

# The Corner Forum

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Duncan Place and Emerald Street NE

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## There Were Troughs So the Horses Could Drink

*Late last night, I took a taxi home from downtown. Just before dropping me off, my driver told me he had lived two houses down from me, from about 1954 to 1957. He agreed to let me record his memories on tape, so I could write them up in the Corner Forum. Herman "Buck" Brown, 54, lived at 532 13th St. NE from when he was 5 to when he was 8. He has been driving a cab now for about 20 years.*

— Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE

BY HERMAN "BUCK" BROWN, OF FORT WASHINGTON, MD.  
(FORMERLY OF 532 13TH ST. NE)



**Herman "Buck" Brown,  
outside 532 13th St. NE**

I would always come outside and go to this lady's house [at 520 13th St. NE] — and go to the store for her all the time. I used to walk up those steps to get to her house.

### **What would she have you get?**

Oh, she would always say something like, "Go over there and get me a pack of baloney, and get me a loaf of bread, and bring back a couple of sodas." And I would get that, bring it back up to her, and she'd give me maybe like 10 cents, maybe a nickel or something like that.

Back in them days, when you go in that store to get a soda, the soda boxes was square metal — and it had a sign on the side that said Coca Cola, where they had chunks of ice — a lot of ice water. And the soda was down in there. You had to stick your hand in there and grab the sodas. They were real, real freezing cold, and the water was dripping off on them and whatnot, and that's the way it was.

### **Who was the grocer? Do you happen to remember who that was?**

Oh my God, you know, I can't remember. It was a white guy that owned the store and whatnot. I can't think what his name would be, right now. He might have had a lady or somebody in there.

### **This apartment building was mostly white, you said before...**

I don't even think I remember seeing no black folks living there. I think it was all white. But back then, times was a little different, I guess.

### **Can you remember how that was like, as a kid here?**

To be honest with you, I ain't never had no problems. But I know back then, mostly all the policemen were white. And if they did have any black ones, I didn't see them.

### **You said your brother had a friend —**

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## Voice Your Thoughts On PSA Compromise

BY ELIZABETH HAGUE  
500 Block of 14th Street NE

Thanks to everyone who signed the petition change the PSA boundaries — we received 105 signatures on the petition from our neighborhood to Ms. Anne Grant of the Police Department and 56 on the petition drafted by Joseph Fengler to Sharon Ambrose.

Thanks also to volunteers who walked the petitions around their neighborhoods. We handed in the petition to Ms. Anne Grant, the Policy Analyst in charge of PSA proposals; Council Member Sharon Ambrose; Police Chief Ramsey; and First District Commander McGuire last Tuesday. Joseph Fengler's petition will be handed in today.

Already, resident concern over the PSA boundaries has sparked a new draft compromise proposal. Please note, though, that the proposal boundaries officially still have not changed.

Last Tuesday evening, representatives from our neighborhood's ANC6A and PSA 511 met with representatives from the current PSA 106 neighborhood (near Stanton Park). A compromise was tentatively reached, whereby the new borders would be as follows...

PSA 102: A western boundary aligned to the Union Station railroad tracks (in practical terms, 2nd Street NE); a northern boundary along New York and Florida Avenues; an eastern boundary starting at the intersection of Florida and Maryland, traveling down Maryland to 9th Street and then moving south on 9th to East Capitol; and finally, a southern boundary of East Capitol to 2nd Street.

PSA 103 (the Corner Forum area): A western boundary of 9th Street NE; a northern boundary running along Mary-

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He had a friend that lived [at 538 13th St. NE] right next door to your house. Him and my brother were good friends. His name was Gilbert — he was a white guy. And my brother and him used to ride bicycles up and down the street — they'd be *flying* down there, going down towards H Street! They would go to an auto store, to get parts for the bike or whatever.

One night, at about 8 o'clock, when I was about 5 or 6 years old, this side window, where the kitchen would be — we was all sitting there one night. And my mother — we was all sitting around the table, talking. All of a sudden, the glass had broke — a bullet had come through the window. Why did it come through there? I don't know. We was all scared. But after that, things got quiet, and nothing did happen. We looked all around — looked out and didn't see anybody — and after that, I think we just kinda forgot about it. I don't think she called the police or nothing. I mean, because whoever did it — they probably was gone.

But back in those days, when you come on the street — a lot of people don't remember, but *all* the D.C police cars, every last one of them, was jet black. They were jet black. And we used to have call boxes on the corner, for the police. The box was dark blue, and the pole was gray. And you'd stick a big old door key in the box and open it up and call back to the police station. All the police would have that. But back in them times, if I'm not mistaken, in order for you to be a policeman back then, you had to be at least 6-foot tall. If you was under 6-foot tall, you couldn't be no policeman. Those were just the old days. Back then, the police used to walk the beat more, too. They'd be walking up and down this street.

**You remember the police out here?**

Oh yeah. The police would be out here, walking up and down.

**Do you remember if you felt safe?**

Well, you know, out here I just always felt safe in the neighborhood. Maybe 'cause back then, by me running the street, I just knew everybody. I always felt safe. Wasn't no problem about that.

A long time ago, up this alley, when you go up this alley right here, there used to be a garage — the garage must still be there — but there was a garage there, and that garage, I'll betcha that garage had over 200 bicycles in it, all stacked in there.

Some of the bikes was new, some was used and whatnot, and a couple of guys must have peeked in and seen them, and they broke the lock off of it, and everybody in the neighborhood had a bicycle.

They would go in there and take them out of there! I don't know who they belonged to, but the garage was full of bicycles!

**Did you get a bike, too?**

No. I think my brother took one out of there and gave it to me.

**You mentioned the lady here [who lived at 534 13th St. NE].**

Oh yeah! The lady here, she had so many pretty flowers — the whole front yard. You couldn't even see no grass in there — it was all flowers. The whole front yard was nothing but pretty flowers. And she would water them flowers — they were so pretty. A dark-skinned lady. Kind of a slim lady. I guess she was maybe 75 years old, and she'd be out there watering the flowers — she kept that yard so pretty. And I can't believe the house is boarded up now.

**You said your dog's name was what?**

Oh, the dog's name was Patsy. He was a cocker spaniel. Patsy was so fat. And he would run down them steps and chase guys, if they came anywhere near the porch or whatnot.

It was a little white girl that used to live in this apartment building — my sisters used to play with her.

I did something one time. I did something in this house. I don't know what I did. But when she came home, my older brother told her something I did — I don't know if I knocked something over in the house, or I tore up something — she came home and she found out I did something I had no business in, and she wanted to whoop me. She tried to catch me — she was a big lady. She tried to catch me — I ran! She told my brother, "Get him! Bring him back in here!" (My brother, he could run faster than me.) He ran and got me — I was coming down these steps! These steps right here. And before I got to that gate right there, my brother grabbed me. He was bigger than me. But he grabbed me and put his arms around me — just picked me up in the air, he was gonna take me back in the house so she could whoop me, and I was hollering and screaming, "Please go ahead on and drop me! Drop me down the steps! Drop me!" (I didn't want to take that whopping back in there! I thought dropping me down the steps so I could run away would be a lot easier!) He carried me back in there, and she tore my behind up. I was mad at him and her. (*Chuckles.*)

**He was older than you?**

Yeah, yeah.

**What were their names — your brothers and sisters?**

Oh, my brother, his name was Bobby. And my sister that was younger than me, she was next to me, her name was Mou. And then I had another sister — her name was Lina but they always called her Sister, and my baby sister — her name was Tiny.

**Are they all still alive?**

Well, the youngest one is not living no more. She passed away. Mou — me and her used to almost look just alike. She was a year younger than me. And Lina was real light — her skin was real, real light complexioned, and her hair was like yellow, like a white girl's hair. But as she got older, her hair started turning darker brown. She was really pretty. Then Tiny — she was brown-skinned and she had kind of like sandy hair. But my father — he was a lighter-complexioned guy. My mother wasn't as light. So that's why some of us were lighter than each other.

My mother's name was Elizabeth Brown, and she raised up by herself. My father passed in 1954. He died before we got here, because before we got here, we was just living right down

here — 6th & Florida Avenue NE. Back then, at 6th & Florida Avenue NE, they used to sell live chickens and pigs, and all kind of stuff like that. You could buy all kinds of live animals down there, back then. All kinds of birds — turkeys and chickens and all that. Ain't like that now, but farmers could bring live animals down there, and people used to buy them and take them home and kill them theirself, and fix them back then, in those days.

**Your father must have died young them.**

Yeah, I think he must have had a heart attack. He smoked those heavy cigarettes — Camels. And he probably had high blood pressure, too. He had asthma real bad. I had asthma too. I was born with it, but once I turned five years old, I outgrew it.

**And you said you went to Lovejoy Elementary School.**

Oh yeah, when I was small. The only thing I remember was just being in the classroom like any other kid would be. But I know one evening, when I was over there, I was riding a bicycle — riding one of these bicycles that came outta there! — riding down the street [the 1200 block of E Street] — did not know how to put the breaks on. And that meant I'd be coming to a stop sign, couldn't stop, scared as I-don't-know-what, and — good thing a car wasn't coming, because he would have hit me — and I ran across the street and hit the curb and fell off the bike.

**There was a Safeway down there, I think.**

Oh yeah, there used to be Safeway there. That Safeway is gone. Not only that — it used to be another place right next to the Safeway that used to make bread.

**A bakery, behind it.**

Yeah, it was a bakery there — oh, you knew about that, too?! You know what that bakery did? It used to have a lot of that rye bread with the seeds in it, and maybe some of it could have been a day old — they would give it to you free in a bag, when you go by there! Yeah, they would give that to you in a bag.

On that corner, where that new place is right there [1300 and 1302 E St. NE] — they used to have an old garage shed out back. Somebody was digging in there, messing around in there or something, and they found some live grenades in there. They were deteriorating, and they had to call some people to move them out of there.

**How did you hear that?**

Oh, I heard somebody talking about that. Somebody must have been in the war, and must have been saving them or something. But I was told that if they had went off, it probably could have tore that whole corner up, over there.

**Now you must have moved out before Marion Barry came to live here.**

Oh, way before Marion Barry, yeah. I must have moved

here in 1954 — I must have moved out of here three years later. From here, I think I moved to 314 E St. NE. Not too far from here. Not far from the Union Station. And see, when I was a kid, we used to go over to Union Station and swim around the statue over there, which you ain't supposed to do. Police used to run us out from over there back then.

They also used to have horse and buggy. Guys used to ride horse and buggy — used to sell watermelons and things like that, used to sell fish with ice in the back, and used to ride the horse and buggy up and down the street — right here, 13th Street. They'd be selling vegetables and stuff like that. Sometime, they'd be selling ice. We used to call them street vendors. In fact, back then, on the corners we used to have troughs so the horses could drink — they used to be little iron bathtubs, about half the size of a regular bathtub — they used to be sitting up on the corner, and the horses could drink out of that.

**These are horses that took the buggies?**

The horse and buggy. The guy driving the horse, and they had the old wooden buggy, and he had his vegetables in the back. They still had cars, but people still had horse and buggy — used to ride around here, and they'd be selling vegetables and things like that.

**Was this street paved back then?**

Oh yeah, it looked just like it do right now. It was still black pavement like this. This might be newer, now, but it still looked the same.

**And what about streetcars?**

Oh, we used to have streetcars around here — sure did. I used to ride the streetcars.

**I think on D Street — there used to be a streetcar barn, I think.**

Oh yeah, it was, it was. But I used to ride the streetcars. I used to pay 15 cents. No, it could have been 10 cents. That was nice, too. You could ride the streetcars. And while you'd ride, they'd be rocking back and forth.

Whenever I bring somebody up here [in my cab], I always used to look at this house, because I know I used to live in here. I would love to walk around there, just to see how it looks. I used to play in the basement. I used to do something in this house I had no business doing. It wasn't my sister doing it, it was me. I used to have a cat, and I used to come out there — I don't know why I would do it, I was young, 5 years old — with the cat, through it up in the air, and it landed on the street. That's a *terrible* thing to do. I used to hate thinking of myself, that I used to do that. Come outside, and throw rocks at the birds. Who'd want to kill a bird? Oh my God, those old days. It was nice talking to you!

If you want to call me anytime, it ain't no problem. I like talking about it, because I've always thought about this area — by me being a part of it. §

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## Compromise PSA 103 Would Be Bounded by 9th Street, Maryland Avenue

BY GREG NOONAN, CITIZEN COORDINATOR, PSA 106; JENNIFER R. FLATHER, CITIZEN COORDINATOR, PSA 511; AND JOSEPH FENGLER, ANC 6A, SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE 6A02

*This letter outlines the compromise reached between current PSAs 511 and 106 at a meeting on Tuesday. There will be meetings on Dec. 10 and 11 for final community input (see last paragraph).*

Over the last month, the community has been actively engaged in discussions regarding the recent change to the proposed boundaries of Police Service Area (PSA) 102. As you might be aware, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is in the final stages of realigning the current PSA boundaries into larger geographical areas of responsibility. In short, the number of PSA will decrease from 83 to 42. Since the decision has been made to implement this change, it is critical to continue to work with MPD to ensure proposed changes take into account the issues and concerns of our neighborhoods.

The issue at hand relates primarily to the western and eastern boundaries of PSA 102. During the summer public meetings, MPD proposed that PSA 102 have a western boundary of North Capitol and an eastern boundary of 15th Street. The northern and southern boundaries were New York Avenue, Florida Avenue and Benning Road and Constitution and East Capitol respectively. On June 12, 2003, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A sent a letter to Chief Charles Ramsey generally supporting these proposed boundaries with the following comments: (1) moving the Capitol Hill community into one police district — the 1st District — is a welcome change; (2) placing H Street NE in one PSA is critical to implementing effective public safety measures for the emerging economic corridor and (3) a recommendation the western and eastern boundaries should be the tracks at Union Station and 16th Street NE respectively.

As the summer progressed, MPD received several suggestions and comments from citizens, neighborhood, civic and business association and ANCs throughout the city. Perhaps one of the most thoughtful and researched comments from the entire city came from what is currently PSA 106. In an exhaustive review of service call statistics, the community members of PSA 106 analyzed the proposed boundaries of the entire city as well as those on Capitol Hill. Specifically in reference to the proposed PSA 102, the analysis indicated that this PSA would have an inordinate number of “hot spots” ranging from the bus terminal on K Street, NE, Union Station grounds, the difficulties on Wylie and 15th Streets to the long-standing challenges of H Street, NE. The analysis also indicated that the originally proposed PSA 103, with a small area and call density, represented a poor allocation of police resources and was a direct contradiction to the department’s arguments for restructuring the PSAs. After reviewing this detailed analysis, MPD decided in September to change the western boundary from 15th Street to 8th Street NE.

At the November ANC 6A meeting, exception was taken with this recent change for the following reasons: (1) the commercial corridor of H Street needs to be in one PSA, (2) using

8th Street as a boundary line is difficult as this street has seen increasing numbers of “crimes of opportunity” on pedestrian traffic from Union Station and (3) while from a statistical standpoint using 8th Street may be logical, from a community perspective it is not the best solution. To that end, ANC 6A passed a unanimous resolution to encouraging Deputy Mayor Margaret Kellems to reconsider this recent change.

Subsequent to this ANC 6A meeting, there has been vigorous and energetic dialog between several neighborhood associations and PSA organizations on Capitol Hill. While the exchanges have been pointed and sometimes heated, the best traits of our community rose to the top. This discussion culminated in a hands-on discussion at a November 24, 2003, get-together between members of PSA 106, PSA 511, ANC 6A and ANC 6C — Mr. Roger Mattioli, Mr. Greg Noonan, Mr. John Wirt, Ms. Jennifer Flather, Commissioner Joseph Fengler, Commissioner Cody Rice and Commissioner Karin Wirt. By working together and reviewing the statistical data as well as the community boundaries, a working alternative has been identified. In simple terms, the working alternative proposes using Maryland Avenue as a “sliding” eastern boundary versus the [vertical] line of 15th Street as well as shifting the western boundary to the railroad tracks at Union Station.

This alternative balances the stated concerns of ANC 6A about community boarders and H Street revitalization with PSA 106’s concerns about equitable PSA size and call density. At the December ANC 6A community meeting, the following PSA 102 boundaries will be offered for consideration — a western boundary aligned to the Union Station railroad tracks (in practical terms, 2nd Street NE); a northern boundary as outlined above; an eastern boundary starting at the intersection of Florida and Maryland, traveling down Maryland to 9th Street and then moving south on 9th to East Capitol; and finally, a southern boundary of East Capitol to 2nd Street.

It is also important to recognize the community input provided on Nov. 18, 2003, at the Old City Capitol Hill Neighborhood Association meeting held at the Sherwood Recreation Center. At that meeting, Charles Burger, chair of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, publicly commented that from an alcoholic licensing perspective, putting these emerging economic corridors, such as H Street, into one PSA provides better opportunities to enforce voluntary agreements as well as regulatory requirements. Building on that recommendation, Fifth District Commander Jennifer Greene, drawing upon her years of experience with the H Street corridor, also agreed that from a policing perspective placing H Street in one PSA is key to implementing effective public safety measures.

However, the proposed boundary of PSA 102 is still officially drawn at 8th Street, NE. If your busy holiday schedule permits, please consider attending both the ANC 6C meeting on December 10th at 7p.m. at the Children’s Museum (800 3rd Street, NE) and the ANC 6A meeting on December 11, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Miner Elementary School (600 block of 16th Street) to discuss this issue. Your continued input is not only welcome, but also desperately needed. §

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land Avenue and Benning Road; an eastern boundary remaining the east bank of the Anacostia; and the southern boundaries would be Constitution and East Capitol. This would transfer the H Street and 8th Street corridors to PSA 102.

Under the new proposal, we would still be in PSA 103 rather than 102, but actually this is probably better for us, because the two PSAs would share an equal burden of call volume (even the originally proposed PSA 102 was too large). This is good for us and meets almost all of our demands. It will focus attention on neighborhoods that we need more assistance in within our own PSA and keep H Street NE and 8th Street NE in one PSA (PSA 102), facilitating patrols on those streets. Anne Grant has drawn up a draft map based on the newly proposed boundaries under this compromise (attached).

When I spoke to Ms. Grant a week ago, she indicated that she hoped her office will come to a decision on the boundaries in the first week of December (that's this week). She hopes to present the proposal to the Mayor in the second week of December and to have the mandatory 60-day review period during which council members can raise final objections and ques-

tions-start before Christmas. Last week, Ms. Grant said that she is waiting for Ms. Ambrose's opinion and that Ms. Ambrose is still walking the neighborhood and coming up with a proposal.

Because the latest proposal is not final, it would be helpful if residents in the Corner Forum area could make a quick phone call to Ms. Grant to ensure our voice is heard. If you have any thoughts or questions about the newest compromise above, please call her this week. I think this is a good compromise for our neighborhood and is even better for us than the originally proposed PSA 102, and I plan to call her and Sharon Ambrose to tell them that.

**Thanks again for your support, and please call this week to let her know your thoughts on the newest proposal — even if it is in support of the new proposal!** Ms. Grant's phone number is: 727-0915. Her e-mail is: [ACGRANT@mpdc.org](mailto:ACGRANT@mpdc.org).

You might also call Sharon Ambrose and log your opinion with her office, since she apparently is in the process of forming an opinion on this issue. Her contact information is: The Honorable Sharon Ambrose, 724-8072 or [sambrose@dccouncil.us](mailto:sambrose@dccouncil.us). Again, thanks to all. §

## Draft Map Reflects Suggestions Made

BY ANN GRANT

Metropolitan Police Department policy analyst

*In response to the letter from Mr. Noonan, Mr. Fengler and Ms. Flather (see page 4), Ms. Grant sent the following by e-mail to various people on Wednesday...*

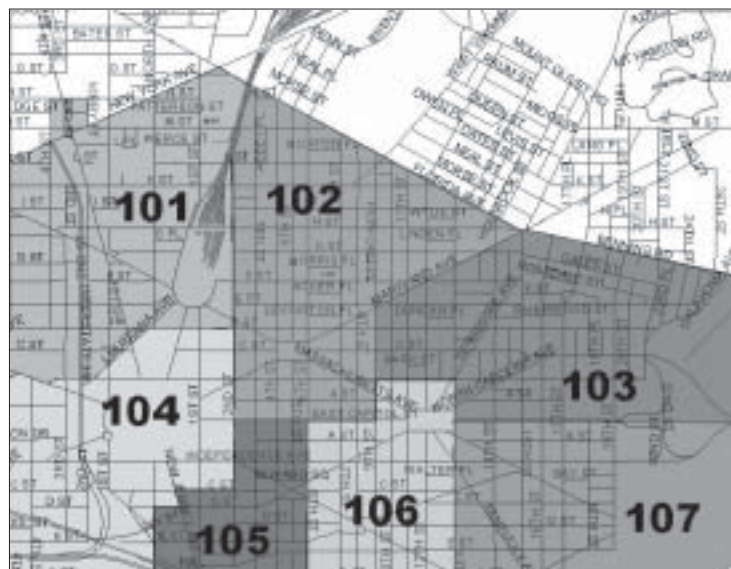
I incorporated these suggestions into a draft map, just to see how it would affect the neighboring PSAs. Attached [is a picture] of the latest version should we go with the suggestions outlined below in the compromise resolution.

I decided to bring the proposed PSA 101 over to the east rather than bringing PSA 104 further north, since PSA 104 is already so large. The only recommendation I could find for a

southern boundary for this area was that it not be on Constitution Avenue, so I made it D Street NE (the current boundary between PSAs 106 and 107/108 in the existing 83-PSA model). Also, we received a suggestion the other day to accommodate more of the Eastern Market neighborhood into PSA 106, so I moved the western boundary of this PSA from 7th Street NE to 6th Street NE.

As you can see, PSA 101 is going to be a very large PSA. We may need to divide this in half, or as the Commanders have suggested, staff it with more than one lieutenant and perhaps a captain.

I have left messages for the remaining ANCs in the first district; I will send this to them also as soon as I get additional contact information. §



## 56 Residents File Official Protests On N-A Minit Transfer Application

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

Thirty-one residents in the Corner Forum area and 25 other residents just outside the area have officially protested N-A Minit's (421 13th St. NE) proposed liquor license transfer.

Under the proposal, Excello (419 13th St. NE) would sell its Class A liquor license to N-A Minit, Excello would be closed, and N-A Minit would sell its current Class B liquor license and begin operating with the Class A license. Also under the proposal, the conditions attached to Excello's license would be changed such that N-A Minit would be allowed sell singles (which the license currently prohibits).

Of the 56 signatures submitted before the Nov. 18 deadline, 9 were from Emerald Street, 7 were from the 500 block of 14th Street, 5 were from Duncan Place, 5 were from the 1200 block of F, 5 were from the 500 block of 13th, 5 were from the 1300 block of G, 4 were from the 1300 block of E, 4 were from the 1200 block of E, 4 were from the 400 block of 13th, and the remaining 8 were from other nearby blocks.

The full list of protestants to the transfer:

Ament, Lucy M; Ament, Wm C; ANC 6A; Anderson, Barbara; Ashton, Carlton; Beatty, M. E Jr.; Beatty, Mary; Beemer, Martha; Borbely, Marc; Carmoly, David; Carter-Nixon, Brenda; Cioffi, Tammi; Cochran, Sharon; David, Z.; Delmonti, Erin; Douglas, Debra; Douglas, Scott; Fitrell, Kathryn; Gorham, Joshua; Hague, Elizabeth; Herman, Michael E; Hill, Asilia; Johnson, Natasha; Johnson, Renee; Lachance, Douglas R; Lewis, Lynn; Lewis, W L; Lippe, Valerie M; Lippe, William J; Liu, Libo; Malone, Fionn; Malone, Holly; Matthews, Deborah; Mesner, Lea; Morrison, Carla; Nichols, Dawn; Nixon, Keith; Normington, Jill; Olson, George; Olson, Lisa D; Palan, Andre; Reeves, Jane; Rodee, Susanna; Salb, Shannon M; Schildwachter, Charlene; Schildwachter, Greg; Seagle, Christopher; Snesko, B Thomas; Snesko, Valerie; Towson, Sharman; Trechter, Sherry; Vidal, Kristina; Volkonsky, Pamela; Ward, Jessica; Warren, Sandra; White, Patricia and Whitfield, Steve.

Most — if not all — of the protestants designated Shannon Micah Salb as their official representative.

A “roll-call” hearing, at which the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board will determine proper standing to file protests, will be held on Wednesday (see Calendar). §

## DCRA: Nuisance Properties Should Be Resolved Within Three Weeks

*The following is from the official report of the ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee, reporting on the committee's Oct. 28 meeting. The committee is chaired by ANC Commissioner Cody Rice (6A03), who can be reached at 544-3734.*

The committee heard a presentation by David A. Clark, Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). Four staff members from DCRA also attended.

DCRA provided an overview of DCRA's role and responsibilities for consumer and regulatory affairs with a video presentation.

Some important points from the presentation and the following questions and answers:

- According to the video, 96 percent of citizen inquiries are responded to within 7 days, and DCRA should resolve nuisance properties within 3 weeks. Clark asked that residents inform his office at 442-8936 if their concerns are not resolved within this time period.

- Although DCRA has broad responsibilities, other D.C. agencies have primary responsibility for certain nuisances. The Department of Public Works is responsible for clearing debris from alleys and removing abandoned cars. The Department of Health is responsible for restaurant inspections and rodent control. The Metropolitan Police Department handles criminal activity.

- Many of the D.C. agencies participate in a Cross-Agency Enforcement Initiative, so inspectors from various DC agencies can issue citations for a variety of infractions and should pass information to their co-workers in other agencies.

- Residents should report nuisance properties to the mayor's call center at 727-1000 or directly to DCRA at 442-4400. For evening and weekend emergencies, call the Emergency Management Agency at 727-6161 and ask to speak with the “Duty Officer at DCRA.”

DCRA now has teams working extended hours and on weekends to deal with illegal construction. Note that special permits are required for construction between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. and on Sundays.

- In early spring 2004, DCRA will be launching an online tracking system so that residents can follow the progress of complaints from intake, through inspection, citation, owner notification, and abatement. Currently, only complaints and inspections can be tracked through the RAPIDS system at <http://www.dcra.dc.gov/information/NSO/index2.shtm>. §

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# 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

## **Monday, December 1**

7:30 p.m. Stanton Park Neighborhood Association monthly meeting. “Getting neighborhood services is the focus of the next ... meeting. Our featured speakers this month are Patrick Canavan, the Director of the DC Office of Neighborhood Services, and Peter Jones, Ward 6 Neighborhood Services Coordinator. Please join us ... with your questions and ideas about neighborhood services!” SPNA’s boundaries are from Second Street NE to Tenth Street NE, and from East Capitol to H Street NE. At the Northeast Branch Library, 330 7th St. NE (by Maryland Avenue), 698-3320, <http://stantonpark.org>.

## **Tuesday, December 2**

7:30 p.m. North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, monthly meeting. “Celebrate the winter holidays with your neighbors. ... Again this year, the December NLPNA meeting will feature ‘pot luck’ snacks and sweets. Come celebrate the winter holiday season with your neighbors.” At Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C Streets NE.

## **Wednesday, December 3**

10 a.m. N-A Minit Transfer Proposal. Roll-Call Hearing (see story). At the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, 941 North Capitol St. NE, 7th floor, 442-4359 or 442-4418.

6:30 p.m. Housing and Economic Development for D.C. “Lecture by Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Eric Price on the implementation of Washington, D.C., housing policies.” At the John A. Wilson Building, Room 412, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. For reservations, call 667-5445.

## **Saturday, December 6**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Atlas Performing Arts Center Community Tour. With live performances by Atlas Arts Partners, a children’s costume playground and information on volunteer and employment opportunities, tours of the space, and food. There is no heat and there are still no bathrooms. At the Atlas, 1327-1333 H St. NE To RSVP, contact Scott Kenison, 772-1153 or [skenison@atlasarts.org](mailto:skenison@atlasarts.org). <http://www.atlasarts.org>.

## **Ongoing**

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily. America on the Move. “Highlights the Smithsonian’s unparalleled and extremely popular transportation collections.” Includes a detailed exhibit “Streetcar City: Washington, DC.” At the National Museum of American History, Behring Center, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW, 357-2700. [http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/exhibition/exhibition\\_4\\_1.html](http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/exhibition/exhibition_4_1.html). §

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## Tidbits

### Mailboxes Are Here to Stay

The U.S. Postal Service is planning to remove 160 mailboxes from D.C. streets over the next month, according to a Nov. 13 Washington Post article.

Boxes that are to be removed (due to insufficient use) have notices posted on them, and residents can register their opposition to a removal, according to the article.

Neither the box at 13th & E Streets NE nor the one at 12th & F Streets has such a notice.

Please let the Corner Forum know if another box near us does carry a notice saying that it is slated for removal. §

## Updates

COMINGS AND GOINGS: 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 yesterday, the real estate listings for the Corner Forum area are unchanged from Nov. 16: 1246 Duncan Pl. NE (\$365,000); and 1325 Emerald St. NE (\$359,950).

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