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On The Waterfront: CAG Meeting September 26

Diana Rich - Membership & Program Chair

his evening is not about Marlon Brando, crime and violence but it is about drama. The drama of our beautiful Potomac River. Join the Citizens Association of

Georgetown on Thursday, September 26 at 7 pm at the Potomac Boat Club to hear four experts share their unique perspectives on the developments along the Potomac waterfront.

Our moderator is Robert vom Eigen - President of the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park and Vice President of CAG. Just two years ago, after decades of sustained effort, this beautiful park was completed and Bob was one of the major leaders in this amazing project. We are delighted that

Bob will share his insight about current development trends.

We also welcome Tara Morrison, Superintendent of Rock Creek Park, National Park Service, who will address the future of Thompson's Boat House; Scott Fleming, Associate VP for Federal Relations, Georgetown

University, who will speak to GU's plans and aspirations for its crew facilities; and Erik Meyers who will present the Potomac Boat Club's perspective. There will be plenty of time for inquiry from the audience.

Our reception host, the Potomac Boat Club at 3520 Water Street (the end of K Street under Key Bridge) is a hidden treasure. The club was founded in 1869 and today has over 300 members ranging from recreational rowers to Olympian athletes. The boathouse has survived

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Georgetown Gala at the Italian Embassy October 18

he annual CAG Georgetown Gala will be held on October 18th honoring Herbert and Patrice Miller at the Italian Embassy. The black tie evening brings together over 300 guests, neighbors, sponsors, and politicos to celebrate Georgetown and support CAG's mission of historic preservation and enhancing community life.

As this is the Year of Italian Culture in the US, the Gala will be held for the first time at the stunning Italian Embassy on Whitehaven Street. Ambassador and Mrs. Claudio Bisogniero will be Honorary Chairs. The theme is a Venetian Carnivale masked ball and will feature an Italian dinner buffet, fabulous entertainment, unique live auction items, and a hip After Party. The Italian Embassy, designed by Piero Sartogo Architects, evokes Italy's architectural tradition, with the patterns of solids and spaces and the lean, austere lines characteristic of a Tuscan villa, while the great, slanting buttress recalls the stalwart defensive bastions of a medieval castle.

Co-Chairs Colleen Girouard and Robin Jones are making exciting changes to the evening's program: for the first time in the history of the gala, the formal event will be followed by an After Party with dancing until 1:00 am, to be hosted and attended by the younger set of Georgetown. The evening's entertainment will include guests serenaded by opera performers upon arrival, the DC Love



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The Potomac Boat Club - Make your reservation now!

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-Henry David Thoreau

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President's Letter

Pamla Moore

eptember! It seems as if a curtain is opening and a new play is about to begin. It starts with the air a bit fresher, the sound of children heading off to school in the early mornings and the sidewalks full of friends back in town after summer holidays.

The Citizens Association of Georgetown has as many "scenes" playing out as I can remember at this time of year. The Georgetown GALA, the annual black-tie event bringing together over 350 guests, neighbors, sponsors and politicos, takes place October 18 at the stunning Italian Embassy. 2013 is the Year of Italian Culture in the US, which adds to the excitement of being at the Embassy that evening. With the energy and skills of the Gala Co-Chairs, Colleen Girouard and Robin Jones, and the support of Ambassador and Mrs. Claudio Bisogniero and their enthusiastic staff, we anticipate the Venetian Carnival masked ball to be an evening to remember.

Many of you could share stories about Patrice and Herbert Miller, our honorees this Gala evening, which remind us of their generosity to Georgetown. I would like to share my own. Over ten years ago Friends of Rose Park, Inc. was just beginning to take on the responsibility of bringing Rose Park to the community jewel it is now. Not too many Georgetowners were convinced this small group could achieve its mission to create a welcoming park for the neighborhood. Key was raising the funds necessary to hire the park designers. Patrice and Herb Miller graciously opened their home on the corner of O Street and 31st to one of the Friend's very first fundraisers. Not only did they open their home, the food and drink offered in their garden was superb. In the living room a pianist set the mood and Patrice and Herb greeted everyone with a welcoming smile. That evening really set the tone for Rose Park's success. At the time I served as president of Friends of Rose Park, Inc. and it will be an honor to recognize their contributions to Georgetown on the 18th.

Also a current "scene" for Georgetown is the August announcement by the DC Department

of Transportation (DDOT) that they will issue one-size fits all Visitor Parking Permits District-wide October 1st. The plan, as we understand it, is to issue, upon request, an annual Visitor Parking Permit (VPP) to each "eligible household" in residential permit parking blocks. CAG appreciates the need for improving the VPP option, especially for caregivers, but at this time with little community review it appears the proposal does not effectively address the issue of enforce-



CAG President Pamla Moore and Vice President Bob vom Eigen at the Waterfront Park Opening

ment and could lead to abuse. In addition, the proposal by DDOT appears to ignore the on-going work of several years by a committee made up of ANC2E commissioners, BID and GBA leadership, Georgetown University, CAG representatives and DDOT staff. This committee had been meeting regularly with a larger goal of improving both residential and commercial parking options for Georgetown residents, for those who work in Georgetown and for visitors. In fact, you may have attended the two well-attended community meetings sponsored by DDOT and promoted as being for listening to the community. Hazel Denton, and the CAG Parking Committee, jumped onto the VPP issue and will keep you posted as to progress in efforts to work with DDOT.

A "scene" CAG is pleased to offer the community is our series of monthly meetings. Diana Rich, Chair of the CAG Program & Membership Committee, reports that the September meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26th beginning with a reception at 7:00 p.m. and the program to start at 7:30 p.m. Members and guests of CAG are invited to On the Waterfront at the historic Potomac Boat Club, under Key Bridge. (The boat club accommodates a set number and reservations are required.) Our riverfront continues to evolve and is one of Georgetown's signature venues. This evening will be an opportunity to hear from Bob vom Eigen of Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park, Tara Morrison of Rock Creek Park, the National Park Service, Scott Fleming of Georgetown University and Erik Meyers of the Potomac Boat Club. Come and be part of the discussion in a wonderful venue.

In addition to the dates above, consider adding to your September and October calendars the following– Advisory Neighborhood Commission **2**E meets September 30th. If you want to keep abreast of what issues have high priority in our community, these meetings are an excellent source of information. Each ANC2E meeting is followed by meetings of the Old Georgetown Board held Thursday, September 5th and on October 3rd.

CAG is continuing to work with other community volunteer groups, elected officials, the Georgetown Business Improvement District staff, the Georgetown Business Association, District government offices and the business community on issues affecting all of us. Issues include the draft District-wide zoning regulations re-write, which for the first time incorporates a customized zone for Georgetown and has been sent to the DC Zoning Commission for review and the future plans for the West Heating Plant and green space sold by GSA to The Levy Group and the Four Seasons, including plans for a community meeting in October. Possible solutions to our transportation problems are also being formulated. The BID's Georgetown 2028 initiative on how best to meet the community's future needs and goals will also be the topic of a community meeting in the fall. Please be engaged. Your community depends on it.

The Future of Metro and Georgetown

Topher Mathews - CAG Board Member & writer of Georgetown Metropolitan blog

hat Metro plans to do over the next ten years will significantly impact if and when Metro finally comes to Georgetown. I recently became aware of a report by Metro's long term planning project: Momentum (http://www.wmata.com/ momentum/momentum-full.pdf).

The report is chock full of interesting stuff regarding the future of Metro, but today I want to focus on what Metro's plans are for our neighbors to the south.

As part of preparing for the Silver Line, Metro made a couple of significant changes to rush hour service on the Blue Line. Called "Rush Plus", the changes resulted in fewer Blue line trains going through Rosslyn during rush hour (essentially Metro added more Yellow line service and reduced Blue line service). Metro doesn't view this as a permanent solution to crowding at the Rosslyn-Foggy Bottom tunnel. So Metro is planning a fix, with two options:

• Either they will add an interline connection that would allow trains to travel between the Blue and the Orange/Silver lines (i.e. a train could go straight from Courthouse to Rosslyn to Arlington Cemetery), or

· Build a second Rosslyn station.

The first option has a lot of benefits, albeit mostly for Virginians. It would directly connect southern Arlington/Alexandria with the Rosslyn-Balston corridor, Tyson's and, eventually, Dulles Airport. It would also allow for more train traffic along the Orange and Silver lines west of Rosslyn.

The second option has less immediate benefits. More Blue line trains would reach Rosslyn than now, but they would terminate there, with passengers traveling through a tunnel to get to the existing station for transfer to the Orange or Silver lines.

But the construction of a second Rosslyn station would be great news for Georgetown. That's because the main reason to build a second Rosslyn station is for it to be the staging point for a new separated Blue line. This new Blue line would cross under the Potomac and have one or even two Georgetown stations. It would then travel eastward (most likely under M St.) through downtown to Union Station, and then eastward from there.

This study is about what Metro will look like in 2025. Any talk of a Georgetown station is typically shunted off to the more realistic 2040-time table. But if we're going to even meet that deadline, we need shorter term decisions like the Rosslyn station one to start lining up. And those plans are being made *right now*.So get involved by going to WMATA's website: <u>http://www.wmata.com/momentum/</u> join_conversation.cfm!

Eco Tip - Clothes The Loop

In 2010, the U.S. EPA estimated that over 26 billion pounds of apparel, footwear, and other textiles were thrown away, with nearly 85% ending up in landfill. That's about 70 pounds per U.S resident! Much of that can be reused or recycled. To this end, The North Face established "Clothes the Loop"–drop your used apparel and footwear (any brand or condition) into their in-store bin and receive a \$10 voucher towards your next purchase. Items are sent to a recycling center where they are sorted based on 400 categories. They are then reused, or recycled into raw materials for use in products like insulation, carpet padding, stuffing for toys and fibers for new clothing. All proceeds from the program benefit the Conservation Alliance, a group of outdoor industries founded by REI. Patagonia, The North Face and Kelty in 1989 that funds community based campaigns to protect our shared wilderness. Last year the Alliance donated \$1.3 million to help build a healthier planet!

- Lee Child, Georgetown Garden Club

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several floods, numerous hurricanes and the catastrophic fire that destroyed the original Washington Aqueduct. Aside from providing the training ground for a long list of highly successful national teams, master rowers and clubs, the Boat Club is perhaps best known as the host of the Scullers' Head of the Potomac, a fall regatta which began in 1981. Malmaison, Georgetown's new French café and bar at 3401 Water Street, is generously providing refreshments for the reception. Named after the Château outside Paris of Napoleon and his wife Josephine, Malmaison has the ambiance of an international retreat right on the banks of Georgetown's waterfront.

The Potomac Boat Club will provide a

spectacular setting for our panel and audience discussion. Please note that space is limited and Rsvps are required. Call or email the CAG office to make reservations. CAG members will have priority. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 26 at 7 pm for the reception at the historic Boat Club, followed by the panel presentation which will begin at 7:30 pm.

Georgetown Gala at the Italian Embassy October 18 continued from cover

Band playing dance music during cocktails and dinner, followed by celebrity DJ Adrian Loving upping the tempo for more dancing. Cutting edge floral décor will be coordinated by Fabio Ripoli of Georgetown's own

Ultra Violet.

Honorees Herbert and Patrice Miller are long-time Georgetown residents and patrons. In 1967, Mr. Miller founded Western Development Corporation, a Washington D.C.-based real estate development and management organization with a forty-four year history of innovative mixed-use development. Of particular interest to Georgetown, WDC has been involved in the Georgetown Park retail development, as well as the beautification of Washington Harbor. The Millers were Georgetown residents for years until this past April when they sold their Federal-style row house on N Street. The Gala Committee agreed that "We couldn't let them leave without a proper goodbye!"

Live auction items include a week in a luxury apartment in Florence, three nights in Siena and a viewing window for the world renowned Palio Di Siena horse race donated by Simone Bemporad at Bemporad and Associates, the ever popular Scavenger Hunt Dinner Adventure, an opulent Four Seasons package, an Ermenegildo Zegna Made to Measure suit



Party-goers at the Gala last year.

donated by Ermenegildo Zegna, and "Skin Is In" Men's and Women's revolutionary treatment packages donated by Dr. Tina Alster, Washington Institute for Dermatological Laser Surgery.

The Gala's honorary chairs are: Ambassador and Mrs. Claudio Bisogniero, The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, The Honorable Selwa "Lucky" Roosevelt, Senator and Mrs. Joseph Lieberman, Georgetown University President John J. DeGioia, author Kitty Kelley, and entrepreneur and philanthropist Mark Ein.

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Larson ~ CDI, PNC Mortgage, and The Georgetown Current. Additional corporate and individual sponsorships are welcome see the CAG website http://www.cagtown. org/ or contact the CAG office.

Invitations were mailed in early September and tickets can also be ordered online at <u>www.cagtown.org</u>.





Get Acquainted with Georgetown's Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC2E)

Cheryl Gray - CAG Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee

dvisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) are a unique part and the most decentralized units of DC's local government structure. Established in 1973 as part of the Home Rule Act, their role is to represent local citizens' interests in an advisory capacity before other government bodies. There are 37 ANCs in the District, each divided into smaller single-member districts representing about 2000 residents (with 299 SMDs for DC as a whole). Each SMD has one Commissioner popularly elected for a 2-year term and serving wholly on a volunteer basis. DC government agencies are required to give ANC positions "great weight" in their decisions, and ANCs also often make their voices heard before non-DC agencies such as Metro and the National Park Service.

ANC2E is one of six ANCs in Ward 2 and represents Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale. Though the overall boundary for ANC2E has been stable for many years, new boundaries for its SMDs for the next decade 2013-2022 went into effect in January of this year, with the number of SMDs being increased from 7 to 8 (see map at http://www.anc2e.com/docs/ ANC2E.pdf). ANC2E's eight current Commissioners are: Ron Lewis (Chair, SMD2), Ed Solomon (Vice-Chair, SMD1), Bill Starrels (Vice-Chair, SMD5), Tom Birch (Vice-Chair, SMD6), Jeff Jones (Treasurer, SMD3), Peter Prindiiville (Secretary, SMD8), Craig Cassey Jr. (SMD4), and Charles Eason Jr. (SMD7).

ANC2E usually meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at Georgetown Visitation School. Meetings are open to the public and typically last several hours. The Commissioners have a full agenda of items to consider, including building construction and renovation plans, traffic and parking proposals, liquor licenses, and recreation and cultural activities involving the use of public spaces. One important role of ANC2E is to provide advisory input on some of the construction and renovation proposals going before the Old Georgetown Board (OGB), a 3-member Board that also meets monthly and has formal jurisdiction to enforce the historic preservation requirements of the 1950 Old Georgetown Act. ANC2E also often provides comments on projects going before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) and the Zoning Commission.

It is fascinating to see the ANC2E in action representing the interests of Georgetown citizens on a wide array of issues that touch our everyday lives. For those who want to expand their homes or businesses, ANC2E provides a forum to test your ideas and get constructive feedback. For those who are likely to be directly affected by future events or proposed new construction, the ANC provides a forum to express your views and concerns. And for those who are simply interested in seeing local government in action, you are welcome to attend ANC meetings. For further information, visit the ANC2E website at www.anc2e. com.

Georgetown University Wants Your Input

eorgetown is starting a master planning process in an effort to plan for future growth along with transforming its main campus into a vibrant residential and learning community. The University has enlisted the expertise of Forest City Washington and Sasaki Associates, professionals in the planning and public-private partnership between cities and higher education institutions. These experts are collecting data from the university community on things such as patterns of living, learning, and working at Georgetown, all of which will inform the master planning decisions.

The university is currently engaged in strengthening residential and social spaces for students. Construction is scheduled to begin on a new residence hall in 2014, and work on the new Healey Family Student Center is already under way. The participation of the entire Georgetown community – students, faculty, staff, alumni and neighbors – is essential to achieving a shared vision of the future of this university. The university is encouraging everyone to engage in the process and welcomes ideas and comments: http://www.georgetown.edu/master-planning/

What's That in the Tree Boxes?

I have received many calls and emails regarding the city filling our tree boxes with asphalt. Don't be alarmed. It is not asphalt but a new product called Flexi-Pave, a highly permeable product made from recycled waste tires! Flexi-Pave is non-cracking, slip-resistant, non-toxic, non-flammable, and snow plowable. The Georgetown BID and DDOT have installed Plexi-Pave in four test locations in the BID commercial area, expecting to reduce soil compaction, increase the oxygen supply to tree roots, and improve storm water infiltration. Prior to installing Flexi-Pave at these test locations, contractors aerated compacted soils and added soil amendments. DDOT and Georgetown BID staff will be monitoring the condition of the tree box as well as the health of the trees at these locations.

Please take a look at these test locations. The newest one is outside the Godiva Chocolate Shop on M Street. The BID is encouraging everyone to call or write with your feedback. For more information about this very important project and how to contact the BID, please go to the website: http://www.georgetowndc.com/content/georgetown-streets/— *Betsy Emes, Trees for Georgetown*

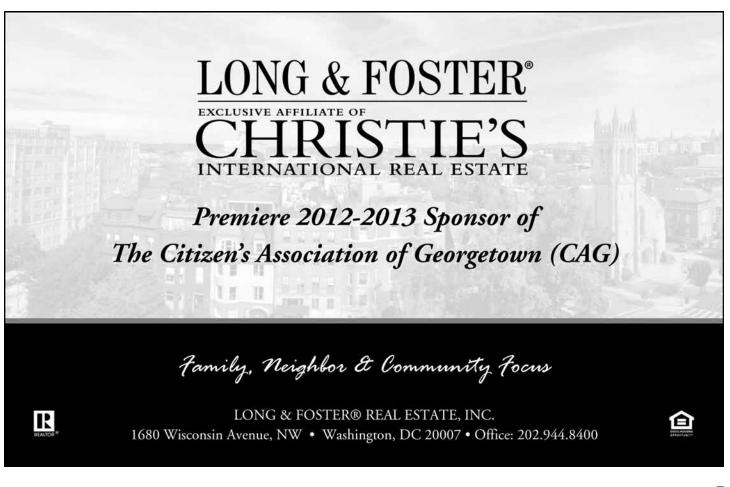
National Park Service Study on Future Boathouses in Georgetown

Walter Groszyk - CAG Historic Preservation & Zoning Committee

he National Park Service has released a feasibility study for future development of a boathouse zone near Key Bridge. This project had its genesis in studies that were first done several decades ago, and was more recently the subject of a series of public meetings and workshops that began in December 2011. The study presents three development scenarios: high density, medium density, and low density. Four sites are identified for potential development; a fifth site is the present location of the Washington Canoe Club.

The five sites are respectively- Site A: immediately west of the Washington Canoe Club and originally targeted as the location of a Georgetown University boathouse; Site B: the Washington Canoe Club; Site C: the land between the Washington Canoe Club and the stone ramparts of the old Aqueduct bridge; Site D: the present location of Key Bridge Boathouse (formerly Jack's Boathouse); and Site E: the land just to the west of the Georgetown Waterfront Park, at about 34th and Water streets. The high density development would build new facilities on sites A, C, D, and E, the latter two sites being university boathouses. The medium density scenario would substitute a car-accessible launch facility at Site C, rather than a building. The low density development would be a boathouse shared by one university's rowing program and smaller watercraft on Site E. In this low density scenario, Site D would have a small structure and rent only paddlecraft, and Sites C and A would be launch areas for kayaks and canoes. The Washington Canoe Club on Site B would be rebuilt on its current site in all three scenarios. The National Park Service sought public comment on the feasibility study, and held a public meeting in May.

On a related note, the feasibility study discusses the impact of a proposed storm water retention tunnel on the boathouse zone. The tunnel, over 32 feet in diameter and bored through bedrock a hundred feet below Georgetown, would nearly eliminate the combined sewer overflows into the Potomac River from Georgetown, currently the second highest on the Potomac.



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Thanks to the generosity of the following people, CAG has raised more of the required revenue for the 2013 Public Safety Program. We urge everyone else to contribute soon. Detailed information is on the website: www.cagtown.org and you can also donate online. Or simply send your check to CAG made out to CAG Public Safety. All donations are tax deductible.

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Recognition for a Job Well Done!

Nominated by CAG, the District Department of Transportation received a Historic Preservation Award from the DC Historic Preservation Office for the O and P Streets Rehabilitation Project. At a ceremony in May they were commended for " Exemplary restoration of a longneglected cobblestone street containing the single remaining example of streetcar "conduit track system" in the United States."



year project (from left): Mayor Gray; Luis Neto, Capital Paving of DC; Josh Bullock, Bullock Construction; Afis Idowu, The Temple Group; Dawit Muluneh, Ali Agahi, and Ramesh-Mirchandani, DDOT; Christoper Lawson, Federal Highway Administration; DDOT Director Terry Bellamy; and DC Historic Preservation Officer David Maloney.

A very informative brochure outlining the history and scope of the project with many photo-

graphs is available from the CAG office.

Pictured here are many of the excellent leaders Georgetowners got to know and work with during the amazing two

Friends of Volta Park - Oktoberfest

On Sunday October 6th, the Friends of Volta Park will host its annual Volta Park Day. In keeping with its new fall date, the theme of this year's event is Oktoberfest. Live music, moon bounces, an obstacle course, children's carnival games, pumpkin decorating, celebrity chefs grilling bratwurst, hamburgers and hotdogs for the kids, hay bales and other treats are planned for the festival which runs from 3:00-6:00.

The much anticipated East v. West softball game (ages 12+) is scheduled for 2:00 pm so please arrive at 1:45, and the tennis tournament will take place over the weekend. Come join the fun!

- East side softball team coordinator Elena Tompkins: elena@tompkinsdc.com - West side softball team coordinator John Bradshaw: johnbradshaw@ashcnc.com

--Kristen Lever

NEWSBYTES

Volta Park officially opened its new playground July 22 featuring a jungle gym, rope structure, sand pit, and a PebbleFlex surface covering the ground... **Dr. Martins** is opening an location on M Street in the old P&C Art Shop space...**ENO Wine Bar** a new dining offering from Four Seasons is set to open in September offering flights of wine and local cheese, charcuterie, and chocolate...Casual men's and women's fashion boutique Steven Alan is set to open in Cady's Alley...**Pho Viet and Grille** is getting ready to open on upper Wisconsin Avenue where Book Hill Bistro used to be...**Shop House** is open in the old Furin's space...**Julia Simon** has opened a new bridal shop, Lovely Bride, in a spacious loft space above Urban Chic in Book Hill...



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CommunityCalendar 📛

Thursdays in Sept.

Grace Episcopal Church Music on the Lawn

Live jazz every Thursday in September in Grace Church's beautiful gardens. Gates open at 5:30, live music from 6-7:30. Grace Church 1401 Wisconsin Ave. between M and K St. 's. Suggested donation: \$5. For more info email office@gracedc.org

Saturday September 14

Movie Night At Rose Park Bring your blanket, chairs, bug spray and watch *Babe*. *Rose Park.* 8:00pm, Free. contact@roseparkdc.org Tuesday September 17

Community Meeting: Duke Ellington Renovation Community meeting

discussing the proposed renovation at Duke Ellington School. Duke Ellington School-Media Room, 3500 R St, 6:00pm

Wednesday Sept. 18

Jane Austen at Dumbarton House Rescheduled, Pride and Prejudice, on the lawn of North Garden. Bring your blanket and low-back chairs. Wine and food for

purchase. Dumbarton House, 2715 Q St., gates open at 7pm movie starts at sunset 6pm–11pm, Freereservations through Eventbrite.

Saturday September 21

Four Seasons Hotel: Sprint Four The Cure 5K Run/Walk Chipped 5k–All proceeds benefit Cancer Institute at Med Star Washington Hospital Center. Four Seasons Hotel- 2800 Penn. Ave. 8:00am. \$40 before 9/15, \$50 after 9/15, \$55 day of the race. Call 202-944-2074

Thursday September 26

CAG Meeting: On The Waterfront

Make a reservation to attend the monthly membership meeting, expert panelists will discuss developments along the Potomac waterfront. *RSVP 202-337-7313, Reception at 7, program at 7:30; Potomac Boat Club 3520 Water St.*

Tuesday September 30

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC2E) Public Meeting 6:30pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets, agenda available at www. anc2e.com; 724-7098