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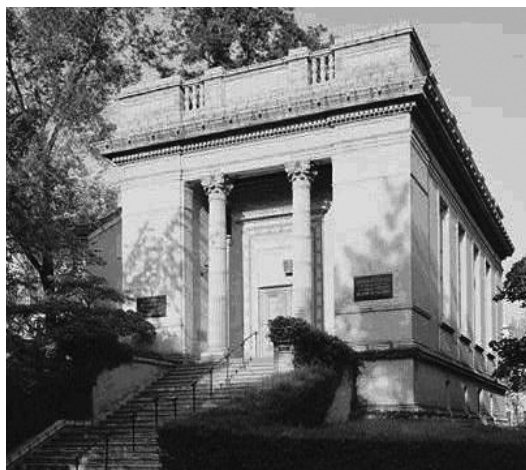


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Volta Bureau Welcomes CAG October 22

The historic Volta Bureau, headquarters of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, will host a reception and tour for CAG members on Wednesday evening, October 22, at seven o'clock. A registered National Historic Landmark, the imposing neoclassical yellow brick and sandstone building at the corner of Volta and 35th Street (3417 Volta Place, NW) was constructed in 1893 under the direction of Alexander Graham Bell to serve as a center of information for deaf and



hard of hearing persons. Magnificently restored in 2002, the building houses offices and fascinating historical displays about Bell and his work.

Next CAG Meeting Wednesday, October 22, 2008

CAG Reception and Tour at Volta Bureau

3417 Volta Place, NW

Reception 7 pm

RSVP required due to limited space;
please call 337-7313

Bell, best known for receiving the first telephone patent in 1876, was also an outstanding figure of his generation in the education of the deaf. Both his grandfather and father were teachers of speech and young Bell worked with them. He became a renowned educator by opening a private normal class to train teachers of speech to the deaf

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CAG Gala Honors Frida Burling and Luca Pivato

Black and White Masked Ball at Halcyon House October 2



The CAG Fall Gala is Thursday evening, October 2 from seven until eleven. The Black & White Masked Ball will feature world famous Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra. Just as Truman Capote feted Katharine Graham at his 1966 "Party of the Century," CAG, along with honorary chairs Sally Quinn and Ben Bradlee, will honor Frida Burling and Luca Pivato at the party of this century. There will be cocktails on the terrace overlooking the Potomac, a lavish buffet, dancing (and Jitterbug contest), as well as a tantalizing silent auction. John Dreyfuss is graciously making his magnificently restored mansion and garden available for the ball.

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Cookie Cruse models an exquisite handmade Venetian mask donated to the Gala auction by Georgetown Tobacco, a store with an in depth selection of Venetian masks by Si Lucia. See CAG website (www.cagtown.org) for full list of silent auction items. The profession of mask-making was founded in Venice in 1436 by the Masters of the Painters Guild and Si Lucia continues the tradition of hand crafting masks that has remained unchanged for hundreds of years.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Full reentry is upon us. Everything is once again in full throttle and it's made me think, even more than usual, about Georgetown — where it's been, where it is and where it's going. My husband, Rick, and I spent a good deal of time in the Canadian Maritimes this August. I found myself making comparisons, noting similarities and observing what was better there and what couldn't hold a candle.



One thing that particularly struck me is, that even in major cities like Halifax, there seems an almost resolute reverence in providing beautiful, peaceful, contemplative open public space. Our new waterfront park makes great strides in adding green space to Georgetown. But I think carving out even more public open space is something we need to keep a close eye on as more and more development comes our way. It is particularly crucial to address this now as the Office of Zoning is in the midst of a total regulation rewrite.

The Canadian commitment to recycling and trash handling was also particularly striking. From major cities to small hamlets there were sometimes as many as six different receptacles, each dedicated to a different form of collection: plastic, glass, paper, cans, wet trash and dry trash. People paid attention to them and the streets were clean. We've made huge strides in Georgetown in this effort the past couple of years, but this seems another area that needs to remain big on the radar screen.

On the plus side, while we complain about the conditions of our streets, ours are much better. That doesn't mean we won't continually be working with the Department of Transportation on repairs and upgrades. But, the stark comparison made me more appreciative of what we have.

It's interesting to be away for a while and take a fresh look at what wonderful things we have and what remains to be done.

The Black and White Ball

Hopefully you already have your tickets and outfits for our annual fundraising gala on October 2. We are indebted to John Dreyfuss for hosting this very important event at Halcyon House. Also many thanks to Sally Quinn and Ben Bradlee for acting as honorary chairs and for giving of their time, wit and wisdom at our September membership meeting.

This gala is the financial life blood of our association, providing much needed funds to keep our mission alive. Thank you to all our members and business neighbors who have stepped up to the plate to make this what looks like our most successful event ever. Jennifer Altemus, Betsy Cooley and the entire committee have pulled out all the stops...be prepared for a very special night!

Party for Georgetown Ministry Center

Another important party takes place to benefit the Georgetown Ministry Center on Thursday evening, October 16, from 6:30 to 8:30, at Nancy and Ralph Taylor's beautifully restored home at 34th and Prospect Street. Built in 1798, it has been known as Worthington House and Quality Hill, and was home to Rhode Island Senator Claiborne Pell for decades. Proceeds from this party go to support the Ministry Center's effective programs aiding homeless people in Georgetown. Contact the GMC at 338-8301 or Elizabeth Miller at 549-2334 or www.georgetownministrycenter.org.

Holiday Merriment in Georgetown

The first steps in the permitting process for this family-oriented community event on December 7 have been approved by the District and things are really shaping up. The area on Wisconsin between M and N Streets will be blocked off for visits with Santa, tents for holiday activities and a stage for performers and the highlight community candlelight caroling. There will also be activities and entertainers along the entirety of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue and the shops and restaurants along those boulevards are now planning special surprises throughout the day.

This collaboration between CAG, the Business Improvement District and the Georgetown Business Association will hopefully be the beginning of a wonderful village tradition.

Volta Bureau

Big thank you's also go out to the Volta Bureau and its new Executive Director, Alex Graham. Alex (he's not a family member...how serendipitous) contacted us a couple of months ago, saying the Foundation would like to reach out more to the community and offered to host a reception for our members on October 22. Betsy Cooley and I visited and it's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about their mission and tour their striking building. Hope for nice weather, the Volta Bureau also has a great garden.

— Denise R. Cunningham

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CAG Gala Honors Frida Burling and Luca Pivato*Continued from page 1*

Black tie and masks are optional so you may want to check out Georgetown Tobacco, which offers fabulous handcrafted Venetian masks and is donating 25% of mask sales to CAG. The party even continues after 11 p.m. as the L2 Lounge in Cady's Ally hosts an "after party," by waiving the usual \$30 door fee for CAG Gala guests.

Western Development Corporation is the lead sponsor of the festive evening, along with BB&T, Capital Restaurant Concepts, Clyde's Restaurant Group, EastBanc,

Georgetown University, Georgetown University Hospital, The Georgetown Retirement Residence, HSBC National Bank USA, M.C. Dean, Inc., Opus East L.L.C., Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., Refuel Consultants and *The Georgetown Current*.

Tickets for this memorable evening are \$150 for CAG Members and \$175 for non members. Call 337-7313 for tickets.

— Jennifer Altemus, Gala Chair

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and as a professor of vocal physiology and the mechanics of speech at Boston University. During this time he also invented the phonograph, the multiple telegraph, and the "speaking telegraph" or telephone.

In 1879, Bell and his wife Mabel Hubbard, who had been deaf from early childhood, moved to Washington, DC. The following year, the French government awarded Bell the Volta Prize of 50,000 francs for the invention of the telephone. Bell used the money to found Volta Associates,

a laboratory focused on the research of recording and transmitting sound. In 1887, Volta Associates sold the record patents they had developed to the American Gramophone Company, and Bell took part of his share of the profits to found the Volta Bureau as an instrument "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge relating to the Deaf." The Volta Bureau was first housed in Bell's father's house at 1527 35th Street. In 1893 Bell constructed the current building, to specifically house the institution.

The current Executive Director, Alexander T. Graham (no relation, believe it or not) and the AG Bell staff, have graciously offered to welcome CAG members to the building and garden and explain many of the interesting antiques and exhibits. **RSVPs are required for this special tour and reception:** call the CAG office 337-7313 or email cagmail@cagtown.org.

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Sally Quinn and Ben Bradlee at CAG

A standing-room-only crowd of over 130 listened to Georgetowners Sally Quinn and Ben Bradlee in a casual “chat in the kitchen” interview with Denise Cunningham on September 8.

Sally Quinn said one perception of Georgetown is a “hotbed of the arrogant elite” and a “metaphor of what people are supposed to hate.” But to Quinn, Georgetown is a “little hometown, a village within a city,” where residents run into friends and neighbors while walking to the hairdresser, doctor, pharmacy, movie theater, restaurants, and local parks. Ben Bradlee, who moved to Georgetown in 1947, reminisced about visiting the late Doc Dalinsky’s pharmacy and said this neighborhood is a “wonderful, comfortable, warm place.”

Quinn said she had indeed worked on a TV pilot called *Georgetown* and, although the show never went on the air, she kidded her husband about his enjoying playing a small part in the pilot that required him to kiss Helen Mirren, who portrayed Katharine Graham.

Early in his career Bradlee rose from a municipal court reporter to press attaché at the US Embassy in Paris. After some seven years he moved on to *Newsweek* and in the 1960s returned from Europe to be “low man on the totem pole” for Phil Graham at *The Washington Post*. Bradlee spoke about the Pentagon Papers story and working with Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein on the Watergate story.

Sally Quinn shared an anecdote about her job interview almost 40 years ago with Ben Bradlee at *The Washington Post*. When Bradlee asked for samples of her writing, she admitted she had none — to which Bradlee’s responded “well, no-one is perfect!” Quinn, “an army brat,”



(left to right): Frida Burling, Sally Quinn, Denise Cunningham, Ben Bradlee, and Betsy Cooley at the September CAG meeting.

travelled the world with her family as her father was with Pentagon intelligence. She became social secretary for the Algerian Ambassador, making her well-placed to cover the DC social scene. She thrived at *The Washington Post* by talking to people at parties because they would “relax over a drink and tell you things they normally would not.” She wrote profiles of interesting people on the party circuit, then segued into their political stories. Her favorite interview was with Alice Roosevelt Longworth, who opened up and “trashed the Nixons” although she was a Republican.

In a free association exercise, Denise threw out names for Sally and Ben’s reactions. To “Nixon,” Ben responded: “God’s gift to editors!” He said Katharine Graham was “the best,” telling how she loved the news-

room. Quinn said Graham was considered reserved but was actually shy, and added “Kay was most relaxed around Ben” who “got along fantastically well with her.” Graham was “incredibly thoughtful and kind,” and served as matron of honor at their wedding. Bradlee said he thought of Hillary Clinton as “intriguing, hard to be likeable, and with her own agenda.” Quinn considered Hillary Clinton “so complicated” — “the Clintons are one of the great enigmas of our time.”

Prefacing his comments by saying that he does not know him well, Bradlee called President George W. Bush “likeable, but not the great leader that his father was.” Sally shared an anecdote about Ben insisting on wearing a seersucker suit to the White House, despite her entreaties to wear something more formal. At the White House, President Bush made a point of saying to Ben that he also had a seersucker suit in his closet! Quinn liked George H. W. Bush, and thought the son was “personable, but a huge disappointment to many Americans.” She always “has the sense he would rather be at the

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Sally Quinn and Ben Bradlee at CAG*Continued from page 4*

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—Sally Quinn

ranch." She lamented the fact that the White House used to set the social tone for the city, but no longer does.

About Sally, Ben said he "loves her to death." Sally said she would like her epitaph to read "good mother, good wife, good friend." She has a website on *The Washington Post/Newsweek* site about faith and religion. Their son Quinn is the first priority in her life. He has written a book called *A Different Life* about being learning disabled, and they are very proud of him.

Denise asked the secret of their legendary parties. Quinn said a great party rests on the attitude of the host/hostess and she dedicated her book, *The Party*, to her parents and their "generosity of spirit." "A party

always should have a meaning" (e.g. to honor someone or an occasion) ..." even if you have to make it up."

Sally called CAG an "amazing and fantastic group" and noted that she's impressed by Trees for Georgetown and the new Waterfront Park; she feels safety and fighting crime is a number one issue. She regrets that some of the stores on Wisconsin Avenue are not attractive and that parking continues to be an issue. Ben said "CAG has done a wonderful job in Georgetown," although he misses some of the stores now gone, and the "lost informality." He urges CAG to work to "maintain the beauty" of Georgetown.

—Tara Scopelliti
*Secretary***Georgetown University Presents the Fall 2008 Friday Music Series**

The free concert series features artists of national and international acclaim. Concerts take place every Friday at 1:15 in McNeir Hall at Georgetown University.

October 3—Jazz singer *Lena Seikaly*. Seikaly is a classical and jazz vocalist out of Washington D.C. who has performed with Christian McBride, Benito Gonzalez, Eddie Locke and Bob Draga, and many others.

October 17—*Voting Songs*. A selection of candidate and party songs from past campaigns performed by GU student musicians. Produced by Prof. Patrick Warfield.

October 24—*Carsten Schmidt*, piano, and *James Wilson*, cello, present a program of contemporary works including the music of John Hillard.

October 31—The Silent Classic Film *Der Golem* with a Live Musical Score. Hesperus performs live musical accompaniment to the classic 1920 silent film *Der Golem*.

NEWSBYTES**The Georgetown Flea Market**

has returned to its previous location at Hardy Middle School.....Remember **Champions Bar**, which used to be where the upscale Blue Gin opened? Well, Champions is back and Blue Gin is gone.... Finally—an independent bookstore in Georgetown:

Presse Bookshop is open for business at 1614 Wisconsin Avenue.....Does anyone know why Mon Cheri Café on M Street has closed?..... By August 2011, **Bloomingdale's** will open a three level, 82,000 square foot store in the Shops at Georgetown Park featuring men's and women's apparel....

Lost Boys a new clothing shop for men (and just written up in DC Style magazine) is on 31ST Street below M....**Lulu Lemon Athletics** is replacing Ann Taylor Loft on M Street....Shopping opportunity: visit the **Fall Fete** (a "casual block party") at the **shops on Book Hill** during the **Taste of Georgetown on October 11.**



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Taste of Georgetown Features Celebrity Panelists

The annual Taste of Georgetown food and wine festival, organized by the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) to benefit the Georgetown Ministry Center (GMC), takes place Saturday, October 11 from 11 am to 4 pm.

This year's Taste of Georgetown — on Wisconsin Avenue south of M Street — will feature a New and Old World wine pavilion, children's activities, and the sounds of Blues Alley musicians. Celebrity panelists will decide the best appetizer, best entrée, best display and best dessert.

Panelists include the Food Network's "The Best Of" series' Mark Silverstein; the publisher of The ListAreYouOnit.com, Nycci Nellis; and food writer and publisher of Metrocurean, Amanda McClements.

Participating restaurants include 1789, Agraria, Bangkok Joe's, Café Bonaparte, Chadwicks, Fahrenheit Restaurant, Filomena Ristorante, Hook, La Chaumiere, Martin's Tavern, Mendocino Grille and Wine Bar, Mie N Yu, Morton's The Steakhouse, Nick's Riverside Grille, Ristorante Piccolo, Tony & Joe's, and

more. Entry into the wine pavilion is \$10, individual tasting tickets are \$5 and a packet of five tasting tickets is \$20. Tickets are available for purchase at TasteofGeorgetown.com, or at the event.

Founded in 1987, GMC's primary objective is to assist clients get off the street and into safe, secure housing. GMC provides homeless outreach services that include psychiatric, housing and job placement assistance. Visit www.georgetownministrycenter.org for more information on GMC.



St. John's Preschool Book Fair on Saturday October 25

A free book fair and day of family fun is scheduled from 10 am to 3 pm at St. John's Church, 3240 O Street NW.

Enjoy a grilled lunch and children's events, including story time, face painting, music, pumpkin decorating, games and more.

Browse through a large selection of books and games for children ages 2 to 8, including award winners and teacher recommendations. Receive the books you order within a few weeks (this event is a wonderful opportunity for early holiday shopping).

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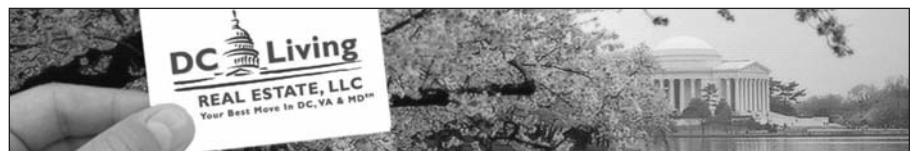
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Volunteers at Work in Peabody Room

Ten years ago, when my husband and I bought our old house in Georgetown, we were told early on to go to the Peabody Room at the Georgetown Library to learn about its history before embarking on our restoration. Doubting that it would be that easy, I took the advice and was amazed and thrilled at the amount of information available. I was promptly handed an old manila folder that contained deed records, newspaper clippings, photos, handwritten notes, and period index cards — all on paper and all extremely helpful in restoring our house. Nothing was computerized, however.

When the fire occurred, I feared the entire collection was lost, but the library staff saved much of it. An archival preservation company freeze-dried the records and in due course returned them to the Peabody Room staff who called for volunteers to help organize the material. My husband and I volunteered. In fact, twelve people so far have donated over four hundred hours of time. Since preservation by freeze-drying is not perfect, everything must be photocopied and placed in new files. The volunteers

have been doing this task, making new files, re-sleeving photos, photocopying printed work and creating a computerized and cross referenced file of Georgetown residents and properties. Of the house files, over 450 are now back in service with 900 more to go. Obviously, hours of work must still be done. More volunteers are needed.

The collection is housed for now at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library downtown. It is a vibrant area with good restaurants for lunch breaks. Just across the street is the National Portrait Gallery/American Art Museum and Chintown is only two blocks away. Mark Greek guides our work and Special Collection Librarian/Archivist Jerry McCoy is there to answer questions. Both are experienced professionals, great assets to Georgetown and a pleasure to know. All in all, we have loved volunteering and will continue as long as we are needed. To volunteer, call Mark Greek at 202-727-1446. To research, call Jerry McCoy at 202-727-0321.

— Anne Thompson

“Remembering Not to Forget” at Duke Ellington School

The Museum Studies Department at Ellington School of the Arts is presenting a collection of works that chronicle triumphs and tragedies — life’s personal and political events — depicted by local artists. The exhibition will run through November 7 at the Duke Ellington School at 3500 R Street. An intimate conversation with the artists is scheduled for October 16 at 6:30 pm.

Tree Planting at Volta Park

This spring Friends of Volta Park board member Lee Child and president Mimsy Lindner submitted a proposal to Casey Trees requesting ten trees for Volta Park. The proposal was accepted and, on Saturday, October 18, from 10 am until noon, holes will be dug by strong-backed volunteers to plant the trees. These trees — oaks and maples for shade and two smaller trees — will round out the array of existing trees in the park, including the venerable Osage orange trees planted along 34th Street and Volta Place.

The Community Tree Planting is part of Casey Trees mission to increase the green canopy of our city. Trees provide cooling to counter the heat emanating from paved surfaces and buildings. Harmful carbon dioxide is removed from the air by living trees, thus reducing the harmful effects of pollutants. And trees enhance open spaces that provide a place for neighbors to meet, engage in play and sports, as well as share a sense of community.

Casey Trees also provides tools and technical assistance for planting. The Friends of Volta Park have agreed to water and maintain the new trees. The October 18 event will focus on the importance of trees in our community, so come to the tree planting to learn more about greening your own property and your neighborhood.

— Barbara Downs

Georgetown Waterfront Park Opens Saturday, October 4

The long anticipated day has arrived — get ready to enjoy the new Waterfront Park! You are invited to join DC, Department of the Interior and the National Park Service officials at a brief ceremony at 11 am on October 4 to officially open the Waterfront Park. Phase 1 of the Park, starting at Wisconsin Avenue and extending to 34th Street, has been under construction since January 2007.

The park design, created by Wallace, Roberts & Todd, includes expansive lawns, walking paths, a promenade along the river, and benches to enjoy the views. In addition, overlooks extending out from the edge, and a labyrinth provide quiet spots for contemplation. A

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rich variety of trees, shrubs and perennials, many of them native species, soften the boundaries and continue the green edge of the river from the C & O Canal to the George Washington Parkway.

The opening ceremonies will honor Senator Charles H. Percy whose initiatives helped make the

park a reality. Starting in 1997, Senator Percy worked with the National Park Service, the District of Columbia, the United States Congress and the Georgetown community to raise awareness, as well as the necessary funds to build the Park.

Phase 2 of the Park, comprised of the central plaza with a fountain at the foot of Wisconsin Avenue and stretching east to Washington Harbour, has completed its funding with the award of a National Park Service Centennial grant of \$4.5 million and matching funds that have been privately raised. Bids are being considered and construction should begin in the near future.

— Barbara Downs



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Bigger and Better Hardy Middle School Reopens *Open House on October 23*

The Rose Hardy Middle School renovation is finally complete after two years of renovations plagued by financial and construction problems. Mercifully, gone is the dust, the dump trucks and the traffic snarls. In their place is an attractive, brightly painted school with blue trim. The unsightly front concrete area of the original school yard (at the intersection of 35th Street and Wisconsin Avenue) is now an athletic track surrounded by grass. Alongside the oval track is a smaller concrete area nicely designed for parking during the school days, and once again home to the Georgetown Flea Market on Sundays.

I talked with Patrick N. Pope, Principal of the Hardy School for the past ten years. He is a dynamic leader who has spearheaded many changes for the 320 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students that Hardy serves. New this year, as the students return from their temporary classrooms in northeast Washington, are uniforms: khakis with navy blue

polo shirts and black shoes. Hardy School now is centrally air conditioned and has two state-of-the-art computer labs. The cafeteria is large, bright and airy and the library is progressing. The spacious gym will be perfect for the athletic program which includes competitive volleyball, cross country and football. The arts program is rich and varied and the music program has been expanded into new spaces. There is a band rehearsal room for 100 students and a number of small practice rooms.

Mr. Pope hopes many Georgetowners will come to a community reception and open house to inaugurate the new school building from 5:30 to 7:30 on Thursday, October 23, with honorary guest, Chancellor Michelle Rhee. There will be guided tours from 5:30 to 6, a musical program from 6 to 6:30 and a reception in the main lobby from 6:30 to 7:30. Everyone is invited and I hope you will go to see the exciting changes at Hardy.

— Anne Emmet

Georgetown University Learning Community Offers Classes

The GU Learning Community (GULC) is offering ten non-credit short courses for persons 55 or better, on the GU Campus during October and November 2008. Classes sound intriguing, ranging from *Shakespeare to Statistics & Society to Recent Scientific Advances...* and more. The classes are also a bargain: registration fee is \$30 and, for this semester only, there are no other GU fees. Class size is limited and pre-registration is necessary. For more information, or to register, go to: <http://www12.georgetown.edu/scs/gulc/index.html>, or contact Angela Sanders at sandersa@georgetown.edu or call 687-8128. The GULC is sponsored by the Association of Main-Campus Retired Faculty, the Alumni Association, The Library Associates, and The School for Continuing Studies.

Rat Abatement Moves Forward



Karyn Le Blanc, spokesperson for DDOT (in foreground) met with representatives of CAG, the BID, businesses, restaurants and residents to coordinate the paving of Cannon Alley as the Community Hygiene Project (Rat Abatement) expanded to the third Georgetown alley this August. Pictured from left to right: John Wiebenson,

BID Deputy Executive Director of Operations; Douglas Smith, BID Interim Executive Director; Bill Starrels, ANC2E Commissioner; Gerard Brown, DOH Program Manager; Tony Kim, Sushi To Go owner; Anne Kelly, Hartman-Cox Architects; Evan Haag, Manager, Ritz Camera Centers; Joshua Thornhill, Manager of Barnes & Noble; Karyn Le Blanc, Rob Favatella, Western Pest Services; Mo Idrissi, owner of News Café; and Jonathon Moore, Partner, Moore & Bruce LLP.

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CAG Public Safety Program patrol cars are now clearly identified with the CAG name and logo in bright blue on the rear doors. Under contract with Securitas Security, the CAG guards — and cars with flashing lights — provide surveillance Wednesday through Sunday nights.

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Thurs. Oct 2	Citizens Association of Georgetown Gala Black and White Ball at Halcyon House, 7 -11 pm; 3400 Prospect Street; call 337-7313 for tickets; \$150 members, \$175 non-members
Fri. Oct. 3	Open House at Dumbarton House — Wine and Cheese Reception; 5 - 8 pm; 2715 Q Street; RSVP to dumbartonhouse.org or call 337-2288 ext.230.
Sat. Oct. 4	Mt. Zion Methodist Church Festival benefitting historical landmark Mt. Zion Cemetery restoration and preservation campaign; 10 am - 5:30 pm; Rose Park, 26th and P Streets; Free admission; call 234-0148.
Sun. Oct. 5	Annual Blessing of the Animals at St. John's Church; 2 pm; 3240 O Street; call 333-0270 for information.
Sat. Oct. 11	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.
Sat. Oct. 11	Taste of Georgetown; 11 am - 4 pm; Wisconsin Avenue South of M Street.
Thurs. Oct. 16	21 st Annual <i>Spirit of Georgetown Event</i> for benefit of Georgetown Ministry Center; 6:30 - 8:30 pm; at historic "Quality Hill" — home of Nancy and Ralph Taylor; \$125 per person/\$200 per couple; pay online at www.georgetownministrycenter.org or call 338-8301.
Thurs. Oct. 16	Nathans Community Lunch featuring Ted Leonsis; Noon; call 338-2000 for reservations.
Wed. Oct. 22	Citizens Association of Georgetown Reception and Tour at Volta Bureau; 3417 Volta Street, NW; Reception 7 pm; RSVP required due to limited space — call 337-7313.
Thurs. Oct. 23	Hardy School Open House; 5:30 - 7:30 pm; 35th Street and Wisconsin Avenue.
Sat. Oct. 25	Historic Halloween "Spooktacular" for children at Tudor Place:1644 31st Street; 10 am - 12 pm; Advance reservations necessary; member children \$7, nonmember children \$10; adults \$3; call 965-0400.
Mon. Nov. 3	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.