



## stanton park neighborhood association news

### CALENDAR

**FEB 23** **Trees for Capitol Hill Tree Pruning Workshop**  
Saturday, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Turtle Park, 7th Street and Independence Avenue SE

Jim Adams, a horticulturist and Capitol Hill resident with extensive tree care experience, will lead the hands-on training session. Space is limited to 12. Call Laura at 547-4759.

**FEB 27** **Stanton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
Wednesday, 7:30 PM

The meeting will be held at the Northeast Branch Library at 7th Street and Maryland Avenue NE.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!**  
SPNA Meetings have returned to starting at 7:30 PM

**MAR 9** **SPNA Annual Dinner**  
Saturday, 6:30 – 10:30 PM

The Dinner will be held at the Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol Street NE. Save the date!

### Want to know more about SPNA?

Want to know what happened at the last meeting? Got an item for the newsletter? More information about SPNA activities, and how you can get involved is available on the SPNA Web site at:

[www.jubiar.com/spna](http://www.jubiar.com/spna)

### SPNA Gears Up for Annual Dinner

SPNA will hold its annual dinner Saturday, March 9, 2002, from 6:30 – 10:30 PM at the Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol Street NE. This popular neighborhood event raises money to benefit the SPNA scholarship fund for DC public school students. Last year, the dinner raised nearly \$3000 for deserving students in our neighborhood.

This year's event promises to be the best ever! Dinner will be catered by Szechuan House on 8th Street SE (alcohol is BYOB). The program includes the Neighbor of the Year award, as well as a raffle and auction of items donated by Capitol Hill Merchants to benefit the SPNA scholarship fund.

Come join your neighbors for an evening of good food and conversation for a great cause! Due to limited seating, make your reservations early—**submit the form on the back of this page by March 1**. If you're interested in volunteering for the dinner, please contact Dee Atwell at 546-8777.

### Harold Brazil Addresses January SPNA Meeting

Warren Friedman opened the meeting and presided over a general discussion of recent developments regarding Station Place, Eastern Market, and the proposal for the BP Amoco station on H Street NE. He also mentioned the upcoming SPNA Dinner.

Mike Morgan and Jessica Leighton, who are on the staff of Councilmember-at-Large Harold Brazil, spoke next. Ms. Leighton noted that Councilman Brazil would be arriving late since he was at a meeting at DC General Hospital to get input from the community regarding future use of the DC General site. She then focused on efforts being made to increase economic development in DC. She noted that K-Mart still plans to locate in the new shopping center at

Brentwood, which will also have a Giant and a Home Depot. This may be open as early as May. Another effort to promote development is the transfer of responsibility for management of city-owned property to the National Capital Revitalization Corp. It is chartered to take into account the economic development potential of possible options for disposal of city property rather than simply selling, or otherwise making the property available to the highest bidder.

Councilmember Brazil arrived and brought the meeting up to date on the DC General issue. He indicated that current planning will attempt to retain a medically-related use of the facility, an approach he favors. This could involve research laboratory or other types of medical work. He also stressed his efforts to promote housing initiatives for DC. Earlier, Ms. Leighton had announced that 276 apartment units would be going up at Gallery Place. The Councilmember noted that his housing legislation, which was recently passed by the Council, had new incentives for rehabilitation of historic property and also incentives for conversion of vacant property, although it did not go as far as he would have wished on creating disincentives to leaving residential property vacant. In response to questioning, he indicated that the Children's Museum is looking aggressively for a new site but that they hope to stay in DC.

The meeting then adjourned.

At SPNA's February meeting, featured speakers will be Mr. Dan Tangherlini, Director of the DC Department of Transportation, and Josh Gibson from Flexcar, the new hourly car rental service affiliated with Metro. Notice to readers: **meetings have returned to a 7:30 PM start time—see you then!**

## Neighborhood News Briefs

**Station Place** is expected to break ground in early March. The Zoning Commission order approving the project is not yet available, but formal approval is expected very shortly. One of the unresolved issues is the timing of the multi-phase project. Dreyfus has proposed applying for building permits for each subsequent phase approximately one year after certificates of occupancy are approved for the previous phase.

**BP Amoco** has indicated a desire to renew their plans for development of a gas station at 3rd and H Streets. A new collaborative process is just getting underway which promises to fully engage the community in the design process. Check out the [HStreetDC.com](http://HStreetDC.com) and [VoiceoftheHill.com](http://VoiceoftheHill.com) Web sites for periodic updates.

DC has announced the **ReStoreDC Mainstreet Program**, which is closely modeled after the very successful National Trust Mainstreet Program. Applications are due by March 25, 2002 and up to five applications are expected to be approved later this Spring. A group has been formed to submit an application for the H Street Commercial Corridor. Check out the [HStreetDC.com](http://HStreetDC.com) Web site for more information and updates.

## Spring Planting in Ladybird Park

The environment committee continues to work with Trees for Capitol Hill and CHAMPS to fix up the pocket park located at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue, 8th Street, and Constitution Avenue NE, recently dubbed Ladybird Park. Local legend has it that in the 1960s Lady Bird Johnson was driving by what is now the park, and saw the hospital across the street, and wondered, "wouldn't it be nice if the patients had something beautiful to look down upon from their hospital rooms?" Thus, work began on creating a tiny vest-pocket gem in the middle of the city. The park featured a central fountain, a brick retaining wall, benches, and lots of trees.

Last fall we reported on a successful park clean-up. Since then, neighbors have planted spring-flowering bulbs, and watered winter annuals in the raised planters. We extend a special thanks to Adrienne Jenkins who planted over 170 tulips in early December. The eastern edge of the park is also well cared for thanks to the persistence of the adjacent homeowner, Stephen Hall, who acquired an easement for this portion, and has invested a great deal of time and money into its upkeep.

The park still needs more help. Many of the trees are dead or dying,

and many have already been removed in preparation for the planting of replacements this spring. Boy Scout Troop #500 has offered to make repairs to the badly damaged brick retaining wall starting this summer. A local brick mason will provide them with some basic training in masonry construction.

Trees for Capitol Hill will donate between 4-5 trees to the park (planting is scheduled for April 6). SPNA has also received a CHAMPS mini-grant for tree removal. For more information on how to get involved, contact Laura Canfield at 547-4759.

## New Lifetime Membership Category Created

At its December 2001 meeting, the SPNA Board was asked to consider adding a lifetime membership category. A subcommittee examined the issues and made a number of recommendations regarding the establishment of such a category. The Board subsequently voted to approval the creation of a new "Household Lifetime Membership." Household Lifetime Membership will cost \$250 with the funds being allocated for general operations of the SPNA. Anyone interested in SPNA Lifetime Membership may contact Cory Fleming, SPNA Treasurer, at 548-8466.

## SPNA Annual Dinner and Membership Registration Form

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 . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SPNA Annual Dinner total (see box right) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dinner reservations

Adult member: \$20.00

Adult non-member: \$25.00

Child: \$1.00 per year of age up to 12

(example: 5-year-old is \$5.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to SPNA. Send checks and form by **March 1, 2002** to:

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