



stanton park neighborhood association news

CALENDAR

- APR 23** **Community Forum on Specialty Hospitals of Washington**
Monday, 7:30 PM
St. James Church
222 8th Street, NE
- APR 24** **ANC 6A & 6C Meeting on Historic District Expansion**
Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Capitol Hill Towers
900 G Street, NE
- APR 28** **Lady Bird Park Clean-up**
Saturday, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
8th & Constitution Ave, NE
Rain date - May 11
- APR 30** **SPNA Meeting**
Monday, 7:30 PM
Northeast Branch Library
7th Street and Maryland Ave, NE
- MAY 18** **SPNA Fish Fry**
Friday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
MPD 1st District HQ
415 4th Street, SW
- MAY 20** **Capitol Hill Classic**
Sunday, 8:30AM-10:45AM
Stanton Park

Next SPNA Fish Fry is May 18

SPNA is sponsoring another fish fry to benefit a summer camp for at risk youth with the First District of the Metropolitan Police Department. The fare includes fried fish sandwiches, crab cakes, side dishes, and desserts. Join us on Friday, May 18 from 10 am to 2 pm at the First District headquarters at 415 4th Street, SW (near L'Enfant Plaza).

April SPNA Meeting Focuses on Alcohol & Beverage Licenses

The April SPNA meeting will focus on alcohol and beverage license issues. Guest speakers will be Chuck Burger, Capitol Hill resident and chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board, and area ANC Commissioners.

The ABC Board is responsible for overseeing the license application and adjudication process for all new licenses, renewals, transfers of ownership or location and substantial changes to licenses. The ABC Board approves voluntary/cooperative agreements, suspensions and revocations of licenses, and promotes regulations designating alcoholic beverage license moratorium zones.

This is a timely discussion for the Stanton Park neighborhood, as a moratorium on the sale of single alcohol containers has been proposed for the eastern half of H Street, NE (in ANC 6A), and ANC 6C is considering whether to recommend a similar moratorium for the western portion. (See related story on the single serving moratorium.) Local ANC Commissioners will also be at the SPNA meeting to discuss the moratorium issues. The SPNA meeting will be on Monday, April 30 at 7:30 pm in the Northeast Library (330 7th Street, NE).

Community Forum on Specialty Hospital's Plans

Specialty Hospitals of America, LLC (SHA) will present its plans for the Specialty Hospital of Washington (SHW) to the community this month. The community forum will take place on Monday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in St. James' Church, 222 Eighth St., NE.

In late 2005, SHA signed a 27 year lease to acquire and assume the management of SHW (formerly MedLINK Hospital and Nursing Center). SHW specializes in long-term acute care and is licensed as a specialty hospital and a skilled nursing care facility. SHW currently utilizes only a portion of the facility, and SHA is proposing to reopen the currently vacant portion of the complex, expanding operations from roughly 170 beds to over 300 beds and from 240 employees to 400 employees. SHA has also said that it plans to request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) allow it to provide 1 parking space for every 4 patient beds that it operates, at least for the nursing home portion of the

facility. SHW claims that this is the norm for other nursing homes in the city. If SHA is successful, this would overturn a 2004 BZA decision that this particular facility must provide 1 parking space per patient bed.

SHA claims that these changes will not have a negative impact on the community, stating that a significant portion of the staff takes public transportation, and that there are few visitors for patients at the facility. SHA proposes to lease off-site parking at RFK Stadium and provide shuttle bus service between the hospital and RFK, and to provide transit subsidies to encourage employees to take public transportation instead of driving. Given the longstanding problems the facility has had in violating its parking requirements (dating back long before SHA began operating the facility), SHA's proposal has raised concerns about the impact on traffic and parking in the neighborhood.

Last month SPNA ...

- Met with the Dreyfus Property Development Group on the 200 H Street development;
- Wrote a letter in support of ANC 6A's proposed 5 year moratorium on up-zoning on H Street (see www.stantonpark.org for details); and
- Sponsored a fish fry to benefit MPD 1st District summer camp for at risk youth.

Also on SNPA's Website:

- Up-zoning on H Street
- Design Working Group Formed for Dreyfus Development at 200 H Street

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ANCs Holding Public Meetings on Expansion of Historic District

ANC 6A and ANC 6C are holding 3 joint public meetings concerning the possible extension of the Capitol Hill historic district to the north and/or east of the existing historic district, or the creation of a new historic district. (All of the Stanton Park neighborhood south of the middle of F Street, NE is already in the Capitol Hill historic district, so these meetings may be of particular interest to those residents living to the north of F Street.)

The first meeting took place on April 4, and addressed general issues regarding historic districts. The second meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 24 in the Community Room of Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street, NE) and will address whether to expand the existing historic district, create a new historic district, or make no changes, as well as the potential boundaries of a new or expanded historic district. The third meeting will occur at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 23 at the Sherwood Recreation Center (10th and G Streets, NE) and will develop recommendations for review and approval by ANC 6A and 6C.

ANC 6C Holding Public Hearings on Single Sales Moratorium

The DC Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board has approved a three year moratorium on the sale of single containers of alcohol (malt liquor, beer, and half pint or smaller bottles of hard liquor) on H Street, NE from 7th St to 14th St. If the ABC Board's proposed rule is adopted by the City Council, then new and existing stores within the covered area will be prohibited from selling singles for 3 years. (The moratorium does not affect restaurants or bars.) After 3 years, the ABC Board would then consider whether to renew the moratorium for additional time or to let it expire.

ANC 6C is considering whether it would be in the neighborhood's best interest to request a similar moratorium covering H Street, NE from 2nd St to 7th St. ANC 6C is looking for community comments on whether there should be a moratorium on the western portion of H Street, NE; what the impacts of the sale of singles are on the community; and how a moratorium would affect neighborhood stores off of H Street. The issues will be discussed at 3 public hearings ANC 6C is holding, at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 23; Wednesday May 23, and Wednesday, June 27 at the Northeast Library (7th and Maryland Avenue, NE).

Ready to Garden? Time for Lady Bird Park Clean-Up

Ever noticed how great Lady Bird Park looks at 8th & Constitution Ave NE? That's because neighbors like you come out twice every year and spend a couple of hours on a Saturday pulling weeds and pruning the trees. Please join us Saturday, April 28th from 11:00-1:00 at the Park. Refreshments will be served to keep your energy up and meet some of your neighbors. Lady Bird Park was rehabilitated with a community grant some years ago by members of SPNA and has been kept pruned and pulled by SPNA volunteers ever since. The rain date for the clean-up is May 11th.

Support Local Schools – Participate in the Capitol Classic Race

The 28th annual Capitol Hill Classic race takes place on Sunday, May 20th. There are 10K and 3K races, and fun runs for kids. The race starts and ends in front of Peabody School on Stanton Park and runs through Capitol Hill. It benefits the Capitol Hill Cluster Schools (Peabody, Watson, and Stuart-Hobson), a group of DC public schools serving students from pre-school through 8th grade. The cost of the race ranges from \$10 to \$22, and includes a race t-shirt, ChampionChip rental, food, and prizes. Non-runners can also support the schools by volunteering to help with the race or buying a race t-shirt. For more information, call the Race Hotline at (301) 871-0400, visit the web site at www.capitolhillclassic.com.

Student Poetry Contest at Northeast Library

The Friends of the Northeast Library (FONEL) is sponsoring a poetry contest for students in grades 1 to 12 who have a valid DC public library card. Each student may submit up to three poems, which should include the student's name, address, and phone number on the back. The first place winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from B. Dalton Books. Entries are due by April 30. Poems should be submitted to Ms. Jackson at the Northeast Library. For more information, call 202-698-3320.

Stanton Park Neighborhood Association Registration Form 2006-2007

[SPNA Membership Year: September 1, 2006–August 31, 2007]

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 \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Signature: _____

Want to get more involved?

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

- Land use Membership
- Environment Newsletter/Web
- Scholarship review Annual dinner/special activities
- Traffic and Security Committee

Please make checks payable to SPNA. Send checks and form to:

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