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Duncan Place and Emerald Street NE

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She Brightens the World

PHOTO AND STORY BY THOMAS J. WOODY, 1338 EMERALD ST. NE

On Columbus Day Sunday, I noticed a woman with hedge clippers in the alley located behind my home, between Emerald and F Street. I first thought she was only walking through and had just stopped to chop a hedge or two on her journey. I found it peculiar but was in a hurry to make an appointment. Hours later, I saw the shrub clippings covering the entire width of the alley. The shrubs were trimmed very nicely, in ways I have not seen in years.



While taking the trash out the next day, the woman mysteriously appeared again. This time, I saw trash and vegetation about in neat piles. I decided to inquire as to who she may be. I found out that she was on a mission to clean the entire alley, that her name is Pamela Volkonsky, and that she lives on the 500 block of 14th Street.

I'd like to add that the alley passage that she was cleaning was not hers. She mentioned that she often cleans her own alley and that a few friends of hers on Emerald alluded to a few problems concerning their alley. So she decided to tackle it. And tackle it is what she did.

Ms. Volkonsky has an irrepressible spirit of enthusiasm that brightens the world. She trimmed bushes and shrubs, pulled weeds and cut down a sufficient amount of wild trees. She even bagged it all to be hauled away during trash pick-up.

I usually maintain my portion of the alley, which spans a few houses on either side of me, so I do know how much work this is. So out of the kindness of her "big ol' heart," Ms. Volkonsky cleaned the entire alley passage from 13th Street to 14th Street. She also cleaned up tree branches and limbs after Hurricane Isabel a few weeks earlier and mentioned that she spent over \$40 on trash bags. She welcomes donations of your time and trash bags to help in her future endeavors. I find her efforts remarkable, heroic and legendary. So the next time you notice an unfamiliar face cleaning sidewalks and alleys, or notice how clean and manicured the Emerald and F Street alley is, give a big "shout out" to Ms. Volkonsky. §

13th & D Proposed as Drug Free Zone

BY MICHAEL HERMAN, 1300 BLOCK OF D STREET NE

The following are notes from the Police Service Area (PSA) 511 meeting on Wednesday. PSA 511 encompasses the Corner Forum area. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Teacher's Credit Union, on the corner of 9th & D Streets NE, at 6:30 p.m.

- Lt. Caldwell presided, assisted by Officers Jones and Jackson.
- Application has been made for a declaration of "drug free zone" centered on the corner of 13th & D Streets NE. Such declarations, after approval, last from

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Museum's Historic Maps Reveal State of Roads

BY ELIZABETH HAGUE
500 block of 14th Street NE

My husband, Libo, and I visited the City Museum for the first time a couple of weeks ago. We definitely would recommend it to anyone who is interested in D.C.'s history.

The museum features an enormous bird's-eye photograph of D.C. on the floor of one of the exhibition rooms. It took us a while, but we finally managed to find Emerald Street on the map.

Even more interesting to me was the map room, which contained maps from throughout D.C.'s history. We found that by looking at maps with a range of publishing dates, we could figure out the approximate time when an area of D.C. was developed.

A map published in 1857 included "lot 1029," which is still the name of the lot for the block including Emerald and 14th Streets. At that time, though the lot existed, there still were no houses. A map dated 1893 showed the state of roads in the Corner Forum area — 13th Street between Maryland Avenue and Emerald Street was coal and asphalt tar; 14th Street was gravel; and 13th Street south of Emerald was slated for improvements in 1893-1894.

If you are interested in researching the history of your house or your area, the City Museum will host an event this Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. on techniques for researching specific buildings in D.C., with a focus on residences. Admission is \$6 for members of the Historical Society of Washington or the City Museum and \$8 for nonmembers.

Originally this event was scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 18, the night that the hurricane descended on D.C. It was rescheduled for this Thursday. §

‘Finding the Middle Way: The Utraquists’ Liberal Challenge to Rome, Luther’

Zdenek (Zed) David, 517 13th St. NE, was interviewed last month by Eric Bernard and Demetra (Deta) Voyadgis, 1223 E St. NE. The last issue of the *Corner Forum* featured the part of the interview focusing on Mr. David’s background. This issue features the rest of the interview, focusing on his latest book, *Finding the Middle Way: The Utraquists’ Liberal Challenge to Rome and Luther*, which was published in August by Johns Hopkins University Press.

Mr. David is working on a sequel, in which he tracks the influence of the ideas of the Bohemian Reformation in the 19th century on the intellectual life in Bohemia and the Czech Republic. He hopes to have it published in two years.

Ms. Voyadgis asked all the questions but the first and the last.

Thank you very much for letting us into your home to interview you about this new book that you have written. I understand that the book was published late last year.

No, actually it was published in August. It appeared in August, but I have written it over the last 10 years. I was pleased that it has come to fruition. It is a rather large book, as you can see. There are some problems in publishing it, because publishers do not like to publish books over 300 pages, and this one is 576.

One of the matters which fascinated me about the religious history of [Central Europe] was the fate of Jan Hus, who was a kind of Czech national hero, a hundred years before the Protestant Reformation. He defied the sort of authoritarian character of the Roman Church, and he had been accused of certain heretical views.

He was burned at the stake as a heretic.

But his resistance to this authoritarian system made him a kind of figure of worldwide significance, one can say— somebody who stood for the rights of the individual against arbitrary authority.

Would you explain who the Utraquists were and why they are of interest?

They were the product of the Bohemian Reformation, which occurred as a result of the burning of Jan Hus at the Council of Constance in 1415. The issues which were involved were exactly this revolt of the authoritarian structure of the Roman Church at the time — that is, both its organizational structure and as far as the rigidity of, some could say, thought control, as was displayed so dramatically in the trial of Jan Hus.

The church separated from Rome and rejected this heavy handed authoritarian structure. In technical jargon, it adopted a liberal ecclesiology, as opposed to the authoritarian ecclesiology of Rome. And at the same time, however, it pretty much preserved the rituals and structure of the Roman Church.

The term Utraquists is from the Latin term *sub utraque*

specie, which means “under both kinds.” They insisted on distributing communion to laymen both in the form of bread and the form of wine, while the Roman Church at the time insisted that laymen should receive communion only in the form of bread.

[This was the most marked distinction, but the differences from Rome, of course, went much deeper. The Utraquists, in contrast to Rome, combined medieval Christian creed and ritual with freewheeling church administration and civic tolerance to other religious denominations.

A great paradox emerged after the Protestant Reformation, sparked off by Martin Luther, spread widely, particularly in the neighboring German-speaking countries. The Protestant Reformation was much more radical than its Bohemian counterpart. The Protestants abandoned the medieval liturgy, as well as sacramental priesthood, belief in all but two sacraments, veneration of saints and images and belief in the religious effectiveness of good works. The Utraquists retained these beliefs and practices.

This intermediate position created a major problem in the way the Utraquists were subsequently viewed. Modern theories tended to view historical progress as proceeding from medieval piety to Protestant Reform to secularism. The Utraquists neither “progressed” to Protestantism nor “retreated” to Rome. So modern historians joined Rome and the Reformation churches in considering the Utraquists an awkward historical anomaly. My purpose was to rescue the Utraquists from this historical trash heap!]

Did a portion of them eventually go back to Rome?

Well, what finally happened was that the Counter-Reformation prevailed in 1622, which was about two hundred years after the [Utraquist] Church was established and a hundred years after the Protestant Reformation. And the Utraquists’ Church — its priests and its institutions — were just taken over by the Roman Church.

So the [Utraquist] Church was in existence for a couple hundred years?

Yes, right. It was not just something fly-by-night. It had a very invidious effect, because in some ways when the church was absorbed by the Roman Church, certain of the characteristics seemed to remain the same — the same ritual, the priests, the vestments and so on.

But the spirit of the church changed, and instead of being liberal — permissive — it suddenly became very rigorous and insisting on certain types of behavior: going to confession, for instance, and regulating people’s lives. And also the hierarchy which came in — the priests came in from the outside — were very suspicious of the population, saying that they had been disobedient, schismatic, or heretical, so they had to be constantly watched.



So the relationship between the believers and the church had become antagonistic, or not really what one would assume to be a trusting relationship, but one filled with suspicions and anxieties and so on.

And what I consider to be particularly tragic is that this kind of absorption of this liberal church by the Roman Church in a sense wiped out the knowledge of what this liberal church was like. There is a kind of sense on both sides, the Roman side and the Protestant side, to simply not talk about this church, because it did not conform to either image.

So the result of this is that the Czechs lost the sense of what their real tradition was. I am using this very drastic image that what happened to the church was like the phenomenon of body snatchers in American horror movies, where there is this person that looks just like the old person but it's a different spirit.

Aside from this special meaning in Czech history, I also felt that this church gives a new perspective on religion, because often the traditional thing was that liberty, democracy, modern society resulted in a revolt against the traditional churches.

But here this church demonstrates that one can have fairly conservative set of beliefs — saints, sacraments, and so on — and yet have a liberal outlook on politics and social relations. In that sense I have compared the Utraquists to the Church of England, which in many ways also retained many of the medieval rituals — bishops and so on — and at the same time rejecting authoritarianism.

In the acknowledgment listed in your recent book, you thank your African American wife for giving you a different perspective on your research. In what ways do you feel that this helped you in your research?

Well, in looking at certain historical problems, there are certain conventional views, and I find it very refreshing that often I would have an idea that the relationship went one way, and she would say — well, it could have been the other way.

And in thinking about it, it sort of made more sense that the relationship went the other way. And she was familiar with the concepts of history. Not having been steeped in this mindset, and steeped in this history as a child, she was free of these set views, and sometimes it would convince me that looking at it in different ways made more sense.

If one were interested in purchasing the book, where is it for sale?

It could be ordered from Johns Hopkins University Press. It can be found on the Internet at <http://www.press.jhu.edu>.

Thank you very much for your time.

We Can Help Nurture Our River

By LEA MESNER, 1300 BLOCK OF EMERALD STREET NE

Last Tuesday I attended the Capitol Hill Garden Club. Sam Francis gave a talk on the Anacostia River and Watershed. Ms. Francis is an environmental science teacher in public and private schools and has worked for the Anacostia Watershed Society and other environmental groups.

Ms. Francis showed us a map of the eight-mile Anacostia River and its 170-square-mile watershed area. Most of the watershed is in Maryland, and the river runs through that state and D.C. As rivers go, it is fairly short, but it is very important to our ecosystem. The Anacostia River feeds the Potomac, which feeds the Chesapeake Bay.

The major pollution problems for the river are caused by heavy runoff during rain, which carries litter and dirt into the river. Sediment smothers riverbed plants that are critical to ducks, fish, turtles and other marine life. In the summer, runoff from streets and parking lots that goes directly into storm drains carries litter and reaches temperatures so high that it kills the marine life. Oils and other automotive leakages carried by the runoff further destroy delicate balances in the river and its tributaries.

Gardens and plantings of any kind support the health of the river. Plants and their root systems help water to seep slowly into the ground, and from the aquifer the water can more gradually reach the river. The ground provides a filtering system, so water is cooler and less polluted when it enters the river system. Plants absorb some of the water, without absorbing the pollutants, and then they release pure water vapor into the air.

Trees in parking lots and along streets provide shade so the runoff is less hot. Ms. Francis showed a slide where one store owner created a runoff from his parking lot onto a patch of earth, which he graded with sand and gravel and on which he planted trees. This gave the runoff time to cool, be absorbed, and reach the creeks and river gradually, free of litter and silt.

Within the Anacostia Watershed, we can contribute to our river's health by planting trees, grasses, ground covers and gardens. We can make sure we pick up litter so it is not washed down street drains. We can ask our friends and neighbors to also contribute to this effort. We can contact the Anacostia Watershed Society (<http://www.anacostiaws.org>) to participate in clean-up campaigns and to go on canoe or pontoon boat trips (from early spring through late fall). You will see great blue herons and egrets on the river's banks and many other forms of wildlife in and along the river.

Our river is coming back slowly. Both the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens and the National Arboretum border the Anacostia. We can come to love our river and care for its health and well-being. §

See article on proposed group home on Kramer Street, in today's Washington Post.

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Tidbits

Summary of City's H Street Initiatives

BY DERRICK LANARDO WOODY
(Revitalization Planning Project Manager, D.C. Office of Planning, from an e-mail sent to the ANC 6A listserv.)

Here is a summary of the initiatives that the Office of Planning (OP) and other District of Columbia departments and agencies have been working on to implement "REVIVAL: The H Street NE Strategic Development Plan."

If you have any questions, please contact either Karina Ricks (442-7607 or karina.ricks@dc.gov) or me (442-7614 or Derrick.Woody@dc.gov).

Regulatory Issues

ZONING — Completed ANC 6A and 6C + OP community engagement about H Street rezoning. OP staff is working internally to determine how to make the zoning easy to use and to encourage development per REVIVAL and per community use preferences. Expected timeline for completion: fall 2003.

SMALL AREA PLAN — OP staff conducted public hearing about REVIVAL. Now preparing final documents for submission to Mayor and Council as a small area plan which will guide public policy for redevelopment of H Street NE. Expected timeline for completion: October - November 2003.

D.C. MIXED-USE PROPERTY OWNER SURVEY — OP and reSTORE DC sent a survey with 13 questions to property owners on H Street NE and some on Mount Pleasant Street NW to determine what concerns they may have about rehabilitating their mixed use properties. In summary, most owners were primarily concerned with finding and managing residential tenants. Re-use of the upper floors in these mixed use properties is an opportunity to create affordable housing. OP staff tentatively plans to release a pamphlet that encourages rehabilitation and re-use of mixed use properties on H Street NE and throughout the city.

Transportation and Public Realm Issues

DDOT TRANSPORTATION AND STREETSCAPE PLAN — Rachel MacCleery, Ward 6 Transportation Planner, has been managing transportation consultant Baker Engineering in conducting technical analysis about existing transportation, transit, parking and streetscape conditions on H Street. This initial design phase is critical in framing how the up to 90 foot right-of-way (the public space including sidewalks, parking, travel lanes for cars and transit, crosswalks, traffic lights, trees, etc.) will work and help to reinforce H Street NE as a "special place" for residents, shopper, workers and visitors. A series of community meetings have been held and more are planned. The next community meeting is Oct. 30, 2003, at Miner Elementary School, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Find out more information at <http://www.bakerprojects.com/hstreetne> or contact Rachel MacCleery at 671-2555. The Final Short and Long Term Recommendations are to be completed by January 2004. (DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities has hired an

artist to work with Baker, DDOT and the community to develop a distinctive approach to making the H Street public realm unique.)

WMATA TRANSIT ENHANCEMENT — H Street has been designated as one of several corridors which may carry expanded and improved transit service either as Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail. Two tentative lines would converge on H Street, linking the commercial corridor to Georgetown and/or Woodley Park to the west and Minnesota Avenue Metro station in the east. WMATA, DDOT and other agencies are continuing to evaluate alignments for this enhanced public transit service. Upon implementation, the service will provide a better alternative to moving more customers and residents to and along the corridor.

Business Environment Issues

H STREET NE EXPRESSIVE SIGNS — D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, supported by H Street Main Street, OP, and DCRA, has awarded nine local artists each a grant up to \$7,000 to design, fabricate and install creative commercial signs for H Street businesses. A total of 15 businesses and local artists will be paired by the end of 2003. Expect to see exciting new signs in 2004. Contact Victoria Reis at DCCA for more information: Victoria.Reis@dc.gov or 724-1404.

PHISH TEA CAFÉ and RHYTHM & BEANS COFFEE HOUSE — H Street Main Street, DCRA and OP continue to assist existing and new H Street businesses like Phish Tea Café and Rhythm & Beans (R&B) Coffee House in navigating through the permitting process. Both new and exciting business plan to open in late October to early November. Phish Tea is adjacent to the Atlas Performing Arts Center in the former Onyx building. R&B Coffeehouse is at 1359 H St. NE.

ATLAS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER — OP and DCRA continue to provide technical assistance to the Sprenger Lang Foundation for redevelopment of the historic Atlas Theater building on the 1300 block. The Atlas should move to internal construction work in November 2003. Upon completion in 2006, H Street will have several new theater options to complement the wonderful success of the H Street Playhouse.

ITALO RODRIQUEZ — Mr. Rodriguez and his business partner own the now blue buildings immediately across the street from the Atlas Performing Arts Center. OP and reSTORE DC continue to work with Mr. Rodriguez to find a suitable arts and entertainment tenant for this sizable and well-located property.

BP AMOCO — OP's Development Review staff continues to work with the community and the BP Amoco corporation's representative to develop a site plan for reuse of this important site.

Development Issues

BURNHAM PLACE (UNION STATION AIR RIGHTS) — DDOT and OP continue to meet with Akridge Companies to discuss the feasibility and use program for development of

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the air rights over the train tracks at Union Station. This significant project, if completed, will include new office uses, possibly some retail and a hotel which front onto H Street behind Union Station.

OLD SEARS SITE — Clark Realty has signed a contract to purchase the five-acre site of the former Sears Department Store (across from Hechinger Mall). Clark plans to develop 200+ units of housing. OP will be working with Clark on site planning and design as they move through the Large Tract Review process. This site is within Ward 5.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT — OP has met twice with a group called Affordable Housing Solutions (AHS). AHS is very interested in finding H Street or nearby properties to purchase and rehabilitate as for sale affordable housing for moderate income families and artists.

HOME AGAIN & NCRC — The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development is exploring how the Home Again initiative might be expanded to include mixed use (retail & housing) development on H Street. Home Again is coordinating its evaluation with the National Capital Revitalization Corporation.

R. L. CHRISTIAN LIBRARY — D.C. Public Libraries (DCPL) has been coordinating with area residents to locate funding to do interim improvements to the existing R. L. Christian Library. Upon funding approval, DCPL, OP and reSTORE DC will work with an architecture and development consultant and the community to explore options for developing a larger library facility and the cost associated with redevelopment.

CAPITAL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — OP is coordinating with Catholic University of America School of Architecture to have a group of students develop conceptual drawings for how the Capital Children's Museum might redevelop on its existing site as the National Children's Museum. CUA students will also explore other site options. §

Updates

COMINGS AND GOINGS: According to the Long & Foster Web site, <http://www.longandfoster.com>, viewed yesterday, the real estate listings for the Corner Forum area have not changed from Oct. 5. They remain as follows: 1233 Duncan Pl. NE (\$379,000); 1246 Duncan Pl. NE (\$365,000); and 1306 Emerald St. NE (\$298,000).

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one to five days maximum. During this time, the police are empowered to disperse groups of two or more individuals suspected of being involved in drug-related activity. This is a short-term interventional measure to improve the quality of life in a neighborhood. In order to preserve everyone's right to free assembly, and in order to avoid legal challenges to this tool, the duration cannot exceed five days. Neighbors' homes will receive notification when the policy is put into effect.

- PSA 511 officers will be working with the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) to obtain weekly updates on persons on probation or parole. They will coordinate with CSOSA to monitor the activities and whereabouts of persons falling under the purview of the agency.

- Attendees reported and applauded positive results over the last month in various areas, including around 14th and Emerald Streets, where there was a significant reduction in drug-related activity.

- An effort to ticket and/or remove abandoned vehicles also produced significant results. One such intervention on a vehicle associated with a residence suspected of drug activity cascaded into the successful eviction of the owners who could not pay their fines and rent at the same time.

- The meeting ended with the usual escorted visit of a part of the PSA. Kingsman Field along the 1300 block of D Street was visited. The officers were informed that the field is closed for a year by Parks and Recreation to allow the new turf to take root. However, the field is often in use by persons who climb over the temporary fencing. Neighbors should report such trespassing to the Urban Park Rangers at 441-2605. This number is answered seven days a week from 10 a.m. until midnight. Lt. Caldwell will seek clarification on the status of the field and request that clear signage regarding the closure be posted.

- Party Time !! Next month's meeting will be held on Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. In celebration of Thanksgiving (and to thank our officers for their continuing good work) the meeting will involve a pot-luck. Already pledged are: turkey, homemade bread, vegetable dish, hearty salad, pie, and ice. All are invited to attend — just bring something tasty to share! §

Goods and Services

DRIVER NEEDED: The Corner Forum needs someone to pick up a box of paper sometime this week from the Frank Parsons store just off the Edsall Road exit of I-395, about 10 miles from us, in Springfield, Va. (The paper is needed for next week's issue.) If you can help with this, please call me. Thank you!

— Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE, 544-2806 §

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 SHARON COCHRAN
1300 block of Emerald Street NE

Sunday, October 19

4 p.m. Not What You Think. “An a cappella ensemble of the Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington, D.C. (LGCW), will present its annual concert, Fall of Love. ... Fall of Love will touch on themes surrounding love from love that is spectacular to love that is unaccepted by society.” \$10. Reception follows. At St. James’s Episcopal Church, 222 8th St. NE.

Tuesday, October 21

All Day. Happy Birthday to Roy Webb, 1335 Emerald St. NE!

2 p.m. Free Diabetes Counseling. “Dr. Gabriel Uwaifo and his staff will host educational sessions about diet and exercise and available treatment options for Type 2 Diabetes. Information about clinical studies will also be available.” To register, call Denise, 675-6018. At MedStar Research Institute, 650 Pennsylvania Ave. SE.

5:30 p.m. D.C.P.S. Junior High School Football. Terrell vs. Eliot. At Eastern Senior High, 1700 East Capitol St. NE, 698-4500.

6:30 p.m. Housing Needs for the City and Region. The Fall 2003 Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities Forum Series: Housing for the City will focus on the critical issue of affordable housing in the District of Columbia. With Margery Turner, Urban Institute. At the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, room 412. RSVP, 667-5445 or staff@washingtonregion.net. <http://www.washingtonregion.net>.

7 p.m. Eastern Market Community Meeting. “Discuss Councilmember Ambrose’s proposed changes to the Eastern Market legislation.” By the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. At Rumsey Aquatic Center (Natatorium), Meeting Room, 635 North Carolina Ave. SE. Info, Ellen Oppenweiner, 547-7131.

Wednesday, October 22

1 p.m. Free Flu, Tetanus, Pneumonia Shots. By the D.C. Department of Health. At St. Paul Christian Church, 414 Tennessee Ave. NE. Info, 547-0569.

Thursday, October 23

10 a.m. Walk the Dr. George Washington Carver Nature Trail. “Learn about Dr. George Washington Carver and how you too can become a ‘steward of the earth’ in your own neighborhood. The museum’s trail walks, co-sponsored by the George Washington Carver Outdoor School, Inc., are open to groups of no more than thirty.” Recommended for kindergarten through eighth grade. Reservations, 287-3246. At the Anacostia Museum, 1901 Fort Pl. SE. <http://anacostia.si.edu>.

1 p.m. Free Flu, Tetanus, Pneumonia Shots. By the D.C. Department of Health. At Miner Elementary School, 600 15th St. NE. Info, 547-0569.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. The Nuts & Bolts of Budget Advocacy. “This is the 101 of budget trainings and participants will become familiar with the budget process and intervention points. While the skills are transferable to a range of issues and populations, the focus will be on those issues that impact children, youth and their families in the District of Columbia.” Reservations required, 234-9404 or scambria@dckids.org. <http://www.dckids.org>.

6-8:30 p.m. Research Row House Histories. (See story, this issue.) “Every wonder when your row house was built or who lived there before you? In this hands-on workshop, Gail Redmann, vice president of the Research Library and Collections of the Historical Society of Washington/City Museum will teach participants how to use

Historical Society of Washington resources and public records to uncover the mysteries of your home’s past at the City Museum.” At City Museum, 801 K St. NW (Metro: Mt. Vernon Square). \$6 for D.C. Preservation League or City Museum members; \$8 for nonmembers. Reservations requested, info@dcpreservation.org or 783-5144. <http://www.dcpreservation.org/calendar.html>.

7 p.m. Natatorium. Public meeting to discuss the newly reopened natatorium (Rumsey Aquatic Center). By the Capitol Hill Restoration Society and ANC 6B, with Council Member Sharon Ambrose (Ward 6) and Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation Neil Albert. At the Rumsey Aquatic Center (Natatorium), 635 North Carolina Ave. SE. <http://www.dpr.dc.gov/index.asp>.

Saturday, October 25

9 a.m. - noon. Tree Planting on Barracks Row (8th street SE). By Casey Trees and Trees for Capitol Hill. Volunteers are needed to help plant 25 elm trees along neighborhood streets. This neighborhood tree-planting project in the Capitol Hill area of Ward 6 is one of eight projects throughout the city each

Tell Us Your Dates!

Please send us your family’s birthdays, so we can wish everyone a Happy Birthday in our weekly calendar! Let us know if we can include your full address or just your block. §

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Saturday through Nov. 22. Instruction, refreshments and tools provided. Meet at Eastern Market Metro. Info, 833-4010. <http://www.caseytrees.org/events.htm>.

10 a.m. - noon. Saturday in the Park! The Stanton Park Neighborhood Association will gather with neighbors, friends and community resources in Stanton Park. Invited guests include Eleanor Holmes Norton, Sharon Ambrose, Phil Mendelson, Tommy Wells, Patrick Canavan, Leo Pinson, Trees for Capitol Hill, Casey Trees, Friends of the Northeast Library and Capitol Hill Group Ministry. Bring kids, dogs, ideas and questions. At Stanton Park (6th Street & Maryland Avenue NE). <http://www.stantonpark.org>.

10 a.m - 1 p.m. Document Your Family's History. "This workshop is designed for those who are new to family history research. Through hands-on activities, workshop leader Maria R. Goodwin guides participants in planning research activities. ... Each participant should bring one or more copies of birth certificates, letters, photographs, military papers, school records, family recipes, post cards from family members, personal artifacts, diplomas, and certificates or other documents." Reservations, 287-3246. At the Anacostia Museum, 1901 Fort Pl. SE. <http://anacostia.si.edu>.

8 p.m. Boris Willis Moves. A new modern dance company led by Boris Willis, that combines elements of hip-hop, contact improvisation and break dance into a uniquely postmodern dance style. Co-presentation with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets, \$6-\$18. Info, 269-1600. At the Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE. Repeats Sunday at 7 p.m. <http://www.danceplace.org>.

Sunday, October 26

8:30 a.m. Marine Corps Marathon. Info, 800-RUN-USMC. <http://www.marinemarathon.com>.

Ongoing

"Northeast Neighborhood Walk." Every Thursday at 8 p.m. "Please join your neighbors in an effort to improve our streets

by simply & peaceably walking them." Meet at Triangle Park, 15th Street & Constitution Ave. NE. Bring a trash bag to collect litter if you wish. Info, Police Lt. Renato Caldwell, rcaldwel@mpdc.org or 727-4478.

Marivaux's "The Dispute." Opens Oct. 25 and runs through Nov. 23. "What if four children had been kept locked away in complete isolation since birth? What if, tonight, they were to be released for the first time?" Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. By the Theater Alliance. Tickets normally \$20-\$25; free if you live between 8th Street and 19th Street NE, and between C and M streets NE. (Pick up free tickets at least 30 minutes before the show). At H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE. 800-494-8497 or <http://www.theateralliance.com>.

"Buried in the Sky." Opens Oct. 25 and runs through Nov. 23. Dance performance inspired by Tibetan burial rituals. By the PlayGround. Thursdays through Saturdays, 9:30 p.m.; Sundays, 3:30 p.m. At H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE. \$15. 800-494-8497 or <http://www.theateralliance.com>.

"Marines in Korea: A 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War." Through Dec. 31, 2004. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. "A commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War is the subject of the current special exhibit which features weapons, uniforms, communications equipment, and haunting photographs by famed war correspondent David Douglas Duncan." Advance notice requested due to heightened security levels, 433-3840 or 433-3401. At the Marine Corps Museum, Washington Navy Yard, 6th & M Streets SE (enter at the O Street gate). http://hqinet001.hqmc.usmc.mil/HD/Home_Page.htm.

"Fakes, Forgeries, Facsimiles." Through Jan. 3, 2004. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. "This exhibition explores the differences between forgeries and fakes, fakes and facsimiles, the techniques employed to produce them, and the use of scientific analysis to detect them." At the Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St. SE, 675-0308. <http://www.folger.edu>. §

Register for Citizen Summit III

BY MAYOR ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS
(from an e-mail sent to constituents)

Dear Citizen,

This is just a reminder that on Saturday, November 1, I will join elected officials, community leaders and citizens from across the District of Columbia for Citizen Summit III. This year's summit will be held at the new Washington Convention Center. The summit will give you an opportunity to help shape the policies of the District government on health care, crime, education, housing, economic priorities and neighborhood enhancement.

The daylong summit — the largest ongoing town hall meeting in the United States — will focus on the challenges facing the District. The summit will help guide local lead-

ers as they make the best decisions for our future. Input from the summit will be used to update the District's Citywide Strategic Plan and the individual Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAPs). As in past years, the Citizen Summit will directly influence decisions on the District's annual spending priorities and legislative initiatives.

Help shape your future. Come and be a part of this year's Citizen Summit. As in past years, more than 3,000 residents are expected to participate. Food and entertainment will be provided. There is no cost to you. We want to hear your views. We want you to take an active role in shaping the future of your city and your neighborhood.

Limited space is available, so register now. To register online, visit <http://www.citizensummit.dc.gov> or call 727-0882.

I hope you will join us. §