

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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Anyone Willing to Teach Me to Skate? I'm Anxious to Get Out and Play!

BY GLADYS BAXLEY, 1300 BLOCK OF EMERALD STREET NE

Hello Corner Forum readers. My name is Gladys Baxley, and I'm a nearly 20-year resident of Emerald Street.



For many years I have been an avid speed walker. No doubt, some of you may have seen me walking around Capitol Hill. Well, a couple of years ago I decided to take up in-line skating. I thought that if I could cover four or five miles in a little over an hour just by walking, then surely I could cover twice that distance in half the time if I were on skates.

So, I bought some skates and started practicing in my house. Oh wow, a piece of cake — or so I thought. When I bought the skates, I also bought all the paraphernalia that goes along with them — the knee pads, the elbow pads, the wrist pads, the helmet, the whole nine yards. I had everything I thought I needed.

The one thing I didn't have was a big fluffy pillow for my "bum."

I was told by the guy who sold me the skates that, before going on the streets to skate, the most important thing I needed to learn was how to stop, so I practiced stopping in my house. After a few miscalculations (for example, I fell one day and slid into my computer and ended up having to replace my modem), I think I finally got the hang of the stopping thing.

Now, I'm ready to really take to the streets and join the masses of other skaters. But, there is only one problem — I'm not sure I know enough about the intricacies of in-line skating to feel secure about skating on the streets of Washington.

So, I'm writing to see if there is anyone among the Corner Forum readers who might be willing and able to take me on as an in-line skating pupil. I have a friend who wants to go skating with me, but she knows less about in-line skating than I do. If I go skating with her, then surely it would be like the blind leading the blind!

If there is anyone out there who can help me, you can reach me at 397-7071. Perhaps there is someone who might be interested in starting a skating club. If I have stirred your interest, then please let me know. The weather is getting good, and I'm anxious to get out and play. §

Visit Phish Tea Café on H Street

BY KATHARINE MOTTLEY, 1300 BLOCK OF EMERALD STREET NE

A new sit-down restaurant has opened on H Street, and it is a wonderful addition to our neighborhood. Located at 1335 H St. NE, Phish Tea Café is open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday evenings and serves brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Phish Tea also offers happy-hour specials from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and will host live music from time to time.

The newly renovated building houses a bar/lounge on the first floor and a spacious dining room upstairs. Phish Tea can easily accommodate large groups.

Caribbean specialties, with a focus on seafood, fill the menu. My friends and I were impressed by our excellent meal and the friendly staff.

Phish Tea adds an exciting element to our revitalizing neighborhood. I hope you will support this new local business by checking out Phish Tea Café soon. §

Musante Seeks to Remove Phone Outside Excello Liquors

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

The pay phone outside Excello Liquors, at 419 13th St. NE, will be discussed at an informal hearing that the D.C. Public Service Commission will hold at 10 a.m. on April 28. (I'm not sure whether the hearing is open to the public — call Sam Bost at 626-5120 to ask.)

The pay phone is owned by E&E Communications.

The hearing is the result of a complaint filed by ANC 6A05 Commissioner Michael Musante (411 11th St. NE, 548-2542), the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for the Corner Forum area south of the middle of E Street NE.

Mr. Musante explains: "Basically, when you submit a request that a phone may be illegal or a phone is a nuisance phone, that triggers an investigation. If it suggests that a hearing is needed, it will go to a hearing where the owner — the company that runs that phone — and whoever started the investigation or complaint, will both present evidence as to whether that phone should be removed or not."

"So there will be a hearing where I have to present evidence as to why that phone should be removed."

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Police

Outreach Specialist: Calling 311, 911 Increases Number of Officers in Area

BY LIBO LIU, 500 BLOCK OF 14TH STREET NE

Area residents, city officials and police officers met for the last time on Wednesday, April 14, 2004, before the new Police Service Area (PSA) plan takes effect on May 2.

Lt. Caldwell, the head police officer for PSA 511, which currently encompasses the Corner Forum area, led the evening's agenda. He said nearly all police officers who are regularly assigned to this PSA and other adjacent PSAs will be assigned to the new First District. That is considered to be good, because the new PSA 103, into which the current PSA 511 will be absorbed, will be part of the First District. It will increase the chance that these same officers will be assigned to patrol the neighborhoods they are already familiar with. Lt. Caldwell indicated that he might head the new PSA 103, although that wasn't official yet.

Peter Jones, the D.C. Neighborhood Coordinator for Ward 6, briefed those at the meeting more information about safety in the neighborhood. He said the city has identified 14 so-called violent-crime hot spots in D.C., with three in Ward 6. One such hot spot is located in the Benning Road/Rosedale area, just a few blocks from the Corner Forum area. Mr. Jones said this particular hot spot is the "most challenging" one, because of lack of community involvement. Mr. Jones said his primary job is to make sure city services get delivered to citizens in Ward 6. He listed trash pickup and parking zoning as examples of such services. He urged residents to contact him if calling the Mayor's Call Center at 727-1000 does not yield satisfactory results. He can be reached at 698-5622 or peter.jones@dc.gov.

Further valuable information came from John Davis, the Fifth District Community Outreach Specialist. Having served with D.C. Police for over 28 years, Mr. Davis offered perhaps the single most important advice for the evening, saying, "As a former police officer, a current Community Outreach Specialist, and a D.C. resident, I will tell you this: the number of police officers you would like to have patrolling your neighborhood depends on the number of phone calls you make to D.C. Police's emergency and non-emergency help line [311] when you see a problem, even if you don't think any police officer will come."

When our new PSA 103 becomes part of the First District, our new Community Outreach Specialist will be Teresa Jackson. She can be reached at 727-5413.

The first meeting for the new PSA 103 is scheduled to take place May 12, 2004, at Miner Elementary School, at 15th & F Streets NE. Subsequent meetings will be held there on the second Wednesday of every month. §

Liquor Stores

ANC to Adopt Standards For Stores Selling Liquor

From a discussion at the April 8 meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A. Richard Sundberg, 1200 block of Duncan Place NE, a member of the ANC's committee on liquor-related issues, reported to the ANC on the committee's recommendation to adopt a set of standards for all liquor stores in ANC 6A. ANC commissioners then asked questions and made comments.

MR. SUNDBERG: We had a series of three meetings with the community and businesses in the community. The first meeting was for community residents. The second meeting was for residents and business owners in the community, and the third meeting was for the general population again. At that meeting, we made our recommendation. In listening to the people that were there, at both the first residential meeting and the second meeting with business owners, we felt that we should make a recommendation that a standard be established for all businesses, because the community residents thought that that would be a less arduous task than a protest with each individual business. Perhaps Jessica [Ward] can attest to that — she's put a phenomenal amount of effort into these protests. The business owners also indicated a preference for a community standard — some of them — because it would give clarity to what's expected of them. Also, some of them rightly or wrongly feel that they are being singled out for special treatment. Perhaps it's worth noting that at the last meeting, Wes [Grooms], who's on the committee also, lamented the lack of community participation, as far as community residents, at the meetings. The first meeting was very well attended by community residents. At the second, there were less, and at the third meeting, we had the full committee, and I think we had two people from the community there. That was despite advertising in the various sources that we have.

ANC 6A06 COMMISSIONER JESSICA WARD: This is the minimum standard. It can be changed. It's just a clarification for a minimum standard on a voluntary agreement with merchants.

MR. SUNDBERG: And perhaps it should be stressed for the record that no standard is yet being considered. We're going to have another series of meetings to determine what that minimum standard is, that the merchants must adhere to.

COMMISSIONER WARD: To clarify, you have had how many merchants come to these meetings, that have been publicly announced?

MR. SUNDBERG: At the second meeting, that was specifically for the merchants, we had I believe a total of six merchants. The last meeting, where both merchants and residents were invited, we had one merchant.

ANC 6A03 COMMISSIONER CODY RICE: My understanding is that by agreeing to this, we would be saying that

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every establishment should have a voluntary agreement that includes some minimum steps that will be determined in these next meetings. Currently in our ANC not every establishment has a voluntary agreement. To me it seems like a good idea. I know that when I went to the Class B establishment that's in my single-member district, there was again this concern — “Are you doing this for everybody or is this just for me? Are you singling me out? Is what's gonna be in my agreement the same as what's gonna be in somebody else's? Is mine gonna be more restrictive and gonna hurt my business versus somebody else's?” — so I think it's a good idea to have this community discussion of what a minimum standard should be. I'm glad we've scheduled meetings to have that.

ANC 6A04 COMMISSIONER NICK ALBERTI: I want to stress to everybody that if in fact we adopt this and come up with community standards, our first go-around — the first set of renewals that we face — it's gonna be a really arduous task. Because there will be resistance from some owners to adopt a voluntary agreement. And the only clout we have with making ourselves credible is to follow through with all of the hearings and ultimately a protest hearing, if it comes to that — to enforce the issue — that we mean business, that we really want everyone to have this voluntary agreement, we're willing to stand behind it and commit the time to go make our case before the ABC Board. So I just want to point out that the first go-around is going to be a really rough year for us, and it's going to require a big commitment on I think everyone's time.

ANC 6A02 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH FENGLER: I attended both the first public meeting and the second meeting with the merchants, and one of the things that really jumped out at me was — almost all of the merchants said, without fail, if we all have the same rules, we could live with that. If we all knew what the rules were, and abide by them, and everyone had to play by the same field, that would work. They weren't jumping for joy — they weren't raising their hand and leading the charge, but they weren't running in the other direction. That's a huge, huge thing — that they weren't running in the other direction. And I can't underscore enough that in my single-member district, we have a lot of challenges that goes with having establishments that primarily just sell singles and primarily just sell alcohol. Whatever the community standard's gonna be, having something is gonna help level the playing field. So I am in support of this. I think we sorely need it. Having a minimum standard that we can fall back on will strengthen our case not only with the city but with the actual Class As and Class Bs.

COMMISSIONER WARD: I think this is fantastic. A minimum standard voluntary agreement provides a level playing field for the merchants. It should be looked at as a tool to use for knowledge and education, and it's not to put someone out of business. It's used as a positive aspect, to let everybody know and highlight what is already law. At least 80 percent of what's in the voluntary agreements are already on the books — it's just that no one goes through that big book, to know

exactly everything that's going on. And it just highlights the issues of the community, and I think it's just a great tool to let everybody know what is expected and what isn't expected for a safe environment.

ANC 6A05 COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MUSANTE: My opinions, before I became an ANC Commissioner, were very pro-business, and I'm still very pro-business. However for years you had in this city what seems to be — and maybe this is just my opinion — a rampant release of licenses to everybody and anybody, and now, as we try to fix our neighborhoods, as Jessica Ward said, this is just a chance for some businesses to step up and say, “I'm more than willing to be a good neighbor. Work with me.” We're just extending a hand of friendship.

COMMISSIONER FENGLER: The next series of meetings are scheduled. May 4 will be the community meeting. On May 18, will be the neighborhood associations, community groups and store owners, and District officials. And on June 1, the committee will formulate their recommendation, that we will then entertain at our June 10 meeting.

After this discussion, the ANC adopted the committee recommendation to establish a set of community standards for stores selling liquor, and to hold a second series of meetings to determine what those standards should be. Commissioner Wanda Harris voted against adopting the committee recommendation, and Commissioner Gladys Mack abstained. §

ANC Is Pushing Merchants Into a Corner, Mrs. Lee Says

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

Hyon Lee, co-owner of N-A Minit (421 13th St. NE), attended all three meetings held by the ANC liquor license committee on whether or not to establish community standards for stores selling liquor.

Her comments at the first meeting were reported by Elizabeth Hague, 500 block of 14th Street NE, in the Feb. 21 Corner Forum.

At the second meeting, on March 16, Mrs. Lee spoke against a ban on selling singles, saying she can't deny customers the right to buy small quantities, according to the minutes of the meeting. She said the problem is with loitering, not just selling singles, and she suggested that there should be more trash cans and that perhaps people should be taught how to behave.

On March 30, at the third meeting, Mrs. Lee said that if there was one standard for everyone, she would go along, but she does not want regulations that others don't have, according to the committee's minutes. She said she pays for her licenses and tries to abide by them, but now a small group of people is trying to keep her from conducting her business.

She said the ANC is pushing merchants into a corner. §

Restoring Beauty, From Street Gutters to Oil Paintings

Sharon Cochran (1300 block of Emerald Street NE) and Marc Borbely (536 13th St. NE) came across Pamela Volkonsky (525 14th St. NE) picking up trash on the corner of 14th & E Streets, the morning of Saturday, April 10.

They spoke with her about her efforts, as well as about her job. Mrs. Volkonsky said she would be glad to organize a neighborhood cleanup in the corner forum area.

Don't you get tired of cleaning up?

Sometimes. I'm not a coffee drinker, so this is the first thing I'll do in the morning. Actually, this morning I've been out here for three hours. I like it — it's exercise. The first thing I do, the minute I pop out of bed, is do the trash.

Every day?

Every day, when I'm here — which is most of the time.

Did you fill the trash can over there?

Yeah, and half of the one over there. It's heavy, because I got up a lot of gravel, too. Our roads are being eroded by cars leaking oil — on my block it's really bad. It just tears up the asphalt.

Would you like any help?

Sure. Even if someone wanted to donate trash bags and a broom. This one's getting worn out. I'd love to have help, any day.

I guess it's kind of hard to set a time.

I don't. 'Cause I'm home almost every day — I work at home. So I'm willing to help anybody, anytime, with trash. If it's something that's too heavy for them, I'll come *try* to help.

Why trash? Why is that your thing?

I don't know. I think it started when I popped my tire on a nail, when I was parking my car. So that's when I started sweeping the side of the curb, and one thing led to the other. Actually, it's helped my back! I used to have lower back pains. You'd think this would make it worse, but it's actually, over time, made it better. I haven't had any back problems since I started this.

Would you willing to organize a neighborhood cleanup?

Sure! I only know the people on my block — I don't really know anyone outside of my block.

Ms. Cochran: I would be willing to help do flyers and stuff — we had one last year, and we had a pretty good turnout.

I think the alleys are especially bad. The alley [running

alongside Emerald, on the F Street side] — I haven't really walked all the way through it, but from my view it looks bad again. I think there are some houses being worked on, and the contractors — instead of hauling it away, they just throw it out in the alley. And they're unidentifiable things, so we can't catch anybody. Yeah, I'd be willing to — I'd love to see that. And I think that people are gonna be more likely to do it in the next few weeks, before it gets hot.

You know how it works, right? The city brings you all the supplies you need — rakes, and bags, and brooms. And they come pick up the trash.

The streets are looking pretty good, but the alleys —

Mr. Borbely: My street, 13th Street, is pretty bad, which I'm embarrassed to say, but —

Oh yeah, 13th Street, that's bad. Sometimes I go to N-A Minit — I can't even attempt that on my own.

But even the 500 block —

Yeah, but around that market it's really awful. I've noticed that 13th Street's pretty bad — I guess all the way down to Maryland Avenue — probably beyond it. I wonder why.

What do you do for a living?

I restore oil paintings. I've been doing it for 20 years, in the Dupont Circle area. I do restoration of oil paintings on canvas or wood — cleaning, repairing, painting in lost areas, all that sort of stuff.

You've been doing it for a while.

20 years. That's what I do for a living. I almost worked on the Capitol Dome years ago, but the lady that I was working with was getting older and was afraid to get on the scaffolding — I missed out on that job, unfortunately. There are so many things that only need restoration that people would otherwise throw away — and they're shocked to find out that they can be fixed. I've found paintings in the trash can that were beautiful paintings — they had a tear in them — and the person just said, "Well, this is ruined. I'm have to throw it out" — not at all. I take paintings that have been fire damaged, water damaged, missing half the painting — it's crumbled off. Fix them up, they look good as new! So that's what I do.

If people are interested, what should they do?

They could just call. 399-7676.

Great. Thanks!

Okay! §



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History

Kingsman Was a Physician

BY ANGELA TILGHMAN
1200 block of E St. NE
Principal, Miner Elementary School

In the last issue, Pat Harford, formerly of 1518 Isherwood St. NE, asked who Kingsman was.

From a D.C. Biographical of Schools...

Dr. Richard Kingsman was a physician; born at Louisville, Kentucky, on May 31, 1855.

His father was born in England and his mother in Ireland. His wife was Catherine Kingsman.

He was a member of the Board of Education from July 1, 1900, to June 30, 1906; a member of the public health committee of the Washington Board of Trade from 1903 to 1920; and a member of the Temple-Noyes Lodge F.A.A.M.

He died at Washington, D.C. Friday, Dec. 31, 1920. His interment was at Glenwood Cemetery, Washington, D.C. §

H Street

Phish to Feature Live Gospel, Jazz

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

On April 10, the following information was posted on an official Alcoholic Beverage and Regulation Administration notice on Phish Tea Café's window...

Notice dated March 26, application 40123 Around the House, Inc. — trading as Phish Tea Café, Retailer's Class C, 1334 H St. NE.

Nature of Operation: New restaurant with live music, featuring gospel, classical jazz performances by three-or-four-piece band, during brunch on Sundays, and a three-or-four-piece jazz band on Fridays.

Sale and Service of Alcoholic Beverages: Sunday through Thursday, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Petitioners may request to appear before the board — file on or before May 11. §

Celebrations

Happy birthday to Eleanor Shannon Gorham, 1318 Emerald St. NE, who turned 1 on Wednesday!

Happy two-year wedding anniversary (April 20) to Marc Borbely and Tammi Cioffi, 536 13th St. NE! §

Youth

Students Sought for Trees Internship

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

Casey Trees is looking for a student in Ward 6, 16 or older, to care for young trees, conduct inventories of existing trees, and communicate with residents about the importance of trees.

The stipend will be \$1,500 to work from July 6 to Aug. 13, for 35 hours per week. The deadline to apply is April 30. Info, 833.4010 or friends@caseytrees.org. <http://www.caseytrees.org/internprogram.html>. §

McKinley Tech Extends Deadline

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

The D.C Public Schools have extended to April 30 the deadline for applying to McKinley Technology High School, which is due to reopen in September at 151 T St. NE, for 9th and 10th grade students.

Applicants must submit an official grade report, recommendations, and an essay and writing sample, and they must be interviewed. Applications are available at the Penn Center at 1709 3rd Street NE or online at <http://mths.k12.dc.us/admission/admission.htm>. The principal can be reached at daniel.gohl@k12.dc.us or 576-8058. §

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Updates

EXCELLO/N-A MINIT: Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 6A05 reported at the April 8 ANC meeting on the latest news on the Excello/N-A Minit liquor license protests: “On May 5, there’s a status hearing, concerning the renewal of Excello Liquors, the renewal of N-A Minit and the transfer from Excello to N-A Minit. There was a meeting this morning that I regretably missed because of a personal matter, but the mediation did not go well. Mrs. Lee backed away from what seemed to be an opening in her willingness to not sell certain types of singles. It seems that this will probably go further, to a possible protest hearing.”

RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING: Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Jessica Ward (6A06) reported at the April 8 ANC meeting on her efforts to establish residential permit parking throughout her area: “I went on two Saturdays around to the neighbors — there’s quite a few streets that do not have residential permit parking. I’m a big advocate for that. I think it gets basically down to the cars that aren’t needed on that street should be ticketed and to do that, you need to have a residential parking permit. So I did distribute those to over 100 plus residents, with a petition and a letter of public safety concerns.”

LIQUOR STORE HOURS: David Grosso, staff member to Sharon Ambrose, wrote in an e-mail on April 8 that the Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Amendment Act, which, among many other things, would extend the hours of liquor stores, was not voted on as planned, on April 6: “The bill was put on hold until a later legislative session. It should be voted on either on April 20th or May 4th. At the time of the vote Councilmember Ambrose will be in support of maintaining the hours as they are currently in effect.”

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING: Francine Edmonds, the assistant to the Ward 6 Neighborhood Services Coordinator, says Ward 6 is very low in the registration of residents for the free emergency response training described on page 5 of the last issue of the Corner Forum. She encourages residents to get more information about the program by calling 645-0308.

R.L. CHRISTIAN LIBRARY: Ms. Ward commented on a Washington Post article about the community library at 13th & H NE: “There’s a nice article in the District Weekly today about the R.L. Christian Library, and I’d like to commend the continued support by the Sprenger Lang Foundation for donating \$15,000 for a facelift. This is an indication of merchants helping out merchants on H Street, and it’s welcome.”

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 81 households in the Corner Forum area that are subscribed to the newsletter (28 on E Street, 27 on Emerald Street, 18 on 13th Street, and 8 on Duncan Place). Thank you, to all.

— Marc Borbely §

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 19

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. City Council Hearing on Funding for the University of the District of Columbia, D.C. Public Schools and District of Columbia Public Charter Schools. Room 412, Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Info, 724-8172.

5 p.m. City Council Hearing on the Water and Sewer Authority’s Lead Service Replacement Program and on Lead on the Water. Room 412, Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Info, 724-8105

Tuesday, April 20

7 p.m. Atlas Performing Arts Center Renovations — Community Meeting. “In less than a year, the historic Atlas marquee will once again light up H Street! Yes, we’re moving forward with the next phase of the Atlas renovation. Come hear what’s in store, meet the people involved and envision the future. We want you to be part of making it happen!” At the Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 10th St. NE. Info, Scott Kenison, 772-1153 or skenison@atlasarts.org. <http://www.atlasarts.org>.

Wednesday, April 21

7 p.m. New Truck Policies for D.C. “The meeting will review recommendations and implementation strategies proposed in a report for DDOT. ... The report proposes a three-tiered system of truck routes based on roadway characteristics, types of trucks that use the corridor, congestion and security.” At 1st floor conference room, 441 4th St. NW. Info, Bill Rice, 671-2004.

6-9:30 p.m. Lead Blood Testing Clinic. At Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave., NW. <http://dc.gov/events/index.asp>.

6:30-7:15 p.m. Looking Through Rose Colored Windows. With Daniel Wolkoff, of Adams Morgan Stained Glass and Antique Restoration. “Mr. Wolkoff will provide important information on the care and maintenance of your stained glass, as well as information on the different types of stained glass found on Capitol Hill.” By the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. At the Trattoria Alberto (top floor), 506 Eighth St. SE. Info, 543-0425 or CapHRS@aol.com.

Thursday, April 22

7 p.m. Community Meeting on Public Safety in the Near Northeast Community. “Councilmember Sharon Ambrose will host a community Meeting on public safety around the Near

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Northeast Community. The meeting will focus on improving the quality of life and public safety concerns relating to the unwanted activities that occur around Ludlow Taylor Elementary School." At the Ludlow Elementary School, Multipurpose Room, 659 G St. NE. Info, Skip Coburn, 724-8072 or scoburn@dccouncil.us.

Friday, April 23

10 a.m. D.C. Public Library Budget Hearing. "The library has suffered years of declining budgets. Last year, the library was forced to reduce operating hours at all branch libraries. For FY 2005, the Mayor has proposed a static budget for the library system, meaning operating hours would remain at reduced levels, the materials budget will not be increased, and much needed maintenance on buildings will continue to be deferred. If you have been frustrated by the Library's sad condition, E-mail your Councilmember and Mayor Williams and urge them to restore operating hours at neighborhood libraries." For info or to testify, e-mail info@saveditlibraries.org. In Room 412, Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Info, 724-8172.

Saturday, April 24

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. E-Cycling. By the D.C. Department of Public Works. "Residents may bring televisions and audio-video equipment, cell phones, home office equipment, computers, computer parts and computer components for end-of-life disposal or recycling. All computer monitors and TV screens must be intact-not cracked, punctured or shattered. ... Additionally, there will be recycling collection bins for aluminum cans, recyclable (nickel-cadmium) batteries and athletic shoes." In the Carter Barron Amphitheater parking lot, 16th and Kennedy streets NW. Info, 727-1000. <http://dpw.dc.gov>.

9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Earth Day 2004 at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. "Celebrate Earth Day at the beautiful Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens in Ward 7. ... This year, traditional community service and park improvement work will be complemented by a voter education and registration effort." By the National Parks Conservation Association, the National Park Service, the Earth Day Network, and Marshall Heights Community Development Organization. Info, Alan Spears, 454-3384 or aspears@npca.org.

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

Monday, April 26

7:30 p.m. Stanton Park Neighborhood Association. Monthly meeting. At Northeast Branch Public Library, 330 7th St. NE.

Tuesday, April 27

3:30 p.m. D.C.P.S. Outdoor Track (High School) — Relay Championship. At Spingarn Senior High School, 2500 Benning Rd. NE. Info, DCIAA, 698-3326.

7-9 p.m. ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Committee monthly meeting. At Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G

St. NE. Info, ANC 6A03 Commissioner Rice, 544-3734. <http://www.anc6a.org>.

Saturday, May 1

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

Ongoing

Used Book Sale. April 19-24. "Celebrate National Library Week." Monday, 1-7 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Info, Tracy Myers, 698-3298 or tracy.myers@dc.gov. At the Northeast Library, 330 7th St. NE, 698-3320, <http://dclibrary.org/branches/noe>.

Boy Gets Girl. April 24 - May 23. Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. All but the first Saturday, also at 2 p.m. "Boy Gets Girl presents a frightening glimpse into what can lie in wait for those searching for love in the city. Gilman's brilliantly written play is an acute observation on a very modern nightmare. On a blind date, girl meets boy, boy becomes fixated, girl is forced to change her life, and even herself, in order to escape the relentless pursuit of the boy. This play explores the sexual and political fine line between what is romance and what is considered to be obsession." By the Theater Alliance. Tickets normally \$20; free if you live between 8th Street and 19th Street NE, 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 396-2125 or <http://www.theateralliance.com/Season.htm>. §

Removal of Pay Phone Sought

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And why should it be removed?

"The phone is used for illegal use like drug dealing. It is near a liquor store where individuals loiter. It has been reported by the police from our PSA and from residents of that neighborhood to be a nuisance phone. Also, a voluntary license agreement [with Excello Liquors] said that it was supposed to be removed."

The ANC voted unanimously at its April 8 meeting to object to the presence of nine pay phones, including the phone at 419 13th St. NE.

The others, all in Northeast: 1839 Benning Road, 646 H St., 1224 H St., 1334 H St., 1351 H St., 1380 H St., 1401 H St., 419 13th. and 1201 K St.

The D.C. Public Service Commission had asked the ANC for comments on those nine phones. §