



stanton park neighborhood association news

CALENDAR

- OCT 25** **Saturday in the Park with SPNA**
Saturday, 10:00 AM–noon
Gather with neighbors, friends, and community resources in Stanton Park!
- OCT 25** **Casey Trees Fall Tree Planting**
Saturday, 9:00 AM
Meet at Eastern Market Metro
- NOV 8** **Trees for Capitol Hill Planting Day**
Saturday, 10:00 AM
Meet at Eastern Market Metro
- NOV 12** **ANC 6C Meeting**
Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Capital Children's Museum, at 3rd and H Streets NE
- NOV 13** **ANC 6A Meeting**
Thursday, 7:00 PM
Miner Elementary School, at 16th and F Streets NE
- NOV 24** **Stanton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**
Monday, 7:30 PM
Northeast Branch Library, at 7th Street and Maryland Avenue NE

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 new SPNA web site:
www.stantonpark.org

MedLink Parking Appeal Needs Your Support

Earlier this year, the District's Zoning Administrator greatly reduced the number of off-street parking spaces that MedLink Hospital (aka Capitol Hill Hospital or the Capitol Hill Group) must provide for its staff and visitors. (See below for more background information.)

In 1991, BZA required 176 parking spaces for 130 beds and 250 employees at MedLink. In 1999, when MedLink wanted to expand to 162 beds and 340 employees, BZA required it to provide 276 parking spaces. Today, MedLink has 177 beds and over 300 employees, yet the Zoning Administrator (who is separate from BZA) has improperly agreed to reduce the number of required parking spaces to just 85. A reduction in the parking requirements for MedLink could have a dire impact on the community if a portion of the property is later sold to a developer.

SPNA has filed an appeal with the Board of Zoning Adjustment protesting that decision. If MedLink doesn't provide adequate parking, MedLink's employees and visitors will compete with the community for scarce on-street parking. There will be a BZA hearing on the appeal on November 4. A strong showing of community support will help the appeal to succeed. Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC) 6A and 6C as well as the Capitol Hill Restoration Society have already filed letters of support for the appeal. Please send a letter to the BZA supporting this appeal by **Friday, October 31, 2003**. Please send letters to:

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

If you would like additional information, contact the co-chairs of SPNA's Land Use Committee, Monte Edwards at 543-3504, or Drury Tallant via e-mail at: dtallant@aol.com.

Tips for Writing Your Letter

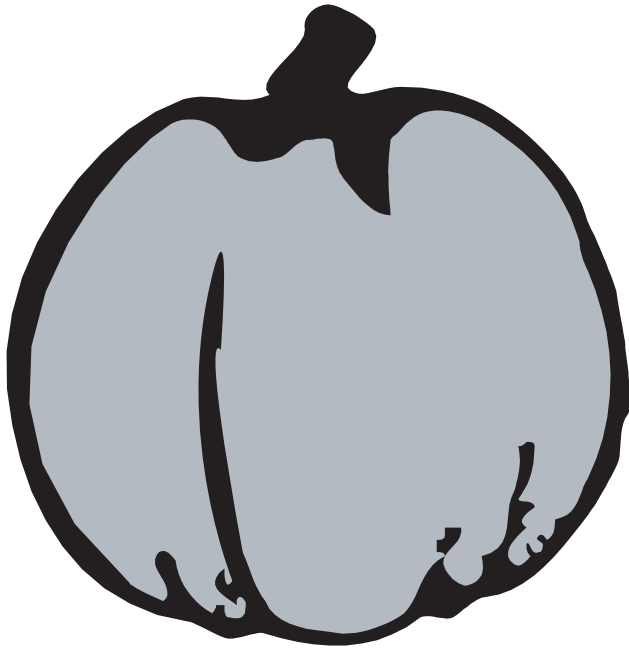
Be sure to reference BZA case 17043. Include any specific details you can provide about parking problems near MedLink, including dates, times, locations. You may wish to include some or all of the following points:

- 1) BZA should revoke the Certificates of Occupancy because the Zoning Administrator issued them without input from BZA or the community.
- 2) BZA should require MedLink's owners to provide the same number of parking spaces as in BZA's existing orders, which establish how much parking is adequate for the facility. There are up to 176 parking spaces in MedLink's underground garage. There is no reason for the owner not to use all available on-site parking spaces to reduce parking pressure on the neighborhood streets.
- 3) There is no evidence of any change in the scale of operations at MedLink. The owner appears to have sought the new Certificate of Occupancy for the sole purpose of reducing parking requirements.
- 4) MedLink is staffed 24 hours a day, so employees can park on the street during hours not covered by the residential parking program, making it hard for residents to park on evenings and weekends.
- 5) MedLink has a consistent history of disobeying the parking requirements imposed by BZA.
- 6) Any reduction in the parking requirements should be conducted through a public process with opportunity for discussion of the adverse impact that reducing the required parking spaces will have on the surrounding residential area.

[This text is also available on the SPNA web site at: www.stantonpark.org/landuse/medlink.htm]

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**October 25, 2003 • Stanton Park
10:00 AM – Noon**



Don't forget the dogs

Fun for our four-legged friends, too!

Please join us for a great day in Stanton Park!

Invited guests: Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton • Councilmembers Sharon Ambrose and Phil Mendelson • School Board Member Tommy Wells • Ward 6 Neighborhood Services Director Patrick Canavan • Trees for Capitol Hill • Casey Trees • DC Extension Service • Friends of the Northeast Library • Capitol Hill Group Ministry • and others!

Fun for Kids!

- Meet McGruff and his special four-pawed friend
- Enter Our T-Shirt Contest: "Kids' Best Reasons to Live in Stanton Park"
- Get an Almost Instant Kid-Care Card: Polaroid kits for on-the-spot photo and fingerprint ID cards

We look forward to seeing you!

Stanton Park Neighborhood Association Registration Form 2003-2004

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 delivery/content
- Scholarship review
- Annual dinner/special activities

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

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P.O. Box 75085
Washington, DC 20013-5085