



October 2003 WNA Neighborhood Newsletter

✂ WNA September 23, 2003 Meeting Highlights ✂

✂ Guest Speaker ✂

Desi Deschain, Outreach Coordinator from Mayor Anthony Williams' Office attended the September WNA Meeting as the guest speaker. He spoke on the *Citizens Summit III - Real Challenges. Real Choices*. The Summit will take place Saturday, November 1, 8:00 am-4:00 pm at the new Washington Convention Center (801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Washington, DC). All Washington DC residents ages 13 years and older are invited to attend.

The Summit is a forum for District residents to discuss community issues, such as: healthcare, crime, education, housing, economic priorities, and neighborhood enhancements with Mayor Anthony Williams, elected officials, and community leaders. The Summit is anticipated to be the largest town hall meeting to take place in the country. Every participant will have an opportunity to vote on future priorities of the city.

For more information on the Summit and for registration information, please visit: www.dc.gov or contact Desi Deschain by

email at desi.deschain@dc.gov or call the District's Call Center at: 202-727-1000.

✂ WNA Elections ✂

Elections will be held at our October 28th meeting for the 2004 offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in nominating someone for an office or if you are interested in holding an office you are encouraged to attend this meeting. The 2004 officers will have the support and resources of past officers. Please consider the possibilities—it's a great way to be involved and to get to know your community. Only current paid-up WNA members can hold these offices. If you would like to become a WNA member, please drop your \$15.00 membership dues in the mailbox at 924 Westminster St., Attn: Margie Perko, WNA Treasurer.

President (Tim Mack, 2003)

- Prepare WNA agenda
- Facilitate monthly WNA meetings
- Represent WNA at ANC, CSNA, and other community related events and meetings

- Edit the newsletter each month prior to the Secretary sending it to be printed
- Establish Subcommittees and Subcommittee Chairs
- Schedule WNA activities (Clean-up Day, Fundraisers, holiday events etc.)
- Participate in WNA activities

Vice President (Tania Shand, 2003)

- Attend monthly WNA meetings
- Facilitate monthly WNA meetings in the absence of the President
- Participate in WNA activities
- Represent the President in his/her absence at planned WNA events
- Participate in “pre-planning” sessions with the Executive Board as appropriate
- Edit the newsletter each month prior to the Secretary sending it to be printed
- Help out/volunteer when you can.
- Groom yourself for likely Pres. position next year.

Treasurer (Margie Perko, 2003)

- Keep track of the receipts and disbursements of WNA
- Deposit and withdraw funds from the WNA 501(c)(3) account when appropriate
- Track and payment of yearly dues by members and other receipts, deposit them in the account, and provide payment for expenses as concurred with by WNA
- May be required to track several “accounts” depending on the source of funds and authorized expenditures from each source of funds
- Draft and file annual income tax return reports
- Draft and file annual corporate returns

- May be required to produce external accounting reports in response to specific inquiries
- Provide monthly financial report at the monthly WNA meetings

Secretary (Nicole Pascua, 2003)

- Attend monthly WNA meetings
- Record minutes of monthly WNA meetings
- Draft WNA monthly newsletter
- Coordinate with proofreaders for newsletters (President and Vice President)
- Coordinate electronic and hardcopy distribution of monthly newsletter
- Coordinate with Treasurer on current paid members and maintain and update WNA meeting sign-in sheet for monthly meetings
- Maintain WNA files which includes copies of WNA monthly meeting minutes, newsletters, sign-in sheets, financial statements and other relevant flyers and correspondences
- Participate in WNA activities

☞WNA Committees ☞

✱ Fall Cleanup – Our Fall 2003 WNA Cleanup will take place this Saturday, October 25. This is our opportunity to bag fallen leaves and dispose of debris in our neighborhood. Please volunteer your time to help. Work gloves, rakes and trash bags are needed. The informal hours are 9:00 a.m. – noon. Start with your own house, yard, sidewalk, and street first. Our limited staging area will be the Westminster Playground where all joint tasks will be coordinated and managed (like cleaning out the 9th Street stairwells, etc.).

At the time this Newsletter is going to press, it has just been confirmed that we WILL HAVE a dumpster for bulk trash! Congratu-

lations, WNA officers for pulling this off. (You may have received a flyer from WNA stating we would not have bulk trash facilities, but news of this demise was premature.) It will be located at the corner of 10th and Westminster, on the west side of the street.

Now, the dumpster will be delivered about 8:00 a.m. It will be picked up at 12:00 noon. So make sure you take your bulk trash to the dumpster during that short time period. Also, you must place your items IN the dumpster (no fair putting them beside it). After the dumpster leaves, there can be no more trash put on the spot.

If you need muscle to carry your bulk items to the dumpster, go to the Westminster Playground and grab some neighbors. Or you can call Lynn Johnson in advance (202/371-0962 daytime) and he will arrange some folks.

※ **Regular Trash Pickup** - The Refuse Committee reported on the number of homes that leave trash or trashcans in our neighborhood alleys the day after trash pickup. The WNA has tried to increase resident awareness of the problems that exist when empty trash and debris are left in the alleys. Keeping the alleys free of debris and empty trashcans helps to provide easier and safer access to our homes for cars and city vehicles. In addition, it helps to prevent vermin infestations and makes the neighborhood and homes look cleaner and more appealing.

An up-to-date copy of the Trash & Cans graph is attached. The offending houses are generally the same ones each month. Now, to those neighbors, we ask you, “Why breach this city regulation, especially when it directly affects your neighbors?” Maybe you don’t care how the alley looks, but other neighbors do, so you should be con-

siderate of them. Believe it or not, there may come a day when you, too, will care about how your neighborhood looks and we don’t want you to be remorseful at that time.

❧ WNA Membership ❧

※ **2003 WNA Membership** If you haven’t yet paid your dues, get that checkbook out. [Remember, you need to pay your dues every time you celebrate New Year’s Eve.] Please make your check payable to “WNA” in the amount of \$15 per household (\$5 per senior citizen). Remember, your dues payment is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. You may either mail your check or just drop it in the mailbox at 924 Westminster St., Attn: Margie Perko, WNA Treasurer. Your dues go 100% for neighborhood activities—not a penny for administration or salary! Join the Association that does so much for all of us.

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Chuck Baxter	Jacqueline Brower	Derek & Sally Cole
Bill & Deborah Crews	Leonard Crumm & Moses Lofton	Charles Dittrich
Kevin Dailey & Claire Donelan	Reid Dunavant	Charles & Doris Edwards
Lisa & Mike Fautroy	Philip Fornaci & Michael Geller	Tarik A. Gause
Paul Hardy & Patty Anderson	Chris Harris & Becky Zimmerman	Holdback & Kennickal
Loretta Johnson	Lynn Johnson	M. William & Sharon Jordan
Deborah Kobes	David & Michelle Laird	Tim & Patsy Mack

Anne Marchand	Amoy McGhee	Judy McLaughlin
Bernard Mercer	Misa & Kerry Meyer	Maura & John Moore
Susan, Marquan, Andre , Sarah Ousley & Stillman Bruhier	Nicole Pascua	Caleb Patten & Leah Beltz
Jay Pearson & John Castellani	Margie Perko	Phil Spaulding & Lynn Coffin
Juan de la Vega Puente	Matthew Ruest & Chad Koratich	Delores Satterfield
Geoff & Lucia Seaver	Tania Shand	Tim Shannon & Paige Van Wirt
Richard Smith	Denise & Brown Wilson	

design and maintenance of the site. To visit the WNA web page, go to: www.our-dc.com, click on "Neighborhoods". If you would like to add anything to this site, please contact Deborah by email at: deborah@our-dc.com.

Shaw Main Streets is sponsoring a House Tour of the Shaw area on Sunday, October 26, 2003, 1:00-5:00 pm. The House Tour includes visits to: one of the oldest churches in the District and its *secret garden*, a bed-and-breakfast in a former mortuary, former lumber store that has been converted into office space, featuring elaborate woodwork and skylights, and newly-renovated homes. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 on the day of the tour. To get tickets, mail a check (payable to Shaw Main Streets) to Shaw House Tour, Shaw Main Streets, 614 S Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, or go to www.ShawMainStreets.com

⌘Next WNA Meeting ⌘

⌘Announcements ⌘

Connie Rich, 393 T Street, passed away recently. Connie had been the housemother at the Catholic Worker house at 939 T for over 10 years. She also took care of Lucille and Ada and helped refugees that arrived in the District. For those who want to make a contribution in memory of Connie, they may be made either to the "Catholic Worker House" or to earmark the contribution to the upkeep and care of 939 T Street and its residents, make the contribution to "DBFS Corporation" which is the non-profit corporation that holds and funds this particular house. You may also drop off or mail a check to: c/o Maria, 939 T Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

WNA is proud to announce that it has a web page on www.our-dc.com. Deborah Kobes, 934 Westminster, has been very instrumental in the

⌘ **The next WNA Monthly Meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., 922 Westminster St., NW (in the basement). Mark your calendar now!**

⌘ Please contact Nicole at nrene156@aol.com if you would like a complete copy of September's Meeting Minutes, monthly Treasurer's Report, or to announce a community event in the upcoming November WNA Newsletter.

2003 Cans & Trash in alley

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