

May you enjoy  
a lovely summer



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## stanton park neighborhood association news

### CALENDAR

**MAY  
23**

**Cub Scout Night**  
Southeast Library  
7th and D Streets SE  
Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM

Cub Scout Night for boys who will be in 1st through 5th grade next year. Parents and kids are invited to come see the exciting programs on Capitol Hill for boys who want to learn new skills, form strong friendships and share in lots of fun and adventure. Sponsored by Capitol Hill Scouts.

**MAY  
29**

**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

### 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)

### DC Tree Population Gets New Focus

Warren Friedman, SPNA Chair, opened the April 24, 2002 General Meeting with an update on Station Place. He indicated that the project was moving forward and construction was starting, and noted that SPNA commented on truck restrictions designed to avoid residential streets. Members were advised to call 727-1010 if there are problems with trucks on residential streets. Next, Warren and Vice Chair Dee Atwell presented a check for \$150 to the Friends of the Northeast Library on behalf of SPNA.

Dee then introduced one of the main speakers, Mark Buscaino, the State Forester for DC [Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) of the DC Division of Transportation]. Mr. Buscaino opened his remarks by reporting on the variety of trees in the Stanton Park neighborhood and noted that there is a good transition in the tree canopy from the residential areas into the Park. He also pointed out that tree replanting has taken place along Maryland Avenue. He described the District's initiative to reinvigorate its tree program, which had been allowed to languish in recent years. The tree program is now one of DOT's most visible and important activities. Mr. Buscaino reported great progress in reforming tree operations and reaching out to the professional and local community. The numbers tell part of the story: over the last two years, 12,000 new trees have been planted and over 25,500 pruned with substantial progress made in a six-year pruning cycle for all of the estimated 100,000 public street trees in the District. To build the ties necessary for a successful tree program, the UFA has also increased outreach to neighborhood and professional groups. These include Casey Trees, Green Spaces for DC, the U.S. Forest Service, Trees for Georgetown, and the Chevy Chase Community Association.

The kick-off of the street tree inventory this summer will be another important milestone for the District's tree program. The inventory will involve a host of community volunteers and the support of the \$50 million Casey Endowment

Fund, and a \$90,000 grant from the U.S. Forest Service. The project will provide the first modern listing of street trees in the District and eventually will be available on the Internet. DC is also expanding its forestry staff. Mr. Buscaino urged SPNA members to work with the Forestry Division in reporting damaged trees (or boxes that need trees) and to follow-up planting by watering trees in front of houses. July 18 is the deadline for tree requests for next season (October–April).

Treasurer Cory Fleming next introduced Sandy Farber, who is the DC Cooperative Extension Agent. Based at the University of the District of Columbia, which is a land grant university, Sandy is the only urban extension agency in the country. She started ten months ago and specializes in horticulture while another extension service employee can provide advice on insects and other pests. She described the Extension Service Master Gardener program, which provides training in horticulture. Graduates then provide volunteer labor at such places as the National Arboretum and the Botanical Garden. This is an excellent way to upgrade gardening skills and to help improve the quality of life in DC. She also explained that the Extension Service can provide homeowners with free soil testing and advice on planting and landscaping for yards. She can be reached at 247-7166 or via e-mail at: [sandf364@aol.com](mailto:sandf364@aol.com).

Warren then advised the meeting on Steering Committee nominations for officers. The Committee proposes to keep the same officers as last year (please see nomination slate, next page). No additional nominations were received from the floor, so the slate was accepted. The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting, May 29 at 7:30 PM, when Ellen Opper-Winer, a member of the District's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (which regulates stores and permits) will discuss store operations in our neighborhood, the effectiveness of agreements with neighbors as conditions of store licensing, sales to minors, and related issues.

## Nomination Slate for SPNA 2002-2003 Officers

### Co-chairs

Warren Friedman, Dee Atwell

### Treasurer

Cory Fleming

### Secretary

Joe Montgomery

### Committees

#### Environment

Laura Canfield, Doug Siglin

#### Land Use Chair

Drury Tallant, Monte Edwards

#### Newsletter/Webmaster

Jean Kohanek

#### Scholarship

Jeff Johnson

#### At Large

Jay Adelstein, Linda Eichmiller,  
Tom Hamilton, Jeanne Harrison,  
Ken LePoer, Bill Silagi, Marta Wagner

## Cutting the Cost of Recycling

Margaret Gillard reports that the employees of DPW have requested we all take a bit more time in preparing our recyclables before setting them out curbside. According to DPW, we need to adopt the following practices:

1. Separate newspapers from bottles and cans. Newspapers can be placed either in paper bags (NOT PLASTIC) or secured with twine.
2. Place only corrugated cardboard in the bins. Flat cardboards, such as cereal and tissue boxes, cannot be used in DC's recycling program.
3. Check the recycling number of the plastic you put in the bin. All plastic containers should be a 1 or a 2. No higher numbers are useful.

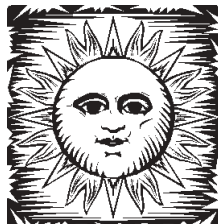
Following these simple practices will greatly reduce the staff time need for processing the recyclables and save the city money. For more information on the District's recycling program, look for the new DPW's brochure, *Recycling, Bulk Trask, and Household Hazards* in your mail soon!

## H Street Receives Main Street Designation

On April 26, 2002, Mayor Williams announced the five finalists for the city's first awards in its reStore DC Main Streets initiative. The H Street Main Street working group was thrilled to learn that H Street, NE was selected to become a Main Street. At the press conference, Mayor Williams, Deputy Mayor Eric Price (Economic Development), and John McGaw (head of the Main Street program) congratulated the awardees and discussed the program's future and the expectations for a renewed focus on retail in the District.

The H Street Main Street program will bring resources and expertise to bear on the efforts to revitalize the once-thriving corridor. The Main Street program is a five-year project that provides a grant to establish a non-profit organization, hire a program director, and promote and rehabilitate the businesses in the project area. Awardees are required to develop a budget using fundraising, other grants, and in-kind donations for the balance of the operating funds. The program provides \$80,000 in the first year, with reduced amounts each year, down to \$20,000 by the fifth year.

The District program is based on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street program, which is providing technical assistance and training for the new designees. The program follows a four-point approach to revitalization and neighborhood rebuilding—design, organization, promotion, and economic restructuring—which has proved successful in more than 1,600 other communities nationwide since the program's inception in 1980. For more information about this project, please see the H Street community Web site at: [www.hstreetdc.com/mainst/](http://www.hstreetdc.com/mainst/) or contact Kevin Palmer at 548-2735 or via e-mail at: [kevin.m.palmer@verizon.net](mailto:kevin.m.palmer@verizon.net).



Have a wonderful summer!

## Capitol Hill Cluster School Wins Arts Grants

The Capitol Hill Cluster School was awarded two of just nine Grants in the Arts to District schools from the Washington Post. These grants recognize arts education innovation and provide funds to enhance students' artistic creativity and skills.

The winning programs were developed by Keira Gladstone, who teaches at the Peabody pre-K to grade 1 campus, for Growing and Showing Our Garden; and by Mary Barnes, Barbara Hunter and Jennifer Satlin-Fernandez, who teach at the Watkins elementary campus, for Demonstrations and Discussions on African Kente Cloth Weaving. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

## Give Trees a Chance!

Last month, SPNA distributed a brochure about taking care of new street trees that have been planted around the Stanton Park Neighborhood. These trees need a little help from neighbors to take root and thrive. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

- If you add mulch to the trees, don't let mulch touch the tree bark or base of the tree—it can cut off nutrients to the tree.
- Using wires or stakes is okay for the first year, but don't leave them on too long—wires can cut into the tree, and stakes that are on too long can prevent the tree from growing a strong base.
- Don't fertilize!
- Don't staple or tape signs to the trees.
- Check the soil before you water it. Trees can get root rot if they are exposed to continuously wet soil.

Thanks again to the folks at Art Garden Design for their wonderful and informative brochure!

### Other resources

- Community Resources  
This nonprofit organization works to empower urban communities to improve their environments. They have several active grants in DC already. Check out their Web site: [www.communityresources.org](http://www.communityresources.org).