Park (FMP) celebrated the centennial of the founding of Montrose Park with a garden party benefit at the home of Brooke and Stephan Carnot on R Street. The event drew more than 150 guests and raised approximately \$25,000. The funds will be used for improvements and maintenance of the Park. Generous contributions included donations from HSBC Bank and TTR Sotheby's International Realty, sponsors of the event, as well as from residents and businesses from Georgetown and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Montrose Park occupies land at the north end of Georgetown that belonged to rope-making magnate

Robert Parrott during the early 19th century. Parrott allowed Georgetown residents to use the land for picnics and meetings, and the area became known as Parrott's Woods. However, by the early 20th century, Parrott's Woods had fallen into disrepair. In 1911 Sarah Louisa Rittenhouse spearheaded a group of women who petitioned Congress to buy the acreage and establish Montrose Park as part of the National Park system.

Today, Montrose Park features a children's playground, tennis courts, the historic "rope walk," a rose garden, and open space. The National Park Service maintains the Park, and welcomes partnership with FMP to supplement the Park Service's efforts.

Friends of Montrose Park will conduct a community-wide survey to identify the most critical park projects. FMP Board President Elizabeth Dawson D'Angio said that the Friends will work closely with the National Park Service to preserve the park's historical landscape and to retain the established land use plan. "Our main focus will be to improve the existing facilities and to enhance the Park Service's maintenance efforts." For more information about joining the Friends of Montrose Park or donating to the Park please visit www.montrosepark.org.

—Elizabeth Dawson D'Angio
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GEORGETOWN *Baby* BOOM

CONGRATULATIONS AND A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW LITTLE ONES

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Georgetown Ministries Community Mini-Walk

SHOW UP AND COUNT on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at Grace Church from 12:00-3:30 pm for Georgetown Ministries Community Mini-walk. Help us reach our goal of 350 participants so Fannie Mae will donate more to help the homeless in Georgetown.

We'll have counting games for children while adults will count calo-

ries as they walk or run. Come enjoy the warm weather of September on the lawn of Grace Church, 1041 Wisconsin Avenue. This event is for the whole family.

To register, simply fill out the form at www.helpthehomelessdc.org or call 202-338-8301. The cost is \$30 per adult (26 and over), \$20 per youth — register one or all of your

family members, or register at the event. If you register by September 9, you will receive a T-shirt at the event; if you register at the event you will receive a T-shirt at a later date. This event will be held instead of the congregation mini-walks. Maybe your congregation could walk to our event. You'll be rewarded with treats and fun activities!



Call Box Restored at 34th & Prospect Streets

All is copacetic at the corner of Prospect and 34th Streets, where a historic call box was felled by a Georgetown University bus during the evening of June 6. A facilities crew from Georgetown University and contractors re-erected the call box on June 23. It required a fork lift, leveling and welding — and involved at least five guys. A job well done, everyone!

— Robert Devany

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| Thurs. Sept. 8 | Georgetown Fashion's Night Out; 6-11pm; extended shopping hours and special fashion events; www.fashionsnightoutgeorgetowndc.com . |
| Sat. Sept 10 | Georgetown Civil War House & Walking Tour; 10:30am house tour, 12:30pm walking tour of what life was like in Georgetown during the Civil War; members \$8, nonmembers \$10 for ONE tour; members \$12, nonmembers \$15 for BOTH tours; www.tudorplace.org to register. |
| Sun. Sept. 11 | 9/11 - Ten years of Remembrance — Special Service with Choir, Brass & Percussion, 11 am, Georgetown Presbyterian Church, www.gtownpres.org . |
| Sept. 13 | Grand Opening Georgetown Waterfront Park; 5:30 pm, central plaza. |
| Tues. Sept. 20 | CAG Meeting: Georgetown Waterfront Park Guided Tour & Boat House Reception; reception at 7pm, tours begin at 7:30; tour the newly complete Waterfront Park and enjoy a reception in the Potomac Boat Club (venue for entire evening, if it rains); 3530 Water Street NW. |
| Sun. Sept 25 | Concert in the Parks Committee Celebration Pot Luck in Montrose Park; 6-8pm; contact elizabethhayesmiller@gmail.com . |
| Sun. Sept. 25 | Georgetown Ministries Community Mini-Walk; 12-3:30pm; Grace Church, 1041 Wisconsin Ave. NW; www.helpthehomelessdc.org to register or 202-338-8301. |
| Thurs. Sept. 29 | Tudor Nights: Hard Cider and the Harvest; 6-8pm; celebrate the season of the harvest with apple cider punch; members free, nonmembers \$15; ages 21+ only; 202-965-0400 x104. |
| Mon. Oct. 3 | Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2E) Public Meeting; 6:30pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; agenda available at www.anc2e.com ; call 338-7427 for more information. |
| Planning ahead: | |
| Fri. Dec. 2 | CAG Gala at the Embassy of the Russian Federation, 7-11pm |