

# The Corner Forum

for the 1200 and 1300 blocks of E, the 400 and 500 blocks of 13th,  
Duncan Place and Emerald Street NE

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## ANC Votes to Oppose Excello License Renewal

BY JIM LAISE, 1248 E ST. NE

A motion to oppose the liquor license renewal of Excello Liquors, at 419 13th St. NE, was adopted unanimously last night by the six ANC commissioners attending a special meeting at Capitol Towers, at 9th and G Streets NE.

Voting to oppose the renewal were Wanda Stevens-Harris (6A01); Commission Chairman Joseph Fengler (6A02); Cody Rice (6A03); Nick Alberti (6A04); Michael Musante, who represents ANC 6A05, the district that includes the liquor store; and Jessica Ward (6A06), chairman of the ANC's Alcoholic Beverage Licensing and Public Safety Committee. Gladys Mack (6A07) and Colleen Harris (6A08) did not attend the meeting.

The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) will hold a "roll-call" hearing on the license renewal on June 4. Mr. Musante had collected a number of protest petitions and submitted them to ABRA, after hosting a community meeting on May 12 at Washington Community Fellowship Church to discuss the license renewal.

Mr. Musante said he would represent all those who signed letters in his and other jurisdictions, should the signers present him with letters of endorsement. Those letters should be dropped off at Mr. Musante's residence, 411 11th St. NE. Otherwise,

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## Fire Department Says Heater Was Too Close

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

The fire at 525 13th St. NE on May 17 was caused by a space heater that was too close to a couch, according to fire department spokesman Alan Etter.

"The cause of the fire has been determined: the use of a space heater," Mr. Etter said. "It was set too close to some combustibles and fabrics. There was a couch there. The space heater overheated this material, it sparked, and the fire spread from there. \$50,000 worth of damage. No injuries."

As reported in the May 17 Corner Forum, George Cromartie Jr. had said that firemen told him that fire engines had first responded to the 900 block of 13th Street, instead of the 500 block, because they had been given the wrong address.

Lacey Bigelow, 1317 Emerald St. NE, told me, when I saw him a few days after the fire, that he had observed the fire trucks apparently having difficulty getting water out of the nearby hydrant, in front of 532 13th St. NE. He said the fire department then brought in a pump truck filled with water, and that that truck then had difficulty providing water. He said that eventually the fire department attached their hoses to a hydrant further away, on the 1200 block of F Street. He said that the complications caused a delay in putting out the fire.

On May 19, I asked Mr. Etter about these reports — that the fire department had first gone to the wrong address, and that it had difficulty getting water. I also asked why the fire department hadn't boarded up the house right away (the Housing Authority came May 21 and did so.)

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## Please Help Cook This Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,

I am feeling frustrated, overwhelmed and a little burned out by the task of editing and publishing the Corner Forum.

The newsletter belongs to the neighborhood. If you believe in it and want to continue receiving it, please consider how you can help.

The idea is that every subscriber not only pays 37 cents per issue, which pays for the cost of the materials and equipment, but also helps with the work involved in producing it, which is unpaid.

I'm estimating that an excellent newsletter would require each of the 70 subscribing households to contribute about 24 hours per year, or about two hours a month.

Really, then, the cost of each issue, per household, is 37 cents plus 30 minutes.

Some households will be able to spend a bit more time, and some a bit less. When there are more subscribers, there will also be more people to share the workload.

But if this newsletter is to be a beautiful, delicious stew, containing a little bit of each of us and nourishing us all, it will also need all of us to help cook it.

There are many ways you can help. I've listed some on page 2 — you may have your own ideas.

My computer is available to anyone who needs it to work on the newsletter.

Let me know how you can help. And let me know how I can help you help.

Sincerely,



## Help Needed

*Here are some ways you can help the Corner Forum. The total estimated time needed to produce a good newsletter is about 30 hours per week. (Each task is listed along with an estimate for how much time is required per week.) That comes out to about a half-hour for each of the 70 subscribing households. Please take a look and let the editor know (544-2447) what people in your household could help with. Even a little of your time on any of these tasks would be a big help!*

**\*Reporting\*** (15 hours a week) — finding out or simply thinking of something that might be important or interesting to your neighbors. This is the most important task. If you already have your own ideas — great! If not, please look through the Story Ideas section at right and see if there's anything there that interests you. Help is also needed compiling the weekly events calendar. Remember, if you'd like to help gather information but would rather not write up what you learned, that's OK! You can just say it on the voicemail (517-9128), and someone else will write it up.

**Transcribing** (3 hours a week) — typing up an interview or voicemail that someone else recorded.

**Photographing** (1 hour a week, total) — taking pictures to go along with the stories in the newsletter.

**Planning** (1 hour a week) — deciding newsletter policy questions, critiquing previous issues of the newsletter and planning future articles. This can be done during the weekly one-hour meetings on Saturday mornings (the meetings are open to everyone), or on the phone at any other time.

**Copyediting** (3 hours a week) — making sure the stories submitted to the newsletter are as clear as they can be and that they follow certain rules of style, and checking as many of the facts in the story as possible.

**Proofreading** (1 hour a week) — reading through stories just before they're published, looking for mistakes. In the last issue, for example, you'll see that I typed "Page 20" instead of "Page 2" at the bottom of the second page. Oops. There was no one proofreading that issue.

**Designing an issue** (3 hours a week) — arranging the stories and photographs within the newsletter, and on each page.

**Printing** (1.5 hours a week) — supervising the laser printer (adding toner when necessary) and flipping the paper. This could be done at the editor's house or yours (if you have a computer).

**Maintaining the Web site** (1 hour a week) — adding each issue to the Web site, e-mailing out weekly alerts announcing that a new issue has been posted, and generating an electronic index of the issues.

**Folding and stapling** (1 hour a week) — assembling each copy of the newsletter.

**Distributing** (1.5 hours a week) — passing a copy of the newsletter out to the subscribers, on Saturdays, ideally. At the moment, there are two people who are helping with this. Four more people are needed (to have one for each block). §

## Story Ideas

*Some of these story ideas may involve attending a meeting, making phone calls or interviewing someone in person. Others involve conducting research on the Internet, and still others involve conducting surveys in the neighborhood. Feel free to call the editor at any time to discuss anything. In general, if possible, please let the editor know what you're working on, so that if two or more people are interested in working on the same thing they can coordinate their efforts. Please add to this list whenever you think of something that could make a good story but that you don't feel like working on yourself.*

**Abandoned Houses** — Which houses in the Corner Forum area are vacant and abandoned? Are all of them registered as vacant with the city (so the city taxes them at a higher rate)? Who are the owners of these abandoned houses, and what are the owners' plans for them? Are the owners maintaining the properties adequately?

**Bicycles** — What is the D.C. Bicycle Master Plan? There is a Ward 6 Bike Ride on Saturday (see Calendar), and then a Ward 6 workshop on June 5. It would be great if someone could participate in either of those events and report back.

**Birthdays** — When is everyone's birthday? It might be nice to continue the tradition of wishing people a Happy Birthday in the Corner Forum, but to do so, someone or some people should be in charge of making a list of people's birthdays!

**Census** — What can the U.S. Census tell us, if anything, about how our neighborhood has been changing over the last few decades?

**D.C. Register** — What is it, where can it be found, and what can it tell us?

**Entertainment** — What is "Thief River," the play showing at the H Street Playhouse through June 7 (tickets are free to Corner Forum area readers), about? Is it worth seeing?

**Entertainment** — What's at the Rosedale Recreation Center, and what can you do there? What's it like? Is it safe and clean?

**Entertainment** — Has the Natatorium on North Carolina Avenue reopened? If so, what's it like? And if it hasn't opened, why hasn't it, and what are the city's plans?

**Entertainment / Food** — Would any of our neighbors be interested in following up on the Rev. Randolph Clay's (1250 E St. NE) idea to organize a neighborhood cookout in the next month or two?

**Environment** — What will happen at the June 18 Casey Foundation meeting about the trees in our area?

**Excello/N-A Minit** — Does Mr. Bang want to sell his store to N-A Minit?

**Excello/N-A Minit** — Who wrote letters of protest regarding the store's liquor license renewal, and what were the main

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points made in those letters of protest? What will happen (or what happened) at the Roll-Call hearing on June 4?

Excello/N-A Minit — How does D.C.'s anti-loitering law work? Is it constitutional? Could the neighborhood request that the police enforce it outside the liquor store and N-A Minit?

Excello/N-A Minit — How many police calls have there been over the last year, regarding possible illegal activity occurring outside the stores?

Excello/N-A Minit — What is Bill 15-264, the "Alcohol Beverage Control Board Affected ANC Amendment Act of 2003" (which would ensure that affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions are given great weight in their dealings before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board), and what would the pros and cons, if any, be for our neighborhood?

Fire — What are HUD's plans for 525 13th St. NE, the site of last weekend's fire?

Fire — Have Mrs. Rena Quallis, formerly at 525 13th St. NE, and her family found a new place to live?

Garbage — How is the situation regarding the dumpsters behind 501 12th St. NE? Is the garbage staying within the dumpsters, or is it still overflowing?

History — What stories can Mrs. Nannie Barnes, on the 1200 block of E Street, tell us about our neighborhood?

History — What stories can Deta Voyadgis's friend, who lived on the 1200 block of E Street in the early 1900s, tell us about our neighborhood?

History — Which of our current neighbors were already here in 1950?

History — What can we find in old newspapers about our neighborhood or its residents in the 1950s, say?

Housing — What did ACORN say about keeping real estates prices affordable, at the ANC zoning committee meeting on Tuesday?

Kingsman Field — What are the city's plans for the field? Apparently, the field will be closed for one year for remodeling.

Kingsman School — Has construction started? If not, why not? For the March 30 issue of the Corner Forum, the Charter Schools Development Corporation's Joel Scharfer said construction would begin in May.

Lincoln/Stanton Parks — Why have signs been posted saying the parks are closed after dark? What are people's feelings about that?

Lovejoy Park — What are the latest developments in the community's quest to have a park built on the north side of the coming Lovejoy Lofts?

New Neighbors — Could someone ask whether Gordon Keller, who recently moved into 1300 E St. NE, or any other new neighbor, would mind introducing himself in the Corner Forum?

Parking — What are the latest developments regarding zoned parking for Emerald Street? How many signatures did Mr. Bigelow submit to the city on his counter-petition? What are the city's next steps?

Police — What did Chief Ramsey say on Tuesday at a public forum about crime prevention in D.C.?

Police — Orange Hat Walk. Who does it? Who organized it? Why? Where does it take place? What is it? What is the city planning for the citywide Orange Hat Patrol Workshop ("Start and Manage an Orange Hat Patrol in Your Neighborhood") on June 7?

Police — What are people saying about the Police Department's proposed changes to the Police Service Area system? What would be the effect of our being part of the First District instead of the Fifth? What happened at the Fifth District community meeting about it last night?

Postal Service — In addition to Duncan Place and the 1200 block of E Street NE, which of our streets is served by only a temporary letter carrier? How do residents on those streets feel has service been affected?

Schools — Do we have any students graduating from high school, middle school or elementary school next month? What's on the horizon for them?

Schools — What stories will people tell about Miner or about the neighborhood, at the Miner Elementary School ball on Saturday? There will likely be at least some Miner alumni there (See Calendar).

Schools — What is the school system planning, in terms of fixing up its school buildings? There was a meeting on "Facility Updates" at Miner last night, and there will be another at Spingarn on Monday. (See Calendar).

Schools — Which of our area schools, if any, are being "transformed" (i.e., where the faculty is reassigned en masse to other schools) and why or why not?

Schools — What do parents in our neighborhood think about the school their children attend? What do the students themselves think? How about the teachers who live in our area?

Shopping — It would be great to be able to offer readers some useful price comparisons for various stores in the area — especially for some of the chain stores like CVS and Safeway.

Sports — What are the plans for the summer basketball league at the Kingsman courts this summer?

Sports — Is anything being done, or is anybody willing do anything, about resurfacing the Kingsman basketball courts?

Traffic Calming — What's been happening, as far as community efforts to get the city to install some type of traffic calming devices for the 200 and 300 blocks of 14th Street NE, and for the 800 through 1400 blocks of C Street NE? The former will be discussed at the North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association meeting on June 3. The latter was discussed at last week's Police Service Area meeting. §

## Making Contact With City Agencies As a Reporter

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

As you are gathering information for your stories, you will often need to contact a city agency for information or for a comment. Because you are gathering information for a newspaper, you will most likely need to contact the agency's spokesperson unless you happen to find another city official who is willing to speak to you on the record). It is important that everyone you speak with knows right away that you will be reporting on the conversation. (People have a right to decide whether or not to speak to the press.)

What follows is a list of agency spokespeople.

When you call, say you are working on a story for the Corner Forum, a neighborhood newsletter in Northeast D.C., describe the information you are looking for, and say by when you need the information (if there's no emergency, generally give a few days time).

Use these phone numbers only for stories you are working on for the Corner Forum, or for some other news organization. Don't use them to pursue your own issues with the city unless you will be writing about them in the newsletter. (Government agencies give special access to news organizations, and we may lose that access if we abuse it.)

Also, agencies generally will deal with only one reporter from a news organization on any specific issue (they don't want to duplicate their efforts). So if you think someone else might already be working on the same story, check with the editor first so you can coordinate your efforts.

Feel free to call the editor at any time to discuss your article or your investigations.

Good luck, and have fun! §

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(\*\* signifies Independent Agency) §

## ANC Opposes Excello Renewal

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the signers of the petitions (there were up to eight) should plan to appear with Musante at the 10 a.m. hearing at the ABRA office, 941 North Capitol St. NE (seventh floor).

"The Commission did what the citizens in 6A05 asked them to do," Mr. Musante said after the meeting, which also included discussions of several other licensing issues affecting liquor stores in the H Street NE corridor. "Now we'll do our best to push the ABC [Alcoholic Beverage Control] Board not to renew the Excello license."

"This was a grassroots-generated effort by a lot of people," added Ms. Ward, who worked with Mr. Musante on the initiative. Ms. Ward added that an investigator from ABRA would present evidence that Excello has failed to abide by the Voluntary Agreement it made several years ago with residents living in the Corner Forum neighborhood. She said that such information will be delivered at a June 25 fact-finding hearing at the ABRA headquarters.

Excello, whose owner, Sung S. Bang, did not attend last night's meeting, agreed in 2001 to remove a pay phone, put up lighting, remove signage from the store's windows and ensure there are daily street cleanups. The letter that was unanimously adopted by the Commission says Excello failed to do so.

For more information regarding the June 4 hearing, contact Mr. Musante (548-2542), Ms. Ward (396-3193) or ABRA Chief Adjudicator Laura Byrd (442-4359). §

## City Says Space Heater Caused Fire

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On May 22, a neighbor and I opened the hydrant in front of 532 13th St. NE and found that water was coming out of it. We tried testing the hydrants on the northwest corner of 13th and E and on the north side of Emerald Street, but those are apparently modified so that a pipe wrench cannot open them.

On Tuesday, May 27, Mr. Etter called back and left me the following message: "In terms of boarding up property, that's the responsibility, first of all, of the insurance company," Mr. Etter said. "If none is available, that would be the Emergency Management Agency. They take care of stuff like that."

"In terms of a dead hydrant, I don't know anything about a report of a dead hydrant."

"In terms of going to the wrong address, what happened was that the initial report from the 911 caller came in as the 900 block of 13th Street, so Communications sent units to the 900 block of 13th Street. Truck 13 was on its way to the 900 block, and they saw that the smoke was farther on down the street."

"They didn't stop or anything — they just kept right on going. And then they called Communications to have the address changed. There was no delay, because the first-arriving firefighters to the 900 block could see that there was heavy smoke four blocks south of where they were, so they just adjusted the address, and then everybody, while they were en route, they just adjusted their destination." §

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## Updates

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**EXCELLO PROTESTS:** People who signed protest letters against Excello's license renewal must either appear in person at the 10 a.m. Roll Call Hearing on Wednesday, June 4, at 941 North Capitol St. NE, or they may write and sign a one-sentence note designating someone else as their representative, Lynda Bird, chief adjudicator for the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, said last week. The representative must bring the note to the hearing. (—Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE) §

**CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:** David Cromartie, 532 13th St. NE, sends the following answers to the crossword puzzle he created for the Corner Forum issue of Jan. 19, 2003: 1.

Luther; 2. Atlanta; 3. Alabama; 4. Pastor; 5. Morehouse; 6. Southern; 7. Nobel Peace. §

**CORNER FORUM MEETING CANCELED:** This coming weekend's Corner Forum meeting has been canceled. Generally, meetings are held Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. and neighbors are urged to come help assemble the current issue and plan future ones. §

**NEXT DATE OF PUBLICATION:** The next issue of the Corner Forum will again be published after the weekend — most likely on Wednesday, June 4.

**NEW ANC COMMITTEE MEMBER:** Gordon Keller, 1300 E St. NE, was introduced on May 14 by the ANC 6A Alcoholic Beverage Licensing and Public Safety Committee as one of its newest members. §

**HOUSES FOR SALE:** If you have met one of the area's new residents or know someone about to move out, please ask them if they'd like to introduce themselves or say goodbye. According to the Long & Foster Web site, <http://www.longandfoster.com>, viewed today, the real estate listings for the Corner Forum area have changed from two weeks ago as follows: 1239 Duncan Pl. NE is newly listed (\$354,900) and 1368 Emerald St. NE is no longer listed. 408 13th St. NE is still listed at the same price (\$412,000). (—Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE) §

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

*If you attend any of these events, please send in anything from a few lines to a long article about what happened.*

*And if you know of any upcoming events that other readers might be interested in, send them in!*

*Events are free, unless otherwise noted, and open to all.*

— COMPILED BY MARC BORBELY  
536 13th St. NE

## **Thursday, May 29**

6 p.m. DCIAA Boys Softball, Championship Game. Middle School. At Eastern Senior High School, 1700 East Capitol St. NE, 698-4500.

## **Saturday, May 31**

1-4 p.m. D.C. Bicycle Master Plan — Ward 6 Bike Ride. “We will explore the best and worst bicycling in each ward in preparation for the workshops. At the public workshops, D.C. Department of Transportation and its consultants will describe the bike plan, then we will break into smaller groups to mark up maps with origins, destinations, and problems.” By the D.C. Bicycle Advisory Council. Info, Eric Gilliland, 628-2500 or gill@waba.org. <http://www.bikemap.com/dcbikeplan/meetings.html>.

1-5 p.m. National Teach-in on Iraq, Preemptive War and Democracy. “On the domestic consequences of war, U.S. occupation of Iraq, and U.S. empire.” At the National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle NW. (Metro: McPherson Square). By United for Peace and Justice. Info, Kristen Arant, 301-699-3443 ext. 114. <http://www.unitedforpeace.org>.

4-7 p.m. LGBTQ (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning) Youth Health Carnival. “A youth health carnival that will encourage youth to take an active role in living and maintaining healthy lives. ... The Health Carnival will offer a creative and interactive way to learn about health issues through health screenings, information tables, demonstrations, games,

entertainment and music.” By the National Youth Advocacy Coalition and the Executive Office of the Mayor. In Stanton Park. Info, Kim Sescocoe, 319-7596 ext. 11.

6 p.m. Reunion, and Blue and White Ball Celebrating Grand Opening at Miner Elementary School. Semi-formal dress. Adults only. No alcohol permitted. At Minter, 601 15th St. NE (use 16th Street entrance). 6 p.m.: school tours; 6:30 p.m. program; 7 p.m. dinner and dancing. \$25. RSVP to Miner, 724-4565.

## **Monday, June 2**

4 p.m. Babe (96 minutes). Film. At Northeast Branch Library, Children’s Room, 330 7th St. NE. Info, Michelle Jackson, 698-3299, <http://dclibrary.org/branches/noe>.

6-8 p.m. Updating the School Facilities Master Plan. “The opportunity to discuss enrollment, capacities, boundaries, modernizations and grade configuration.” For Planning Area E, which includes Browne Junior High School and Spingarn Senior High School. By the D.C. Public Schools. At Langdon Elementary, 1900 Evarts St. NE, auditorium. Info, DCPS, 576-8267. <http://www.k12.dc.us/dcps/Facilities/webfliers.html>.

7-9 p.m. Public Interest Civic Association Meeting. Monthly Meeting. At Calvary Episcopal Church, 800 6th St. NE.

## **Tuesday, June 3**

7:30 p.m. North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association meeting. Agenda includes discussion of possible traffic calming for the 200 and 300 blocks of 14th Street NE. At Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th and C NE.

## **Wednesday, June 4**

10 a.m. Roll-Call Hearing on the renewal of Excello’s (419 13th St. NE) liquor license. At the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 941 North Capitol St. NE, 7th floor. Info, Laura Byrd, 442-4359 or Zandra Goode, 442-4418. §

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