

An early spring is on its way!



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stanton park neighborhood association news

CALENDAR

FEB 26 **Stanton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**
Monday, 7:30 PM
Northeast Branch Library
7th Street and Maryland Ave, NE

MAR 8 **ANC 6A Meeting**
Thursday, 7:00 PM
Miner Elementary School
601 15th Street, NE

MAR 13 **PSA 102 Meeting**
Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Sherwood Recreation Center
10th and G Streets, NE

MAR 14 **ANC 6C Meeting**
Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Mt. Airy Baptist Church
1100 N. Capitol Street, NW

Ready for your new property tax assessment?

D.C. will be mailing out new property tax assessments on March 1, and appeals are due by April 2. If you're interested in filing an appeal, visit SPNA's web site (www.stantonpark.org) and look at the Newsletter section, where the February 2005 newsletter contains tips on how to successfully appeal your assessment.

Tell the Chief Librarian What You Want in Your Library

Ginnie Cooper, the Executive Director of the DC library system, will speak at a joint meeting of SPNA and the Friends of the Northeast Library (FONEL) in February. Ms. Cooper was named to her position in May, 2006. Recently, the library system has added staff, increased the hours at branch libraries, opened branches on Sundays, and added free WiFi Internet access. Yet there continue to be complaints about the poor physical conditions of the buildings, half-empty shelves and broken computers. Do you think the library system's priorities should be adding books, recorded books, videos,

computers, computer classes, children's programs or something else? What is going on with the proposal for a new downtown library? And what about the suggestion to move the Southeast Branch library into Hine Junior High when the school system moves out? This is your chance to find out Ms. Cooper's vision for how to modernize the library system's buildings, materials, services and technology, and to indicate your own preferences. The meeting will take place at 7:30 pm on Monday, February 26, in the second floor meeting room of the Northeast Library.

Capitol Place Community Review Underway

In January 2007, the Applicant (Louis Dreyfus Property Group) presented the revised Planned Unit Development proposal to the Land Use Committee. On February 1, 2007 a public meeting was held at Ebenezer's to broaden community awareness and provide an opportunity to review the project. The proposal has not yet been reviewed by the ANC. The case will probably be heard by the Zoning Commission in April or May of 2007.

The Applicant requests an upzoning from C-2-B and C-2-A for approximately 36% of the area at the northwest corner of the site. The proposed building would rise to a height similar to the Senate Square (Children's Museum) project at the northwest corner, and drop to lower stories along H Street to the east and along Second and

G Streets to the south. The project has an overall floor area ratio of 5.25 - a density that is slightly less intense than the Senate Square Project - and a total of 405,000 square feet of space. The majority of the project is residential (315 units) with a small amount of retail and professional office space. This large, important project is intended to provide a transition from the high-density development around Union Station to the lower density row house neighborhood. We urge strong community involvement in the review of this project. The Land Use Committee's review of the project can be found at the SPNA website (www.stantonpark.org). For more information contact Drury Tallant (Dtallant@aol.com) or Monte Edwards (monte.edwards@verizon.net).

Last month SPNA ...

SPNA volunteers are constantly working to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood. As an ongoing effort, this newsletter will note some of the activities that SPNA is engaged in. Last month, SPNA's activities included:

- Testifying before the Board of Zoning Adjustment regarding the proposed development in the 600 block of H Street; and
- Meeting with the Office of Planning regarding the proposed development in the 200 block of H Street.

Neighbor of the Year Nominations

SPNA is accepting nominations for its annual Neighbor of the Year award. This is your chance to make sure a neighbor in the Stanton Park boundaries (2nd to 10th Street, NE and East Capitol to H Street, NE) who has made a notable contribution to the community gets the recognition that he or she deserves. Nominations explaining in your own words why this person should be selected can be sent to the SPNA P.O. Box, or to wsilagi@hotmail.com. **Deadline for nominations is April 15.**

SPNA Loses a Friend

On a sad note, SPNA lost a friend when Dorothy Antil Bredesen passed away in January. Dorothy had been a resident of Capitol Hill before moving to Reston. She funded an SPNA scholarship for many years in honor of Joe and Ruth Henson, neighbors of hers on the 600 block of D Street who played an important role in the lives of Dorothy and her family. (Dorothy's children have indicated that they wish to continue funding this scholarship.) Those of you who met Dorothy at past SPNA dinners will remember her kindness, warmth, and style. SPNA's condolences go to the Bredesen family.

SPNA Scholarship Deadline is April 15

SPNA is looking for applications for its 2007 scholarship program. Last year, SPNA awarded \$2,500 scholarships to two local students. Applicants must demonstrate academic eligibility and financial need. Though first consideration will be given to students residing in the area represented by the Stanton Park Neighborhood Association (stretching from 2nd to 10th Street, NE and East Capitol to H Street, NE), students from the greater Capitol Hill area, and any qualifying high school senior residing in DC, are eligible. **Applications are due April 15.** For details, students should contact their high school's guidance counselor or scholarship coordinator. For additional information, contact Tom Hamilton at 544-4475, or at Tom_hamilton@verizon.net. Please consider supporting the scholarship program with a tax-deductible contribution.

H Street Moratorium Public Meetings

There are three public meetings coming up to gauge public interest in an ban on the sale of single serve alcoholic beverages on H Street, NE and the surrounding area. The meetings will be held on Wednesday, **February 21** (7:30-9:00 pm), Saturday, **March 10** (10:00-11:00 am), and Wednesday **March 21** (7:30-9:00 pm) at the Northeast Library, at 7th and Maryland Avenue, NE.

Take DC's Pedestrian Plan Survey

The DC Dept. of Transportation has begun a year long study of the walking conditions in the District. The goal of the Pedestrian Plan is to make the District of Columbia safer and more walkable by improving sidewalks, roadway crossings and the quality of the pedestrian environment, and by ensuring that District policies and procedures support walking. If you care about walking in the District, brick sidewalks vs. concrete, motorists running stop signs, speeding traffic or dangerous intersections, please visit the project website for the D.C. Pedestrian Master Plan at <http://www.tooledesign.com/projects/dc>. Follow the link on this page to participate in a 10-minute survey where you can provide input that can lead to improvement projects and policy changes that will have a direct impact on the quality of life we experience as pedestrians in the District.

Got Problems? Neighborhood Service Coordinator may be able to help

DC has a Neighborhood Service Coordinator in each ward who coordinates efforts of multiple District agencies and works in partnership with residents, community and nonprofit organizations, and businesses to resolve problems ranging from high-crime areas and safety hazards to abandoned buildings and health and safety code violations. The Ward 6 neighborhood services coordinator is Hiram Brewton, II. He can be reached at (ph) 202-727-7975, (cell) 202-340-7954, (fax) 202-727-5931, or at hiram.brewton@dc.gov.

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land use | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Web |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship review | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual dinner/special activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic and Security Committee | |

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