



September 2005 Meeting

WNA Neighborhood Newsletter

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✿ President's Message ✿

By Lynn Johnson

Fall Clean-Up

Opportunity comes knocking again. You have a chance to participate in WNA's Fall Clean-Up this month. We will hold it on Saturday, Oct. 29, starting at 9:00 a.m. CSNA also plans to hold their cleanup at the same time.

Meet your active neighbors in the Westminster Playground. We will have coffee and a few donuts, etc. for collegiality and sustenance. We will have some captains this year (Kevin Daley, Chuck Baxter, and me) to direct your work. Plan on 2-3 hours—more if you're into a great project.

Many neighbors have asked if we can get a dumpster. The short answer is that we don't know. We will try. If not, we will try and get a roving truck for you to dispose of those unusual trash items you can't put in your trashcan.

It was also suggested that we try and have volunteers monitor what goes in the dumpsters and to take out items that other neighbors may want as well as to give them to other neighbors

doing the cleanup. So we will try. Anything you see outside the dumpster will be up for grabs by other volunteers. If you have something that you think others could use, set it outside the dumpster.

It would also be helpful if the neighbors would attempt to do a "buddy-up" with any child assisting in the cleanup. These children appreciate anyone instructing and giving them hands-on direction in the various cleanup tasks.

The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.

----[none other than] Albert Einstein

✿ Watering Our Trees ✿

As most of you know, we've had the driest month in Washington we've seen in a decade. Thanks to all of you who have been watering your tree and treebox. Those young trees would likely have not made it his summer without your help. It took us so long to finally get trees and treeboxes on our block. It would be a shame to lose them for lack of water.

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🌀 Emergency Disaster Plan 🌀

The WNA members decided that it's time to look at emergency disaster plans for our members. Situated as close as we are to the Capitol and White House, what would we do if we were informed that a disaster was about to hit our City? This issue involves rapid communication, safe havens, and transportation methods. A committee was formed to look into this. Its members are Chuck Baxter, Kevin Dailey, Claire Donelan, & Todd Anderson. Stay tuned. If you want to contribute to this work, contact any of these WNA members.



🌀 Mason Parking Lot Development 🌀

The Masons met with our WNA ombudsman this month to review their progress to date. They have been reviewing proposals from contractors/developers and should be able to make a selection this month.

They currently plan to build townhouses on the parking lot and on the adjacent grassy lots. These townhouses will be within height limits and have two units each. There will be parking as required by the DC zoning codes. They don't plan to build extra parking for their own use. They plan for the houses to be of an architectural style that will fit into the historic nature of the neighborhood. They don't plan to ask for any zoning variances or exceptions.

(As an aside: They expressed a concern that some patrons of the 930 Club at closing time

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are littering and using the alley as a restroom. Phil Spalding said he would talk to the 930 club about the concern and felt they would be responsive.

🌀 Other Development 🌀

There are plans to build a 600-unit building on the Atlantic Plumbing property at about 8th and V Streets. This will put more vastly more people into the neighborhood and could also affect the existence of the 930 Club which is right next door. Sometimes great solutions come by accident.

As to the 1900 block of 9th Street, two more entities have requested an alcohol license for their proposed clubs at 1920 and 1926 S Street.. If you want to participate in their application process, contact your ANC commissioner, Phil Spalding, about how this is done.



🌀 Triangle Park Improvement 🌀

The Eastenders are going great guns on their efforts to change the landscape for the Triangle Parks at the corner of 10th, T and Vermont. They have already had several meetings to work on planning its contents and finding funding. Their current designer, Margery Perko from Westminster Street, has drawn the layout for folks to review and give suggestions to the Eastenders (I can't attach it here as it is 2 megabytes in size—call me if you want me to

email you a copy.) If you want to get involved in this project at this belated stage, they can still use your input and efforts. Contact Nilmini Rubin at nilmini@alumni.haas.org.

🌿 Public Trash Cans 🌿

When you see a public trash can on some residential street corner, it's a pretty good bet that someone or some association has worked hard to get the City to put one there. These cans are one important part of keeping our streets clean. However, these trash cans are for any waste a passerby needs to get rid of (soda can s/he was drinking, etc.). It is hardly for use for someone's household trash. In fact, there is a fine if you are caught dumping your household trash in these cans. To say nothing of the thoughtlessness of filling such cans up with one's household trash so that passersby then cannot use it until it is dumped by the City.

Sadly, I must report that someone has been doing just that to the public trash can at the corner of 10th and T Streets. Let's hope that this resident was just not thinking of the ramifications of his/her act and that a gentle reminder will bring to an end to this activity. If you see someone dumping household trash, by all means let them know of the City's regulations.

🌿 WNA Officer Nominations 🌿

It's time to select new WNA offices for the coming one-year term. WNA members will vote for these officers at our October meeting. There are four officer positions: Pres., Vice Pres., Sec. and Treasurer. At our Sept. meeting we picked up nominations for Vice Pres. (Nilmini Rubin) and Treasurer (Chuck Baxter). We will take more nominations for all the positions at our October meeting. If you live in the WNA area, consider one of these positions. It takes an organization such as WNA to manage

and coordinate all the things we, as a community, want and need to have accomplished on a group basis. That work should be shared by all. WNA and its officers have been working for you for over ten years. Consider one of these officer positions as your way of giving back to the community that has given you so much.

If you would like to run for one of these positions, or to nominate someone who is willing to hold such a position, contact WNA Pres. Lynn Johnson prior to the October meeting to get the name on the agenda. Remember that you need to have your dues paid in order to be able to vote for these officer positions, which brings us to.....

🌿 2005 WNA Membership Dues 🌿

Your membership dues coincide with the calendar year to make it easy to remember. If you haven't paid your 2005 WNA dues yet, you're seriously late. Make out your check now, payable to "WNA" in the amount of \$15 per household (\$5 per senior citizen household). Dues are tax deductible as a charitable contribution so it's a win-win for all of us. You may also mail or drop your check in Chuck's mailbox: 914 Westminster Street.

We know that such a small amount of money (but for such great benefits) may well elude your memory of payment. Therefore, here's a list of our paid-up members. If you're not on it, get that check to us.

WNA Paid Members

- Ballestero, Marcos & Sandra
- Baxter, Chuck
- Bell, Simon
- Blackwell, Emmanuel
- Bond, Keith
- Brower, Jacqueline
- Clarke, Rosalyn
- Crumm, Leonard & Lofton, Moses

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Dailey, Kevin
 Dittrich, Charles
 Donelan, Clare
 Douglas, Elberta
 Dunavant, Reid
 Edwards, Charles & Doris
 Fautroy, Lisa
 Fautroy, Mike
 Frimpomaah, Sophia
 Gause, Tarik & Sachiko
 Geller, Michael & Philip Fornaci
 Green, Harold & Annie
 Grimes, Lori A.
 Hames, Lamont O.
 Hardy, Paul & Patty Anderson
 Hightower, Betty
 Jett, Carole
 Johnson, Loretta
 Johnson, Lynn
 Jordan, M. William & Sharon
 Joyner, Otis
 Laws, Bill
 Luongo, Stephanie & Ben Crawford
 Mack, Tim & Patsy & David
 Marchand, Anne
 McGhee, Amoy
 Meyer, Kerry
 Meyer, Misa
 Ntim, Brenda
 Oakley, Suleika
 Ousley, Susan, Marquan, Andre, Sarah & Bruhier, Stillman
 Pascua, Nichole
 Pearson, Jay & John Castellani
 Perko, Margie
 Plant, Timothy J

Puente, Juan de la Vega & Ruben Ramos
 Rawlings, James Mott
 Rubin, Nilmini and Joel
 Ruest, Matthew, Koratich, Chad
 Seaver, Geoff & Lucia
 Shand, Tania
 Shannon, Tim & Paige Van Wirt
 Smith, George
 Tompkins, Jeffrey W.
 Weber, Michael & Sak Pollert
 Wendt, Betsy
 Wiltshire, Grace



Next WNA Meeting

WNA will hold our next monthly meeting on Oct. 25th (remember, the 4th Tuesday of every month) at 7:00 p.m. in the Playground, weather permitting, or at 922 Westminster St., NW (basement). Remember that this is the meeting where we will elect new officers for the year, so mark your calendar now.



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