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This year's spectacular evening will highlight Georgetown's unique combination of history,

style, and allure. Our gala committee, chaired by Tricia Huntley, Leslie Maysak, and Jennifer Altemus, has planned a cool night-club vibe for the elegant evening at the Four Seasons Hotel, with complimentary valet parking.

The auction offers some spectacular prizes, from a week at a cozy Aspen condo to beautiful artwork, sumptuous wine, an incredible Redskins home game experience,



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DC WATER'S PLAN TO STOP POLLUTION OF THE POTOMAC RIVER

WALTER GROZACK



The drill used to dig large underground tunnels

DC Water will outline plans to abate the overflows from sewers into the Potomac River at a public meeting on October 7 at 6:30pm, at St. John's Church, 3240 O Street. This "Green Infrastructure" initiative could entail major construction in the streets, alleys, and sidewalks of Georgetown.

First, a bit of background. Georgetown's sewers are combined sewers – that is, they carry both sewage and runoff from

rainstorms and snowmelt – and they are old; some were built over 125 years ago. When too much rainfall or snowmelt drains into the sewer, the runoff volume can exceed the sewer's capacity, causing overflow to be discharged directly into the river, without going to a sewage treatment plant. There are six combined sewer overflows in Georgetown: three are along the waterfront between Wisconsin Avenue and Rock Creek; the other three, numbered 027, 028, and 029 ("the three sewers"), are

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- Henry David Thoreau

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In keeping with CAG's mission to preserve the historic character, quality of life, and aesthetic value of Georgetown, we are currently involved in two actions dealing with zoning and land use.

Eminent Domain. I will testify before the City Council in support of a bill authorizing the use of eminent domain to ensure continued access for neighbors of an alley that connects Potomac and 33rd Streets between N and O.

Background. Incredibly, with no prior notice to the neighbors, these alley lots were sold at a tax auction to a speculator who now seeks to build structures that would deprive the residents of access to their alley, as well as preventing city services such as trash collection, plowing, and general maintenance.

New Neighbors? Help CAG Welcome Them!

Please let CAG know when you have new neighbors. Email or call us with their names and address and we will send them a "Welcome to Georgetown and CAG" package with helpful materials about the neighborhood—and the Citizens Association. It is also helpful to be notified when neighbors move away so we can update our mailing (and emailing) lists. cagmail@cagtown.org | 202.337.7313.

President's LETTER

JAM-PACKED OCTOBER!

The alley has been used by these properties for over one hundred years. Some of the owners have recorded easements for use of the alley; all others have easements by proscription. To avoid litigation, CAG supports requiring the DC government to acquire the alley lots through eminent domain, thus eliminating any threat of disruption of access for the residents.

Yarrow Mamout Site. At a hearing before the Board of Zoning Adjustment, CAG will advocate on behalf of residents of the 3300 block of Dent Place NW. The owner of 3324 Dent Place, the former site of the Yarrow Mamout home, is seeking variances to permit construction of two residences that are inconsistent with the R-3 single-family zoning in Georgetown and would have a negative impact on parking for neighbors. If this goes ahead, the creation of two substandard lots and narrow attached row houses would obliterate a site important to the history of both Georgetown and the District of Columbia.

Georgetown Goes Green. On the utility front, we have been working with DC Water to explore how green infrastructure techniques in west Georgetown could reduce the size of the mammoth retention tunnel from south of the Kennedy Center to beyond Key Bridge – a tunnel that would disrupt the Georgetown waterfront with its large service shafts. The green infrastructure changes would need to reduce the sewer outflows into the Potomac during heavy rains that currently force a mixture of storm runoff and sewage to flow directly into the river.

DC Water will hold a public meeting on October 7 at St. John's Episcopal Church at 6:30 pm to discuss plans to:

- install pervious pavements in alleys and street parking lanes
- expand tree boxes along sidewalks
- install rain barrels to collect roof run-off
- create rain gardens to serve as retention ponds.

Come to the meeting to ask questions and weigh the trade-off of temporary disruption for installing this green infrastructure against the permanent disruption of the Georgetown Waterfront Park.

The Georgetown Gala on October 23 at the Four Seasons will be an elegant event for all who attend. This year's theme, "*Bar 1878: Georgetown After Dark*," highlights Georgetown's unique combination of history, style and allure. With cocktails and an exceptional dinner menu, plus dancing to the BroadSound Band, the Gala promises to be a jubilant evening.

Public Meeting on the West Heating Plant. CAG has scheduled a public meeting on October 28 at Visitation School at 7pm to discuss the proposed alternative architectural designs for the West Heating Plant with architect David Adjaye and developer Richard Levy. The public is invited to ask questions and to express their preferences and concerns about the proposed designs. It should be an interesting presentation.

In Memoriam. Finally, our heartfelt condolences to Diane Colasanto, former CAG board member and Chair of the Public Safety committee, on the death of her husband, Andrew Kohut. Andy, a preeminent leader in the field of public opinion survey and analysis, was head of both the Gallop organization and the Pew Research Center. Many of you will share our memories of Andrew around the neighborhood – from chance encounters walking his dog, to his astute presentation on the presidential primaries at a membership meeting back in 2008, to enjoyable socializing at various dinners and galas, and his presence around the neighborhood

Bob vom Eigen, PRESIDENT

GALA 2015 AUCTION ITEMS

#1 Aspen Condo: Spend one week at this cozy condo in Aspen with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. Whether you ski, hike, kayak, or simply sightsee, you will feel welcome in this authentic mountain playground! (Dates to be mutually agreed upon/excluding holidays. Max 4 guests.)

#2 Exquisite Case of Wine: When an experienced wine connoisseur chooses a wine, you know it's going to be good! Pamela and Richard Hinds have graciously donated a case of 1990 Chateau Montrose La Dame de Montrose, Saint-Estephe, France. This lovely wine is drinking beautifully now, so place your bid to take home twelve bottles of delight!

#3 Georgetown Artist Photography: A piece of art should not just decorate your space, but feed your soul. We are honored to offer three unique Georgetown photographs* by local artist Ramin Abraham. This set includes stunning views of the Potomac River and Georgetown just after sunset. The works have been described as "fusions" that capture the spirit of our village. The photographs are printed on a 30"x 20" sheet of aluminum and float mounted. (*Appraisal provided)

#4 Paris Trip: What's not to love about Paris? Enjoy 4 days/3 nights in the historic and hip Marais district. This charming apartment on rue St. Paul includes 2 queen bedrooms and 2 baths with a sofa bed in the living room for a max of 6 people! The vintage boutiques, quaint restaurants, art galleries, and museums of Paris are endless.

#5 July 4th Extravaganza: Close your eyes and imagine a fully-catered party for 20 lucky friends on a scenic waterfront rooftop on the 4th of July in Washington DC! OK, open your eyes and make a bid! The space has been graciously donated by our friends at Foley & Lardner Law Firm, with catering by Italian specialty market Via Umbria.

#6 Nantucket House: Located 30 miles south of Cape Cod, the island of Nantucket is like stepping back in time with its cobblestone main street and historic architecture unlike any other seaport in Massachusetts. Relax and dream for one week* at the charming historic Laytham 1800s farmhouse with 3 bedrooms. "Innovative architecture inspired by history and perfected by time," as described by Cape Cod & Islands Home Magazine. (*Mutually agreed upon date; excluding May 15–October 1.)

#7 Redskins Experience: Are you a diehard Redskins fan? Get ready to place your bid. Package includes two tickets to the Redskins vs. Saints game on Sunday, November 15th at 1:00 pm, along with a parking pass and two field passes. The lucky winner also gets lunch at Cafe Milano with NFL media analyst and former general manager of the Redskins, Mr. Charley Casserly (to be arranged at a mutually agreed upon date.)

#8 Vermont Escape: Vermont is a place where you can enjoy quiet time while surrounding yourself with the best nature has to offer. One of our generous Georgetown residents has donated her historic home with four bedrooms and two and a half baths. Enjoy nearby hiking trails, summer theater and the scenic Green Mountains. Available June or August 2016/no pets.

#9 Personal Portrait: The years fly by so quickly....capture your loved ones in a stunning portrait to make the memories last forever. Philip Bermingham is considered to be one of America's leading portrait photographers. He has photographed numerous world leaders, including Queen Elizabeth II as well as Presidents Nixon, Reagan, and Bush. This auction package includes a personal consultation and portrait session with Philip and an 8 x 10 inch portrait.

#10 Salon Package: Imagine having a standing appointment at one of the best salons in Georgetown for a year! Kick off your year-long package from Madeline Wade Stylist Studio with a Moisturizing Steam

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#12 Four Seasons NYC Getaway: Every so often, residents of Georgetown crave the Big Apple. Enjoy your 2-night weekend stay in Manhattan like never before! After experiencing the energy of the city, relax in a classic room at the NYC Four Seasons to include daily breakfast for 2 and complimentary parking. Chic comfort. Spacious accommodations. Top rated chefs. Endless views. This luxury package is worth it!



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Aspects of Georgetown: REFLECTIONS EDITH SCHAFER

The Czech writer Milan Kundera observed that happiness is the longing for repetition. Hmmm, that makes quite a lot of sense — if we enjoy something, we look forward to doing it again. Or consider places we like, they resonate with us and we fit in seamlessly when we revisit them. In particular, I go to the same place every summer and so do many members of my family. We do the things we have always done. This is generally a plus, we see relatives from far off places, observe how their children have grown, and in general feel interconnected, a feeling that is harder to come by in fast-paced mobile Washington.

Memory makes it all work, it assures us that we are the same person in spite of the passage of time. Without memory, we would be in big trouble. People have eaten walnuts (on the theory they look sort of like the brain),

certain fish or herbs, or tribal chieftains in hopes of acquiring memory benefits or superior mental abilities. Probably none of those things was very effective, but we all have our little mnemonic devices that enable us to move from one life to another without losing our bearings. Having Georgetown be one of our lives is good, it's often a perfect counterbalance to our other lives. And there are plenty of interesting people here, one can almost count on finding someone with similar interests, predilections, hang ups, neuroses, whatever. A predilection is a bias in favor of something. Over time, I have developed a bias in favor of Georgetown and when I leave it and people ask me where I live I am pleased to tell them. There is one problem with living in Georgetown, though. Everyone assumes you are affluent and they ask you for money. Often we approve of their enterprises and would like to support them, but we are not all Donald Trump.

In my summer life, I am asked to give to something called Island Readers and Writers. This group provides books and classes for children who live on rather remote islands off the coast Maine. Their fathers are likely to be lobstermen. This is an appealing cause, so would I rather make my donation to it or give it a struggling senator in the party of my choice? Our lives are full, almost too full.

Recently in Montrose Park, I saw a young couple holding hands, carrying a hamper and a blanket, as they walked down a newly mowed greensward toward the big tree that you can't miss going down from Montrose to Dumbarton Oaks Park. I watched with bated breath to see if they were going to spread the blanket out at the base of the tree and have supper. They did. I would give this a 10 on the heartwarming scale.

GEORGETOWN GALA ...

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or a beautiful rooftop party. Also up for bidding are a getaway week in a historic Nantucket farmhouse and a relaxing summer getaway in scenic Vermont.

Gala invitations were mailed in September and tickets are available online at www.cagtown.org. So gather your friends and neighbors, don a dazzling dress or dashing suit, and join us for a wonderful night.

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Helgi Walker graciously hosted a meeting of the 2015 CAG Gala committee. Here she thanks CAG for its effort in preserving the open space around the former Alexander Memorial church development — next door to her home.

CAG Gala 2015 Committee (first row, l-r): Florence Auld, Helgi Walker (and Cache-Cache), Leslie Maysak, Louise Jacob, Amy Looney, Jennifer Altemus, Cheryl Gray, Tricia Huntley, Sara Stone, Nancy Taylor Bubes, Cathy Kerkam, Jennie Buehler, (top row l-r) Tina Nadler, Nancy Carpenter, Nancy Miyahira, Darla Jackson, Jackie Pletcher, Pam Hinds, Lisa Koches, Ada Polla, and Betsy Cooley. Not shown: Cherry Baumbusch, Pamla Moore, Colleen Girouard, Natalie Grasso, Lesley Lee, Erin Mullan, Constance Chatfield-Taylor, Michele Evans, Marcie Connolly, Tina Alster, Annemarie Ryan, Debbie Winsor, Barbara Rothman, Beth Webster, Robin Jones, Karen Murphy.

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(from March 15 to September 16)

Thanks to the generosity of the following people, CAG has raised more of the required revenue for the 2015 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. All donations are tax deductible.

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— LEE CHILD
Georgetown Garden Club





YOU ASKED FOR IT: INFORMATION ON SECURITY CAMERAS

JOHN RENTZEPIS & RICH HINDS, CO-CHAIR, CAG Public Safety Committee

The Citizens Association has found surveillance cameras to be a useful adjunct to its Public Safety Program. Not only do they provide deterrence to criminals on the blocks where they are located but since word is out that CAG has installed cameras in Georgetown at undisclosed locations, we believe they provide deterrence Georgetown-wide. As CAG continues to add cameras, the goal is to provide further coverage of important entries and exits to Georgetown, such as Q Street and Reservoir Road. (The Georgetown Business Improvement District has installed cameras on Wisconsin Avenue and M Street.)

Besides acting as a deterrent to crime, the CAG cameras have been useful to the police in identifying descriptions of suspects, their cars, and license plate numbers. Thanks to a generous contribution from the M.C. Dean Foundation and other donations to the Public Safety Program, CAG will have as many as eight cameras installed and maintained throughout the neighborhood. As a reference point, installation and maintenance add several thousand dollars to the approximate \$2,500 cost of each two-lens camera.

Recognizing that there are financial and location limits on CAG's camera program, several residents have asked about installing their own cameras in the front of, back of, or alleys adjacent to, their houses, to provide more security and deterrence. The cost of exterior cameras rises with the desired resolution, night vision capability, location, and method of installation. Most high-end high definition exterior cameras with low light optics and/or infrared lighting built in must be hard wired to electricity and to a central digital recording device (DVR) that can be accessed from the internet through a building's Wi-Fi system. CAG's cameras fall into this category, but are not appropriate for most residential uses because of their specialized nature and cost.

In addition, a system that might work well in one house may not be a good choice for a different house configuration. For example, a camera that does a good job covering a well-lighted doorway may not do such a good job covering an unlighted rear yard. While lights in the rear on photocells or motion detectors can help, a specialized night vision camera may be the better choice in that location. Accordingly, if you want a good high-definition external camera system, your best option is to contact an independent camera installer and get a bid on a system that would be best for your situation and needs. Listed at the end of this article are two firms that have been recommended by CAG members. CAG itself does not endorse either of them.

For some applications, a wireless solution may be the only practical choice, even though resolution may not be as high as a wired camera. Exterior Wi-Fi cameras with on-board recording ability that can be monitored using a house Wi-Fi system have been recently introduced. Range extenders are available to extend the house Wi-Fi signal to cameras out of range of the existing Wi-Fi signal, but most cameras need to be wired for power (some use rechargeable batteries but only record when motion across the camera triggers recording of the event).

For the interior of a house, there are several choices available, including whole house systems that permit operation of cameras and several other devices such as lights and HVAC systems. These systems are relatively inexpensive and capable of being installed by a homeowner, so they provide a low-cost alternative for camera surveillance. See below for an interior system recommended by employees of M.C. Dean.

Lastly, several security vendors that specialize in monitored alarm systems (which should be considered a high priority for all homeowners in Georgetown) can provide interior and exterior camera systems to their packages. Some CAG members have reported that ADT's camera system provides good results. If you use ADT or another monitored alarm system, ask that company about adding cameras to your existing security package.

Exterior Cameras There are many wired and wireless exterior cameras on the market but the choice of which cameras to use and how to connect them to your house (via Wi-Fi or hard-wired) is a job best left to professionals. One resident has expressed satisfaction with a camera package by Wirepath Surveillance, which was installed professionally. Visit wirepath.com.

Independent Residential Camera Installers

Steve Adams, owner Strategic Home Media: 410-643-3335, steve@strategichomemedia.com, strategichomemedia.com

Jonathan Tapper, Maryland Security Professionals: 410-224-3028, jontapper@marylandsecurity.net, marylandsecurity.net

Do-It-Yourself Interior Wireless Cameras: Suggestions from M.C. Dean Representative

Piper. The Piper has a night vision system called Piper NV. The other camera which works best with lights on is the Piper Classic. The NV is ~\$269 versus the ~\$199 for the Classic. The NV with night vision also has a 3.4 megapixel camera versus the 2 megapixel that the classic has. You can have up to five Piper units in your home on the network.

Each Piper comes with a camera, siren, microphone, motion detector, z-wave hub (for expansion to sensors), and built-in temperature sensor. Visit getpiper.com

Other interior camera systems are sold online direct or through Amazon, and at stores such as Best Buy, Costco, and Home Depot.

Monitored Alarm Companies

Frontpoint Security (Self-installed but monitored by Frontpoint. Has camera options.) Visit frontpointsecurity.com

Simplisafe (Self-installed but monitored by Simplisafe. Does not have camera options) Visit simplisafe.com

ADT Visit adt.com/home-security

AT&T Visit att.com/shop/digital-life.html

Vector Visit vectorsecurity.com

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at the foot of 33rd Street, near the Aqueduct Bridge, and west of the Washington Canoe Club.

The consent decree. DC Water and the Federal government recently entered into an amended consent decree that requires DC Water to act to decrease these overflows into the Anacostia and Potomac rivers. The decree requires construction of a 30-million-gallon stormwater retention tunnel, buried deep underground near the east bank of the Potomac River.

Under the consent decree, DC Water will undertake a demonstration project to determine the effectiveness and practicability of using Green Infrastructure to eliminate overflows from the “three sewers.” If the demonstration project shows these green measures are not sufficient, the consent decree requires DC Water to increase the capacity of the Potomac River tunnel by an additional 10 million gallons.

The Green Infrastructure demonstration project. Before amending the consent decree and introducing these green measures, DC Water surveyed the 515 acres serviced by the “three sewers”, and determined that about 280 of these acres represented impervious surfaces – roofs, roadways, sidewalks, alleys, and parking lots where rainwater runs off rather than draining into the soil. Using a mathematical model, it was determined that Green Infrastructure measures would control about 30 per cent of the runoff in the impervious areas of west Georgetown covered by sewers 027 and 028.

DC Water envisions that four different approaches could be used in west Georgetown to achieve this control.

The first approach could be for property owners to install barrels and cisterns to collect rainwater from downspouts, periodically emptying them during dry weather.

A second approach would be to carve out space from sidewalks and streets to create bio-retention cells and bio-swales, or expand the size of tree boxes. A bio-retention cell is a vegetated depression that temporarily stores the stormwater runoff before it flows in to a combined sewer.

A third approach would require excavation of streets and alleys and the placement of subsurface reservoirs — chambers that retain the runoff before slowly releasing it into a combined sewer.

The fourth approach would likely have the greatest impact on west Georgetown, and be long-lasting. Georgetown alleys and parking lanes would be excavated to a depth of 3.5 feet or more, removing the clay and dirt beneath and replacing the soil with stone aggregate. The existing paving would be stripped away and a new pervious (permeable) surface laid, allowing rainwater to drain rather than flowing into gutters.

Come to the October 7th meeting to learn more, ask questions, and voice your opinion!



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Friends of Rose Park Dedication event for the Margaret Peters and Roumania Peters Walker Rose Park Tennis Courts

Join friends of the Peters and Walker families, community leaders, neighbors and Friends of Rose Park for the unveiling of a bronze memorial plaque and photographic exhibit of the Peters Sisters.

**Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
at the Rose Park tennis courts**

Speakers include:

Mrs. Fannie Walker Weekes
daughter of Roumania Peters Walker

James Walker, Jr., Esq.
son of Roumania Peters Walker

The Honorable Jeh Johnson
*Cabinet Secretary,
U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

The Honorable Tom Birch
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The Honorable Monica Roache
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Mr. Keith Anderson
*Director,
DC Department of Parks & Recreation*

Rev. Adam Y. Park
*Epiphany Catholic Church
church attended by the Peters Sisters*

Mr. David Dunning
*Master of Ceremonies,
President, Friends of Rose Park*

*Light refreshments will be served
following the dedication*



www.roseparkdc.org

SPECIAL MEETING WILL REVEAL LATEST DESIGNS FOR THE WEST HEATING PLANT

WALTER GROZACK, *Historic Preservation & Zoning Committee*

A special meeting to present two alternative designs for redevelopment of the former West Heating Plant on 29th Street NW will be held on Wednesday, October 28, at 7pm in the Heritage Room (second floor) of the Georgetown Visitation School, 1524 34th Street.

The designs will be presented by David Adjaye, OBE, the project's award-winning British architect. Adjaye, whose prestigious portfolio ranges from the Oslo's Nobel Peace Center to DC's own National Museum of African American History and Culture, is the latest recipient of MIT's prestigious Eugene McDermott Award in the Arts.

The first design option is an updated version of the owner's initial submission that responds to comments made by the Old Georgetown Board in 2013. This update would retain the existing west façade, and use a ceramic screen to re-create the general appearance of the other three sides.

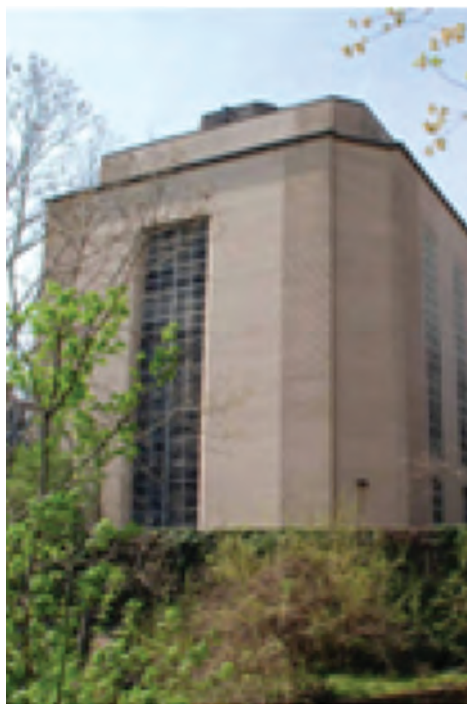
The second option represents a new design by Adjaye, employing a much freer hand. This new design does not memorialize the current structure's appearance. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, and those attending may voice their preference.

CAG is nearing its fifth year of intensive involvement with the West Heating Plant, beginning with the initial disposition steps taken by the General Services Administration, and continuing with the current owners' proposed redevelopment of the site as a Four Seasons Residences.

Recent Reviews of the Plant

In the spring of 2013, the Old Georgetown Board, as part of its review of the initial design, asked for a peer review of the structural engineering report on the condition of the plant. A second structural engineering consultant, Wiss Janney Elstner, was hired to assess both the plant's condition and the findings of the owner's engineering consultant, Robert Silman Associates.

The review centered on the integrity and deterioration of the plant's brick walls. The north, east, and south walls are freestanding, with no lateral support. These walls consist



West Heating Plant

of several courses of exterior brick, and an inner wall of ceramic tile. The brick and tile envelop a hollow cavity running the full height of the wall. Filling the cavity is steel cross-bracing, which anchors the windows, and protects against a wall collapse in high winds. The steel is rusting and deteriorating from water seeping into the cavity.

Both engineering consultants agreed that the entire interior tile portion of the wall should be completely demolished. They also agreed that much of the exterior brick is so cracked or otherwise damaged that it needs to be replaced. As new brick would not be identical to the original brick, replacing the damaged sections could result in an unattractive, mismatched appearance. And retaining the percentage of original brick that is currently would impose a significant, periodic inspection and maintenance cost on the owners.

In 2014, an environmental consultant sampled environmental contamination levels within the plant. During the previous decade, four other different consultants hired by the government had tested for the presence of hazardous and toxic substances.

All five consultants found contamination, ranging from asbestos to heavy metals and certain organic compounds, such as polychlorinated biphenyls. The most recent testing also detected volatilized mercury in the air within the plant, at levels far exceeding the permissible value. (The plant's decades-long burning of coal is the likely source of the mercury.) An extensive and expensive remediation of this contamination would be required before the plant is safe for human occupancy.

In April 2015, the DC Historic Preservation and Review Board voted against either designating the West Heating Plant as a District Landmark or nominating the plant for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. CAG supported that outcome in its comments to the Review Board. CAG noted that, although construction of the plant was completed in 1946, within the period of historic significance, the structure was not deserving of special recognition.

The Path Ahead

The plant's owners plan to file an application to demolish, at a minimum, a substantial portion of the plant. As the plant is considered "historic," demolition is prohibited under DC law. However, they can apply for an exception, allowed for projects of "special merit," which will be determined by the Mayor's Agent after a public hearing on the application.

The law provides for this exception if the proposed project satisfies at least one of several criteria. The relevant criteria for the West Heating Plant are "exemplary architecture" and "social and other benefits having a high priority for community services". (Environmental contamination of a historic building is not a specified criterion allowing its demolition.)

If demolition is allowed, the next step would be a public hearing held by the Zoning Commission before it assigns a zoning classification, which would set height and similar limits. The hearing would also weigh the developer's offer to provide community benefits, such as a new public park south of the existing plant.



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- Sat. Oct. 3** **Taste of Georgetown, 11am – 4pm** K Street between Wisconsin Ave. and Thomas Jefferson, and along the Waterfront. www.tasteofgeorgetown.com
- Sun. Oct. 4** **Volta Park Day 3-6pm.** Rides, games, music, and food. The annual East v. West Softball Game starts at 2pm. Free. www.voltapark.org.
- Sun. Oct. 4** **Phantom of the Opera** at St Johns Episcopal Church, 3240 O St. 6pm showing of the original 1925 silent movie, accompanied by Todd Wilson on the church's pipe organ. Tickets \$30. www.stjohnsgeorgetown.org/concertseries/
- Wed. Oct. 7** **Book Hill Park Fall Event 6-8pm** at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Naeve, 1692 31st St. Tickets \$150. Contact Julia Diaz-Asper at jasper@ttrsir.com or 202-333-0077.
- Wed. Oct. 7** **DC Water's Public Meeting 6:30pm** on the Clean Rivers Program and its Green Infrastructure Plan for Georgetown. St. John's Church, 3240 O St.
- Mon. Oct. 12** **Columbus Day.** Federal Holiday.
- Thu. Oct. 15** **Spirit of Georgetown Benefit. 6:30-8:30pm** at the home of Ellen Charles. Tickets at www.spiritofgeorgetown.org or 202-338-830.
- Thu. Oct. 15** **Georgetown Book Club** discusses the 2015 DC Reads book, *All Aunt Hagar's Children*. 7.30pm at the Georgetown Neighborhood Library on Reservoir Road. Email julia.strusienski@dc.gov or call the library at 202-727-0232.
- Sat. Oct. 17** **Georgetown Community Day, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Organized by the Georgetown Community Partnership to bring the University community and the neighborhood together for food, music, and games to get to know and support one another. And raffles too! Contact Candace Mosely at cbm29@georgetown.edu or 202.687.5677.
- Mon. Oct. 19** **Georgetown Preschool Preview, 6-8pm** at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, 4700 Whitehaven Pkwy. Information and representatives from Georgetown preschools and playgroups.
- Fri. Oct. 23** **Georgetown Gala — Bar 1878: Georgetown After Dark. 7-11pm** at the Four Seasons Hotel. For tickets, go to www.cagtown.org or phone 202-337-7313.
- Sat. Oct. 24** **Dumbarton Concerts** kicks off its new season with "A Far Cry: TransAmericana". 8pm at the Historic Dumbarton Church, 3133 Dumbarton St. Tickets www.dumbartonconcerts.org or phone: 202-965-2000.
- Wed. Oct. 28** **Special Meeting on West Heating Plant.** Architect David Adjaye will present the latest design options. 7pm in the Heritage Room (second floor) of Georgetown Visitation School, 1524 34th St.
- Sat. Oct. 3** **Halloween**
- Mon. Nov. 2** **Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2E Meeting. 6:30pm** in the Heritage Room at Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta streets. Agenda available at www.anc2E.com. Call 202-337-7427 for more information.



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