



# stanton park neighborhood association news

## CALENDAR

**APR 24** **Stanton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
Monday, 7:30 PM  
Northeast Branch Library, at 7th Street and Maryland Avenue NE.

**APR 25** **Public Forum for Ward 6 DC Council Candidates**  
Tuesday, 7:30 PM  
Hine Jr. High, 335 8th Street SE

**APR 26** **Reservations due for SPNA Annual Dinner!**  
Wednesday, 5:00 PM  
See back for more details!

**APR 29** **FONEL Used Book Sale**  
Saturday, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
Northeast Branch Library, at 7th Street and Maryland Avenue NE.

**MAY 10** **ANC 6C Meeting**  
Wednesday, 7:00 PM  
Mt. Airy Baptist Church  
1200 North Capitol Street NE

**MAY 11** **ANC 6A Meeting**  
Thursday, 7:00 PM  
Miner Elementary School, at 16th and F Streets NE

**MAY 21** **Capitol Hill Classic**  
Sunday  
Stanton Park. For more info:  
[www.capitolhillclassic.com](http://www.capitolhillclassic.com)

### Want to know more about SPNA?

Want to know what happened at the last meeting? Find out more about how you can get involved?

All this and more available on the SPNA Web site:  
[www.stantonpark.org](http://www.stantonpark.org)

## Metro's Dan Tangherlini at April SPNA Meeting

Metro's interim General Manager Dan Tangherlini will speak at the April SPNA meeting. Those of you who've seen Dan speak before know that he is thoughtful, frank, and funny. If you've been following the news,

you know that Dan has a lot of new ideas for Metro. Come hear first-hand what he is thinking about the future of Washington's transit system. Join us Monday, April 24 at 7:30 PM at the Northeast Library.

## Zoning Commission Hears MedLINK Rezoning Case

On March 23, the D.C. Zoning Commission heard arguments on a petition by ANC 6C to downzone the property where the MedLINK Hospital and Nursing Home is located. Originally the property was zoned R-4, the typical low-density residential designation for Capitol Hill townhouses. In 1973, the property was rezoned to R-5-D (medium-high density residential) to allow Capitol Hill Hospital to expand as a community hospital. Various community groups supported the 1973 upzoning because the hospital served the surrounding community.

Flashing forward, the current property owner has leased the north end of the facility (the nursing home tower) to another company for use as a long-term care facility, and proposes to build a large condominium development on the south end of the property. The R-5-D zoning designation would allow a 90 foot building to be constructed. This use does not serve the community as the hospital did in 1973. As a result, ANC 6C petitioned the Zoning Commission to downzone the property back to an R-4 designation in order to be consistent with the DC Comprehensive Plan ▶

## Vote Your Choice for DC in Statuary Hall

Since DC is not a state, it does not have any statues in National Statuary Hall in the Capitol building. The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities is accepting input on prominent Washingtonians to be commemorated in sculptures recommended for placement in National Statuary Hall. The Arts Commission will select two renowned

Washingtonians based on the nominations. The completed sculptures will be exhibited in the John Wilson Building as suggestions to Congress for placement in Statuary Hall. To support one of the existing nominees or to add your own nomination, please visit: [www.dcartarts.dc.gov](http://www.dcartarts.dc.gov). Nominations must be received by Friday, April 28, 2006.

### Meeting with Park Service to Address Issues at 9th and Maryland

The National Park Service, National Capital Parks-East will host a public meeting to discuss reported deteriorating conditions of the park at 9th and Maryland Avenue NE. Park Superintendent Gayle Hazelwood is interested in hearing the community's response and would like to get public comments on the proposed removal of the park's benches. The meeting will be Wednesday, April 26, 2006 from 7:00–8:30 PM at the Northeast Library (at 7th Street and Maryland Avenue NE). For further information, contact Frank Young at (202) 690-5183.

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and the low-density residential character of the neighborhood. This downzoning would not prohibit the owner from developing condominiums, or force any of the existing buildings to be demolished. However, downzoning the property would affect the height, density, lot occupancy, and parking requirements of any new construction.

There is widespread community support for downzoning the property. ANC 6C, ANC 6A, the DC Office of Planning, Councilmember Sharon Ambrose, SPNA, the Capitol Hill Coalition for Sensible Development, the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, the Union Square Townhome Owners Association, St. James Church, and others have supported downzoning, although they have made different recommendations about whether the property should be rezoned to low-density or medium-density residential use. SPNA supported a medium-density designation that would limit the height of any new construction to 60 feet and require adequate parking to be provided.

The Zoning Commission is expected to issue a proposed ruling on April 20, which will be followed by a 30-day public comment period, review by the National Capitol Planning Commission, and a final rulemaking.



# SPNA Annual Dinner AND Scholarship Fundraiser

Saturday, April 29, 2006 • 6 pm

**Join us for a fun event that benefits a great cause!**

The SPNA Annual Dinner is an evening of food, entertainment, gifts donated by local merchants, and lots of good company, raising funds for the SPNA Scholarship Fund.

This year's dinner will be held at the Heritage Foundation's roof-top deck at 2nd and Massachusetts Avenue NE, and will include a buffet by Bistro Italiano, featuring eggplant parmigiana, spaghetti and meatballs, and chicken parmigiana, as well as salad, dessert, and soft drinks. SPNA will have items from generous Capitol Hill merchants and others for raffle, silent auction, and live auction. Donated items in the past have ranged from meals at Capitol Hill restaurants to gift certificates at area businesses, from automobile tune-ups at a local garage to services from a master gardener.

**TICKETS:** \$20 for adult members of SPNA, and \$25 for non-members. For children, the ticket prices are \$15 for kids ages 13 and above; for children 12 and under the price is \$1 for each year of the child's age (so a 5-year old is \$5, a 10-year old is \$10, etc.). To reserve, detach and send in the registration form below. **Reservations must be received by Wednesday, April 26 at 5 PM.**

Donations beyond the ticketed event price are greatly appreciated, and those who can't attend can still make a tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund.

**INFO:** For more information on the dinner or to donate goods or a service for the auction, contact Dee Atwell, SPNA Chair at (202) 482-2860 (weekdays) or via e-mail at: [Dee.Atwell@esa.doc.gov](mailto:Dee.Atwell@esa.doc.gov); or Diane Stolz at (202) 345-3269.



## Stanton Park Neighborhood Association Registration Form 2005-2006

[SPNA Membership Year: September 1, 2005 - August 31, 2006]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive the SPNA newsletter via e-mail?

Single Annual membership (\$10) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Household Annual membership (\$18) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Household Lifetime membership (\$250) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tax-deductible SPNA scholarship donation . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets to SPNA Scholarship Fundraiser, Saturday, April 29, 2006

\_\_\_\_\_ members (\$20) + \_\_\_\_\_ non-members (\$25) +

\_\_\_\_\_ youth, 13 and up (\$15) + \_\_\_\_\_ children (\$1/year up to 12) . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ **GRAND TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### Want to get more involved?

Let us know if you'd be interested in working on any of these SPNA committees:

- Land use
- Environment
- Scholarship review
- Membership
- Newsletter/Web
- Annual dinner/special activities

Please make checks payable to SPNA. Send to:

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