

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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Ask City Council Members Not to Extend Liquor Store Hours

The City Council is about to consider legislation on Tuesday that would expand the hours of operation for Class B license stores [like N-A Minit] until midnight seven days a week [and for Class A license stores, like Excella, until midnight on Saturdays].

Think of N-A Minit, and the problems that come with it, running strong until midnight, night after night after night and you get the picture.

Time is running out, but it's still not too late to contact your City Council member and ask them to strip this amendment from the Alcoholic Beverage Control legislation.

— JOHN OLINGER, 1200 BLOCK OF DUNCAN PLACE NE

Editor's Note: Council members Adrian Fenty, Jim Graham and Harold Brazil have said recently that they oppose extending liquor store hours. According to a March 10 article

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Wednesday: Lovejoy Park Fundraiser

BY OLIVER BROTSKI, 440 12TH ST. NE #314

So what's been going on with the plans for Lovejoy Park (at E Street, between 11th and 12th), you may be asking. Well, so far the local community has raised \$8,000 and only needs \$2,000 more in order to receive \$20,000 in funds from the condominium developer Winter Properties of Atlanta, Georgia, who has transformed the beautiful old Lovejoy School into lofts.

Come learn more and mingle with your friends and neighbors and enjoy refreshments at a fundraiser to benefit Lovejoy Community Park. Your neighbors Alex and Amy Mistri will be hosting the event in the Lovejoy Lofts, 440

12th St. NE, Unit #107, on Wednesday, from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Please RSVP to 548-9895 or LovejoyParkDC@yahoo.com. See you there!

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a contribution, please send your donation to Friends of Lovejoy Park, 427 11th St. NE, Washington, DC 20002. §

NOTE TO SUBSCRIBERS
Due to a current lack of news reporters and other contributors, we are able to publish The Corner Forum only every two weeks, instead of every week. We encourage all readers to send in their news and thoughts.

Pepco Paints!



Check out the nice job that Pepco has done in sprucing up its property on the corner of 13 & D Street NE! Last week, Pepco employees painted the fence black and repainted the walls. §

Who Was Kingsman?

BY PAT HARFORD, FORMERLY OF 1518 ISHERWOOD ST. NE

I and a number of friends I keep in touch with from our Northeast days at Kingsman Elementary School and Isherwood Street NE are interested in finding out any information on the origin of the name of the school and anything about the naming of Isherwood Street.

I lived at 1520 and then 1518 Isherwood St. NE beginning in about 1939. I now live in Annapolis, Maryland, and friends from Isherwood Street NE live in Charles County, Prince George's and Fairfax County. Others with whom we keep in touch from that neighborhood live in Florida, New Mexico and Iowa.

I attended kindergarten in 1941 and walked to school up Duncan Street to reach Kingsman at 14th and Tennessee Avenue NE. A few years ago my husband and I drove to that neighborhood and took some pictures of the area, including Rosedale Playground on 17th Street NE.

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DHCD Trying to Reclaim Nonperforming Properties It Sold

At the March Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting, Sharon Cochran, 1300 block of Emerald Street NE, and Maureen Nielsen, 1312 Emerald St. NE, asked Stanley Jackson, the director of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development, about a vacant building on Emerald Street the city sold a few years ago.

Ms. Cochran: There's a house on my street, 1323 Emerald Street, that was sold in September 1999, for \$250. The boards are still up on that house. There's trash that gathers in the back, and there's poison ivy coming over the backyard. We've had to call DCRA on the house. And she hasn't paid any property taxes on that house.

I guess I'm wondering — what's gonna happen? When I wrote to your agency in the year 2000, when you weren't there, I was told, "We no longer own the house — they've applied for X loan, and everything is gonna be okay."

Well, it's not okay. The taxpayer's getting ripped off, and this place is a hazard to our community, to our street, and I'm just wondering what you're — I feel like you're still responsible for that.

Mr. Jackson: That's a fair assessment. Let me tell you what we have done since I've been there.

We've gone back and recaptured some of the properties. That has never been done. I started that process about a year and a half, two years ago, right after I got there, to recapture nonperforming investments. Some of them have been challenged; obviously, some of the folks are seeking court protection. Some of the agreements that were written before I got there didn't have recapture provisions. Everything right now has a recapture provision, so that when we have various nonperformers or slow performers, then we have to stimulate them to move.

The whole purpose of getting into this lottery program is to give someone who otherwise does not have the benefit of owning property, to have it at the cost of \$250, with the caveat that they have to improve the property and bring it up to code and live there as a resident — as an owner-occupant.

When we stepped back and started examining the portfolio, we had a number of people who were in various stages of trying to get their homes repaired, and then you got some income problems, where people who were eligible for certain funding all of a sudden were not eligible for funding because of certain things that occur. I can tell you what I've done thus far is recaptured several of these properties from Homestead lottery winners because they have been unable to move those assets, and we will probably go out maybe later this year with a lottery of those recaptured properties. So that circumstance should be one that we've probably already looked at, and we've probably got some action on it.

I can't speak to it specifically, but we have in fact recaptured I think six different properties, and we had two people voluntarily just turn them back, because they knew we were going after them.

But 1323 Emerald Street — the person you would need to

work with is Carlynn Fuller; she's at 442-7295. She can give you the status on where we are with that — whether that's one of the ones that's actively being recaptured.

Ms. Nielsen: And if it's not on that list, how long before it can be put on?

Mr. Jackson: I can tell you that every one of them has had something going on. Since I've been here, I've looked at every single property in the portfolio, and made a decision that if you're not at some stage of performance, then you've got to tell me why, and if you don't have a legitimate reason as to why you haven't been able to do this, then I'm going after the property. So I would say that on every single property, there has been some contact as to what's going on.

Ms. Nielsen: If you decide to take back the property, how long does it take before you can do that? Do you have to go through condemning it?

Mr. Jackson: Various stages. Some people are more sophisticated in the process than others. If they file for bankruptcy, then an automatic stay goes into effect, and you have a couple that do that to protect the asset. I can tell you that we probably now have gotten about six, seven properties back, and we're obviously going out and trying to grab more properties, because we would like to try to do another lottery this year, if at all possible. §

200 Apartments Planned Near Mall

BY ANC COMMISSIONER CODY RICE (6A03)
(From a statement made at the March 11 ANC meeting)

Clarke Realty has plans to build 52 townhouses and 200 apartments at 1600 Maryland Ave. NE — the old Sears site, just north of the Hechinger Mall area.

The plans are currently before the Office of Planning for what's called a Large Tract Review, where they look at these bigger projects. The Office of Planning took a look at it, thought it was a good design, especially in the sense that the developer really seemed to be looking at and drawing on the H Street Strategic Development Plan, which is what we hope to see in these types of developments.

The building's being drawn up to the sidewalk — it's pedestrian friendly. Parking is provided in the interior.

They are looking to the District for some funding for the apartment component, and if they get that funding, there will be specified affordable housing.

The [ANC Zoning & Economic Development] committee would like the Office of Planning to take a look at the design of the interior spaces. There are some alleyways and courtyards, and we'd really like the Office of Planning to look at that and be comfortable that those don't create any public safety issues — that they're designed and lighted in a way that it does not create any places for people to lurk, as some other large master development plans have. §

City to Sell Maryland Avenue Firehouse by End of 2004, DHCD Director Says

Stanley Jackson, director of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development, spoke at last month's Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting about the city's plans for the now-vacant former firehouse at 1341 Maryland Ave. NE. He answered questions posed by ANC commissioners and area residents.

What we are committed to do within this calendar year is probably put that project out for a proposal response, for the development of that facility, and for re-use by the community. That's our goal.

Now would that be government-sponsored development, or development by private industry?

We will be encouraging private industry development, primarily, but we will be encouraging development along certain specific parameters, based on what we believe would be the greatest use and benefit to the community.

Would it be that the building would be bought by a private concern, and then redeveloped, and then turned back to the city?

No, the city does not necessarily want to own it. It prefers to put it out for use. If we own it, then I can't get tax revenue from it. We want to make it productive, and we want to put it in a venue that certainly benefits the community.

How would you encourage someone from the private sector to develop senior housing, for example?

I think what we'll do is like we do now — we can restrict the type of development that we'd like to see coming into that project. We do that regularly now. When I do my [Notices of Funding Availability] for funding activity every year, I define the type of projects we would like to see developed. And I tell people, we'd like to see senior housing, we'd like to see elderly, we'd like to see multifamily, we'd like to see affordable products. So we define the types of products that we're encouraging respondents to respond to.

What kinds of things are you looking at?

Well, I can tell you that on the Maryland Avenue project [we're looking at] creating opportunities for seniors, since about 12 or 13 percent of the residents here in Ward 6 are seniors. We heard at our summit, earlier last year, in November, it's very clear that there's a need for additional senior accommodations, so we're going to be looking at that. The key is to certainly get input from the community, along with the Office of Planning, to develop a strategy.

Would there be opportunities between now and that proposal for people who may live close to those properties to provide some feedback? What would be the venue?

The venue would be what we do now — public outreach with the community, getting their input. Obviously, we'll be talking to ANCs, particularly ANCs that are affected by those developments — get their input. The goal here is to certainly make our developments inclusive, so part of the strategy would be to engage the community in dialogue about what would be the best use of those facilities that we control.

Just so I can be clear — do you expect the bids to be made by the end of the year, or do you expect the property to be transferred by the end of the year?

Well, I'm an optimistic person. I would hope that we would be able to have the bids out and be able to make a decision by the end of the year.

I'm a realistic person...

Well, that's my goal. I'm a stretch person. I don't accept mediocrity. If I say we're going to do it, then we will just accelerate our plan. The goal here is to start the input process immediately, over the next 30 or 40 days, so that we can be in a position to have a request out. The market here — at least the demands that we have received from unsolicited respondents — is so high that I don't think it's necessarily gonna have a long, four-month lead time, to get people to respond to our request for proposals. I think the evaluation process is already in place, so we know how to evaluate transactions.

I feel very comfortable that we'll be in a position by the end of the calendar year, unless something catastrophic happens that redirects all of our resources to doing some other things, but right now the goal is to be in a position where we will hopefully be ready to transfer the asset to a respondent by the end of this calendar year.

Can you specifically say how you're going to be getting community input on this? A few months ago, a member of your agency was quoted in [the Corner Forum] saying there's going to be a community meeting — that you guys would come and actually solicit input on this specific topic. What are your current plans? Are you still planning for a community meeting on this, so that residents in the area can actually be notified a few weeks ahead of time and come out for that?

Yeah, the short answer is absolutely yes. We do plan to do that. I have a person who works very closely with the core team members and also with the Office of Planning to coordinate that.

And that will be in the next few weeks? Or months?

I would say it certainly will be sometime this spring — we're talking over the next couple of months.

What I hear you're saying is that 30 to 40 days, or within one or two months, this spring. So I'll say within 60 days, you'll contact Jessica Ward and myself [ANC Chairman Joseph Fengler] about these two properties for a public meeting — is that a fair —

That's a fair assessment, yeah. We'll certainly be in contact.

And then the goal is that these will be put out for bid sometime before the end of the calendar year, with the standards that were developed with a series of meetings between now and whenever that time will be.

That's a fair assessment. §

Tips

Summer Jobs Available for Youth

BY SHARON COCHRAN, 1300 BLOCK OF EMERALD STREET NE

If you are 14 to 21, you may register for the 2004 Passport-to-Work Summer Youth Employment Program.

Employment is for five weeks, from July 12 through August 8.

Pay ranges from \$5.15 to \$12 per hour. Some jobs will be with government agencies and others with private businesses.

You must register by April 30, at the Office of Youth Programs, 625 H St. NE, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on any other weekday.

To register, you must bring documentation to verify your date of birth, citizenship or alien status, selective service status (for males 18-21), social security number, District residency and family income. For more information, call 698-3991. §

Group Offers College Scholarships To Capitol Hill High School Seniors

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

The Stanton Park Neighborhood Association is seeking applicants for its 14th annual scholarship competition. In recent years, the association has offered about a half a dozen scholarships of about \$1,500 each.

Applicants must be high school seniors, graduating from a D.C. school, who plan to start college next fall. They must demonstrate academic ability and financial need.

Students must live in the District of Columbia, and priority will be given to students residing in the Stanton Park neighborhood and the greater Capitol Hill area. Last year, Rae-Ann Headley, of the 600 block of 12th Street NE, was one of the three winners from the Capitol Hill area.

Applications are due by April 15. For details, contact Jeff Johnson at 872-6072. §

Health Screenings at CVS

The CVS Pharmacy on Bladensburg Road, across from Hechinger Mall, is offering free blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, height and weight screenings today through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to Miner Elementary School's Weekly Parent Update. The first 50 families who come by each day will receive a free pedometer. §

Goods and Services

Stereo or Answering Machine, In Exchange for Charitable Donation

BY SHARON COCHRAN, 1300 BLOCK OF EMERALD STREET NE

We have an answering machine that's old but that still works — if anyone wants it, it's free. And I have a ministere system — it has a cassette, CD player and AM/FM radio. It's available if people want it — I just want people to make a donation of whatever they want to, to their favorite cause. Call me at 399-0715. §

Tax Preparation Sites

BY IDARA UMOH-NICKELSON

DC Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign

Low-income residents of D.C. often use paid tax preparers to complete their returns. Fees for this service can add up to several hundred dollars even for simple returns. The D.C. EITC Campaign is committed to helping D.C. residents keep all of their tax refunds by linking families and individuals with free tax preparers.

Each year during tax season, a number of sites throughout the District offer free tax preparation assistance to low- and moderate-income residents. For questions: 408-1080 or umoh-nickelson@dcfpi.org.

- **DC Tax Office, Customer Service:** 1) 941 N. Capitol St. NE, 1st Floor 2) 3220 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; Mondays-Fridays 8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

- **Children's Defense Fund Mobile VITA Tax Site:** call 1-800-CDF-1200 (1-800-233-1200)

NORTHEAST SITES HOURS/DAYS

- **DC Developing Families Center,** 801 17th St. NE Jan 28-April 15; Wednesdays & Thursdays 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the following dates: 1/31; 2/7; 2/21; 3/13; 3/27; 4/3; and 4/10.

- **Department of Employment Services,** 625 H St. NE Feb. 3 - April 15; Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.; 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- **Benning Library,** 3935 Benning Rd. NE; Mondays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- **Mount Horab Baptist Church,** 2914 Bladensburg Rd. NE Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(there are others sites throughout the city — call for locations) §

Phish Tea Café Opens on H Street

BY JESSICA WARD, ANC COMMISSIONER (6A06), 1310 G St. NE.
(TAKEN IN PART FROM A STATEMENT AT THE MARCH ANC MEETING.)

Phish Tea Café at 1335 H St. NE is now open! A group of neighbors and I enjoyed dinner at the café Thursday night. With the friendly staff and great food of Phish Tea Café, I encourage fellow neighbors to patronize this wonderful restaurant. Phish Tea Café is open Mondays to Sundays, 4-11 p.m. Please call Phish Tea Café (396-2345) for dinner and/or for a Sunday brunch reservation today!

It's really exciting for the H Street corridor.

Also, Jane Lang is finishing up on getting her permits for the renovation of the Atlas Theater, and in fact projects in November of this year to have some activity in the Atlas Theater for the dance classes. So we are really coming around full circle for the H Street corridor, on the 1300 block.

And then again, please support the H Street Playhouse located on that block as well. §

Football Game Planned for Easter

Kenneth Tilley, 518 14th St. NE, and Ellery Vaden, 1348 Emerald St. NE, report on the Turkey Bowl held in November and announce an Easter Bowl, which they are planning for Sunday, on Kingsman Field, at D Street between 13th and 14th Streets NE.

Back on Halloween, there was a Turkey Bowl you guys had. How did it go?

Oh, it went okay! I mean, we lost, but we had big fun! We would have did better, if my brother didn't fumble the ball twice, and throw three interceptions, but we came back! We had big fun.

How many guys came out, for the Turkey Bowl?

We had like 11 on each side. Everybody came out and enjoyed ourselves. It was a success, and everything went well. No fights or nothing.

Now we're having an Easter Bowl. So we want everybody to come out and watch the Easter Bowl and watch us have fun!

And when's that gonna be?

On Easter. §

Lovejoy Park to Be Done Next May

BY MICHAEL MUSANTE
411 11th St. NE, ANC Commissioner (6A05)

The D.C. Department of Parks & Recreation hopes to have Lovejoy Park completed by May 2005. However, prior to that, in the very near future, there are things that Friends of Lovejoy Park has to do to prepare the site to be ready for what will eventually be the removal of the asphalt and then the seeding and erosion control. §

GW Medical Center Offers Emergency Response Training

BY SHARON COCHRAN, 1300 BLOCK OF EMERALD STREET NE

The George Washington University Medical Center is offering training for 620 D.C. residents to enable them to help themselves, their loved ones and other citizens when disaster strikes. The goal is to create a team of volunteers will support the needs of professional first-responders and be of service to our community.

There will be several sites that will deliver a training program designed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

These free classes will 1) present citizens with factual information about what to expect in the event of a disaster, 2) train citizens in necessary life-saving and decision-making skills; and 3) organize teams of citizens to offer immediate help to the victims until professional help arrives. The CERT program will be comprised of eight courses (20 hours total), covering the following areas: Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue Operations, Disaster Psychology and Team Organization, Terrorism, and Course Review and Disaster Simulation.

Upon completion of the class you will receive an emergency kit containing useful emergency supplies. If you are interested, contact Marcella McCray at 645-0309 or Marcella.McCray@dc.gov, or visit <http://www.gwcert.org>. §

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, one house is for sale in the Corner Forum area: 1340 Emerald St. NE (\$369,950).

BUILDING PERMIT SOUGHT FOR ATLAS RENOVATIONS: According to Thursday's Washington Post, the Atlas Performing Arts Center (1313-33 H St. NE) has filed a building permit for renovations. The proposed work is described as follows: "renovation of a 53,000-square-foot complex to house two state-of-the-art professional theaters, two lab theaters, three dance studios, costume and production shops and offices. It will become the first permanent home for the African Continuum Theatre Company and the first urban site for the Joy of Motion dance school. Cost: \$2,037,000."

CORNER FORUM ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: The last issue was edited by Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE, and Sharon Cochran, 1300 block of Emerald Street NE. There are 82 households in the Corner Forum area that are subscribed to the newsletter (28 on E Street, 27 on Emerald Street, 20 on 13th Street, and 7 on Duncan Place). Thank you, to all. §

Liquor Store Hours Should Not Be Extended

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in the Northwest Current, Sharon Ambrose supports extending the hours to midnight. The extension of hours was initially proposed by Harold Brazil, who has since said he has changed his mind due to comments from constituents.

The following are letters sent by two area residents and by our Advisory Neighborhood Commission to City Council members in the past few weeks. E-mail addresses, regular addresses and phone numbers for City Council members can be obtained at 724-8000.

I frankly am stunned that this bill was introduced by Mr. Brazil. He moved from his old home on the 1200 block of D Street NE years ago, in large part to take his family members out of an environment where they were confronted with alcohol-fueled problems on a daily basis.

I feel betrayed by Mr. Brazil, as I stayed and did everything citizens were encouraged to do with the protests, etc. And now this setback.

We are already told the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration does not have enough inspectors, the police do not have enough manpower etc.

And at the same time, study after study shows that D.C. residents suffer mightily from alcohol abuse and related illnesses. The cost of that outweighs the pittance in any increased revenues. This needs to be reconsidered immediately.

— RICHARD D. SUNDBERG, 1200 BLOCK OF DUNCAN PLACE NE

As a resident and registered voter in Ms. Ambrose's Ward, I will attest to the fact that large numbers of residents are plagued by the noise, litter, loitering, public urination, car traffic and associated drug traffic that surrounds Class A and B liquor establishments located on nearly every block in Northeast D.C.

Increasing operating hours for these establishments in order to increase tax revenue incentivizes exactly the type of substance abuse and problems D.C. leadership has said it wanted to curb, and; 2) runs counter to the "assistance" with these issues Ms. Ambrose and other Council leaders have been promising D.C. residents in their attempts to control the problems in their neighborhoods.

At a time when alcoholism and drug use in the District has reached epidemic proportions and ANCs have been battling city licensing boards and councils to place restrictions on these establishments, I find the D.C. Council's proposal to extend Class A and B operating hours insulting and an outright slap in the face.

Should this measure pass with Ms. Ambrose's endorsement, I promise not only to NOT vote for Ms. Ambrose's re-

election, but will work in concert with the significant numbers of concerned, like-minded neighbors to support council candidates in other wards (such as Mr. Brazil's) that better represent the concerns of their taxpaying constituents.

— G. KELLER, 1300 BLOCK OF E STREET NE

On February 26, 2004 the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs marked up Bill 15-516, the Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Amendment Act of 2004. At the Committee mark-up, Council member Brazil offered an amendment titled "Reasonable hours of operation for ABC Retailers Amendment Act of 2003." This legislation extends the hours of operation for Class A establishments until midnight on Saturdays and extends the hours of operation for Class B establishments from 10 p.m. until midnight for the entire week. This amendment was approved.

Our Commission, with a quorum established, voted unanimously at our regularly scheduled monthly meeting on March 11, 2004, to express opposition to this legislation due to the extension of the hours of operation for Class A and Class B establishments. Furthermore, we request that you offer an amendment at the first available opportunity to remove the Brazil Amendment. Councilmember Graham has indicated that he will support the elimination of the proposed extension of operating hours, which assures you a second to your motion. We urge you to take this highly unusual action on your committee's bill for the following reasons:

(1) Extending the hours will not significantly increase total purchases of liquor as ample opportunity currently exists. If extended hours generates increased sales tax revenue, this will certainly be offset by a corresponding increase in demand for police, emergency and sanitation services as the hours for those who currently abuse alcohol will simply be extended.

(2) An overwhelming number of our constituents have expressed opposition to this legislation. In our community, many of the Class B establishments are on residential street corners. Our residents living near these stores are already tolerating the associated noise, loitering, disorderly conduct, and public urination. Currently, these nuisances end at 10:00pm.

(3) Our community had no advance notice of the Brazil amendment. Since the amendment was a surprise, and there is no opportunity for the public to speak at a committee session to vote on legislation, we would ask that as a matter of fairness and due diligence, this be stricken from the proposed legislation.

In close, we believe immediate action is needed to remove the unacceptable provision of this proposed legislation.

— ANC CHAIRMAN JOSEPH FENGLER §

Who Was Kingsman?

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My father and a number of my friends' fathers worked for Capital Transit out of the car barn at 15th & H Streets NE, and they used to walk to work since we had no cars then. It was wartime (World War II), and cars were not being built, and gasoline was rationed, and our families probably didn't have money to buy them anyway. Just last September about a dozen of us from that neighborhood got together and relived many happy times and exchanged photos.

When Kingsman Elementary School was threatened with closure some years ago and a photo appeared in the Washington Post, I contacted the principal of the school for information on the history of the school.

She was only able to tell me that she believed the school had been named for a Dr. Kingsman, but she had no other information. If you have any other information about the area, I would certainly love to have it.

We all used to go to the Beverley Theater, and my father would take me to the Beverley Grill next door, afterwards, for an ice cream sundae — my favorite was pineapple. We had such good times. §

We also played in the alley behind the apartments on Isherwood Street where the ice house was. §

This Newsletter Needs Your Voice

SEND IN YOUR
REACTIONS TO THE
ARTICLES YOU READ

SEND IN YOUR THOUGHTS
AND YOUR NEWS

(anything that might be interesting or
useful to your neighbors is welcome)

- by phone (544-2447);
- by voicemail (517-9128);
- by e-mail
(news@thecornerforum.org);
- or by mail (536 13th St. NE)

Calendar of 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) AND
SHARON COCHRAN (1300 BLOCK OF EMERALD STREET NE)

Monday, April 5

First day of Spring Break, through April 12, for D.C. Public Schools.

10 a.m. - noon. What's in the City's FY 2005 Budget for Kids? Featuring representatives from the various District government agencies that affect children, youth and their families. In 7th floor conference room, 1616 P St. NW. \$10. Fee waivers available. Reservations required, 234-9404 or daction@dckids.org.

Tuesday, April 6

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Senior Day Medicare Town Hall Meeting. "To help you get your benefits and learn how to survive the new Medicare prescription drug benefit. ... Medicare experts will explain what every senior needs to know, regardless of income level. How to get the most from the new benefit, despite its flaws." Lunch provided. Sponsored by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton. At 345 Cannon Building, 1st & C Streets SE. Info, 225-8050. <http://www.norton.house.gov>.

7:30 p.m. North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (NLPNA) meeting. At Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C Streets NE.

Wednesday, April 7

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Prostate Cancer Screening. At Senate Hart Building, C Street NE, between Delaware Avenue and First Street. Info, National Prostate Cancer Coalition, 463-9456. <http://www.pcacoalition.org>.

6:30-9 p.m. Lovejoy Park Fundraiser. "So far the local community has raised \$8,000 and only needs \$2,000 more in order to receive \$20,000 in funds from the condominium developer Winter Properties of Atlanta. ... Come learn more and mingle with your friends and neighbors and enjoy refreshments at a fundraiser to benefit Lovejoy Community Park." Please RSVP to 548-9895 or LovejoyParkDC@yahoo.com.

Thursday, April 8

7-9 p.m. ANC 6A Monthly Meeting. Preliminary agenda includes discussion of whether or not to spend \$2,500 on Lovejoy Park. At Miner Elementary School, Student Dining Room, 601 15th St. NE. Info, ANC 6A Chairman Joseph Fengler (6A02), 423-8868. <http://www.anc6a.org>.

Saturday, April 10

10 a.m. Corner Forum meeting. Help plan the next issue! At 536 13th St. NE, 544-2447.

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Dogs available for adoption. "Volunteers from

Calendar of Events (continued)

the Washington Animal Rescue League (WARL) will be at Doolittle's Chateau-Animaux with some great dogs looking for new homes." At Doolittle's Chateau-Animaux, 224 Seventh St. SE. Adopters are entitled to a 10 percent discount on any purchases made in the store. <http://www.chateau-animaux.com>.

1 p.m. Third Annual Capitol Hill Easter Eggstravaganza. "Easter egg hunt for kids & families on Capitol Hill (toddlers through fifth grade). This event is a time for kids to get their faces painted, play fun games, meet life size Easter bunnies, win some prizes, and have a great time in the Easter egg hunt." At Lincoln Park. Sponsored by the National Community Church. <http://www.theaterchurch.com/pages/connect/Eggstravaganza.htm>.

Monday, April 12

6 p.m. Representative John Lewis at UDC. Reception and lecture. At the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW, Building 38, 2nd Floor. RSVP to Delores Jackson, 274-7349, or Jlibertelli@udc.edu.

Tuesday, April 13

6 p.m. Way Beyond Zoning: Form-Based Codes Shape Livable Streets. At the National Capital Planning Commission, 401 9th St. NW, North Lobby, Suite 500. RSVP, 667-5445 or staff@washingtonregion.net. <http://www.washingtonregion.net>.

6:30 p.m. First Freed: Washington, D.C. in the Emancipation Day Era. "Slaves in the District of Columbia were emancipated by President Lincoln and Congress in April 1862, nine months before the Emancipation Proclamation. Editor Elizabeth Clarke-Lewis, director of the Public History Program, Howard University, will be joined by contributors to the book First Freed to discuss this important event and its aftermath." Reservations required, 383-1809. \$10 for nonmembers. At the City Museum, 801 K St. NW. http://www.citymuseumdc.org/Learn_About_DC/Calendar/Calendar.asp.

7:30 p.m. Linden Old City Capitol Hill Neighborhood Association Monthly Community Meeting. At Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 10th St. NE. Info, linexchang@aol.com. <http://www.oldcitycapitolhill.org>.

8 p.m. Capitol Hill in the Jazz Age and the Great Depression. Last Overbeck History Lecture of the season. "A very interesting look at life on Capitol Hill during the 1920s and 30s. Hill native and longtime journalist Tom Kelly, who is currently writing his memoirs, will describe sights, sounds and characters from his childhood here in the Jazz Age and the Great Depression." At the Naval Lodge Hall, 330 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. Reservation required, OverbeckLecture@aol.com or 544-1845.

Thursday, April 15

12:15 p.m. D.C.P.S. students dismissed. Last day of 3rd quarter.

6:30 p.m. Title 34: D.C.'s Human Rights Law. "The Rainbow History Project presents a discussion by Eva Freund and Craig Howell of the 1973 passage and subsequent implementation of Title 34, which provided protection to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals." At the Sumner School, 17th & M Streets NW. Info, info@rainbowhistory.org or 907-9007. Event submitted to the Corner Forum by John Olinger, 1200 block of Duncan Place (544-7936 or john.olinger@worldnet.att.net).

Friday, April 16

10 am - 9:30 p.m. D.C. Emancipation Day Celebration and Parade. Parade begins at Constitution Avenue & 7th Street NW. Info, 727-6306.

Saturday, April 17

9 a.m. - noon. Washington Regional Earth Day Cleanup & Celebration on the Anacostia River. "Join our watershed neighbors to clean up the Anacostia River." Free lunch! With music and dancing. At Kingman Island. (Directions: Head east on Benning Road. Just past Oklahoma Avenue, before the Benning Bridge, turn right to enter parking lot 6. Walk across the foot bridge toward Heritage Island and then Kingman Island.) Info, David Smith, 479-6710. Call for other meeting sites. <http://www.anacostiaaws.org>.

9 a.m. - noon. Neighborhood Tree Planting. The goal is to plant 400 trees this spring. This can't happen without your help. So help restore D.C.'s legacy as the "City of Trees." Refreshments, tools, and instruction will be provided. At 17th & E Streets SE. Info, 833-4010 or friends@caseytrees.org. <http://www.caseytrees.org>.

10 a.m. Corner Forum meeting. Help plan the next issue! At 536 13th St. NE, 544-2447.

10 a.m. - noon. H Street Cleanup. "Help make the H Street corridor a more inviting place to visit and shop." Meet at H Street Main Street Office, 961 H St. NE. Info, Joe Tortorici, 368-5698 or jtortorici@wesleysem.edu. (On third Saturday of month instead of second, in April, due to Easter.)

Ongoing

Royal Words Poetry Lounge. Held every other Thursday at 7 p.m., starting April 8. At D.C. Sanctuary, 1355 H St. NE. "Royal Word Poetry Lounge will present featured readers followed by poetry open mic. Free for performers and \$4 for non-performers." Sign up begins at 6:45pm. Hosted by Afrika Midnight Asha Abney aka Ashawarrior. Light refreshments will be provided. Info, 399-4033 or aashawarrior@yahoo.com. <http://www.dcsanctuary.com> or <http://www.authorsden.com/ashawarrior.> §

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