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The 10th Annual SPCA Garden Tour

article by Gloria Owens, photos by Edward Sawvoir

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the annual SPCA Garden Tour! Over the years, more than 50 unique private gardens have been graciously open to the public for one Sunday in May, to share some of the beauty in this community and to support SPCA efforts to enhance various community green spaces. During this time, support from the garden tour has been used to beautify the business strip along Georgia Avenue, the Shepherd library entrance, green spaces in Colonial Village, and more. Please join us on May 18, 2-5 pm, as we celebrate this 10-year milestone.

This year we will celebrate by offering six to eight of the loveliest gardens in the area. The gardens of Shepherd Park, Colonial Village, and North Portal Estates offer a superb combination of beauty, creativity, elegance, and originality. Gardens of all sizes will be featured–from the small city garden to the large estate, from the easily obtainable to the dream.

The tour continues to be self-guided, which allows you to leisurely visit each garden during the open hours. Tickets, which remain $15 per person general admission and $7 per person for SPCA members, can be purchased in advance or the day of the tour. The ticket kiosk will be in front of Shepherd Elementary School (14th & Kalmia), where tour directories will be available starting at 1:30 pm.

For more information or to volunteer to help with the garden tour. Contact Garden Tour Committee members Rosemary Reed Miller, reedrosemaryreed@hotmail.com, Alexandra Kincannon, alexk@alumni.virginia.edu, or Cynthia Prather, SCSPrather@aol.com.

Start Cleaning Out Your Attic!

by Cynthia Prather

The 18th Annual Community Yard Sale is Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8, 9 am-3 pm (if it rains on Saturday, the sale will be on Sunday, June 8 only). Neighbors sell at their own homes or at the central location in front of Shepherd Elementary School (along 14th Street). The SPCA takes care of the rest: placing ads, putting up signs, and making a directory of sales and posting it on our website. See page 2 for the registration form. If your neighborhood church, synagogue, or other organization would like to coordinate in holding an event on the yard sale weekend, let us know. Questions? Contact Kelly Shuy at klos@starpower.net or (240) 515-5515. For tips on organizing your sale, check out the link under the "resources" tab at www.shepherdpark.org.

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Garden Tour, Yard Sale, and SPCA Registration/Membership Form

Name(s):_____

Street Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

Email:_____

I want to buy Garden Tour tickets (May 18, 2-5 pm)

Pick up your tickets at Shepherd Elementary on tour date starting at 1:30 pm

_____tickets @ $7 each for SPCA members
(immediate family members only at discount rate)

_____tickets @ $15 each for non-members

I want to register for the yard sale (June 7 & 8; 9 am-3 pm)

I plan to sell on: ☐Saturday ☐Sunday ☐Both days
(If it rains on Saturday, the sale will be on Sunday, June 8 only)

☐ I plan to sell at my home
($5 for SPCA members; $10 for non-members)

☐ I plan to sell at Shepherd Elementary
(SPCA members free; $5 for non-members)

Yard sale registrations are due by Friday, May 30

Describe any major items you plan to sell (e.g., a sofa, toys, clothes) for listing on website/map:

_____

I want to join or renew my SPCA membership for 2014
Dues are $25/household for the calendar year

☐ I live in the area bordered by Eastern Ave. on the north, Aspen St. on the south, Georgia Ave. (west side) on the east and Rock Creek Park on the west

☐ I don't live in Shepherd Park, but I want to be a Friend of SPCA

$_____ **Garden Tour Tickets**
$_____ **Yard Sale Registration Fee**
$_____ **SPCA 2014 Membership Dues**
$_____ **Contribution**
$_____ **Total**

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May Community Meeting

by Adrienne Antoine

It's that time of year again when the SPCA hosts its last community meeting of the year. We are currently planning this meeting and have the following potential topics on the list: Kalmia Bridge; senior living opportunities; and future development at Walter Reed. A final agenda, depending on speaker availability, will be posted on the SPCA website and the list serve. As always, we will have representation from Councilmember Bowser's office and 4th District Police.

One other important issue will be raised at this last meeting of the year: the elections to the SPCA Board! While we have many members of the board who will be returning next year, there are several open slots. The Board has five officers, three at-large members, three delegates to the Federation of Civic Associations, and three delegates to the Federation of Citizens Associations. Membership on the SPCA Board is a great opportunity to get involved with the neighborhood. As I am sure my fellow board members will agree, being on the board has been a rewarding experience for me, and I encourage all neighbors who are interested to reach out to other members of the board or me to learn more about participating.

The goal is to try and get a board representative of those living in Shepherd Park, Colonial Village, and North Portal Estates. If you are interested in participating on the board, please contact Cheryl Teare (cheryl.teare@gmail.com; (202) 494-3884) or me (aantoine@gmail.com; (202) 904-3344) by May 5.

SPCA Community Picnic June 22nd

by Adrienne Antoine

Spring also means that it is time to start planning for the final SPCA community event of the year: the annual SPCA Community Picnic! The date of the picnic this year is Sunday, June 22. We are scouting locations for this year's picnic, but we still plan to have tasty food and many great events for children and adults. If you have ideas for picnic events or want to volunteer during the event, contact Adrienne Antoine at aantoine@gmail.com.

Corrections

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Rehabilitation Planned for 16th & Alaska Pumping Station

by Robert Corbitt

DC Water will soon begin improvements for its pumping station located at 16th Street and Alaska Avenue, NW. The 16th & Alaska Pumping Station was first placed into service in the 1990s to improve water service and also provide increased fire protection to District residents in the 4th High Service Area, east of Rock Creek Park. No major design or construction improvements have been conducted to this station in the almost 20 years following.

Major work items will include:

- Installation of a generator that will operate as a backup electrical source to the pumping station; and
- Upgrade of the security system, including video monitoring equipment and access control improvements.

Note also the following important information:

- You will be notified 48 hours in advance of planned, temporary water service shut-off.
- If you experience discolored water, flush cold water taps for 15 minutes. If water does not clear, contact the DC Water Drinking Water Division or 24-Hour Command Center, (202)612-3400.
- Construction is scheduled to begin June 2014 and should be completed by May 2015.

For more information, contact DC Water Project Manager Diana McCormick (202) 787-7132 or diana.mccormick@dcwater.com

Plans for Senior Village Are Moving Forward

by Donalee Edwards Wood

They say it takes a village to successfully rear a child, and as we move into our senior years this adage seems to still apply. The need for someone to help shovel walkways, tend gardens, grocery shop, help with home maintenance, and support us in times of need increases as we age. The East Rock Creek Village (ERCV) would like to provide that support to our community.

As Takoma, DC resident and ERCV board member, Ibrahim "Abe" Hussein, so eloquently stated, the "Village is metaphorical." Seniors can still live at home, but reap the benefits of a support network. Volunteers also benefit from the experience of guiding the project along and aiding aging-in-place seniors. Senior villages are popping up throughout the country. Patricia Stoddard, of "Staying Put" Village in New Canaan, Connecticut, points out that "resources are one phone call away," and her husband adds, what a difference it makes, as a senior, to continue to live in your own home among your treasures.

The East Rock Creek Village plans to offer a wide variety of support services– from necessary to social. **An ERCV representative will provide more information at the scheduled SPCA Community Meeting at 7 pm on May 13 at Shepherd Elementary School.**

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Margery Goldberg Celebrates 36 Years of Zenith Gallery

by Cynthia Prather, photo by Zenith Gallery

Margery Goldberg

Wood sculptor, furniture designer, and Shepherd Park neighbor Margery Goldberg is thrilled to be celebrating 36 years of Zenith Gallery, her showplace for the works of some of the area's most creative artists. Her anniversary show, "36 Years on a Creative Journey," can be seen at her Iris Street gallery on Fridays and Saturdays, 12-6 pm, until May 31. At Zenith Gallery's other location, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, another anniversary show, "The Art of Creative Diversity," will run until May 17.

Margery has had a long, fruitful arts career here in Washington, DC. A native of Rochester, NY, Margery attended George Washington University and took classes at the Corcoran Gallery. After graduating from GWU, Margery owned a studio in Georgetown before opening Zenith Gallery and the Zenith Square artists' community, a 50,000 square foot art complex at 15th and Rhode Island Avenue, NW. In 1986, she moved Zenith Gallery to 7th and D Streets, NW, where she was a cornerstone of Washington's downtown art district for over 23 years.

In 2009, Margery moved Zenith Gallery to Shepherd Park. This Iris Street location is an art extravaganza, with two outdoor sculpture gardens as well as floor-to-ceiling indoor displays. The Shepherd Park list serve circulates information about her various openings, and the sculpture gardens were featured in the SPCA Garden Tour.

In addition to selling art, Zenith does framing, art consulting, and art appraisals. Margery also commissions art for commercial establishments and coordinates out-of-town shows for various artists. Margery was a DC Arts Commissioner for 6 years, and won the Mayor's Arts Award in 2006.

In 2000, Margery started The Zenith Community Arts Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to using art to benefit the community. She lobbies city officials for more art space in Shepherd Park and at Walter Reed.

Zenith Gallery
1429 Iris Street, NW
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PSA Meetings Help Keep Us Safe

by Paula Sanderlin Dorosti

If you're concerned about crime prevention and want a direct link to our police precinct, the Police Service Area (PSA) meetings are where you want to be. Shepherd Park, Colonial Village, and North Portal Estates are in PSA 401. PSA meetings for PSA 401 are every second Wednesday, from 7-8 pm at the Juanita E. Thornton-Shepherd Park Library, 7420 Georgia Ave on the 2nd floor. (Note that the PSA will not meet in June, July, and August.)

The PSA meeting is a standing opportunity for neighbors to share their issues and concerns about public safety directly with the police assigned to our precinct. Each month, a representative from the Metropolitan Police Department provides an overview of the happenings for the month and gives information on the status of current cases (by request). Whether your issues are streetlights, break-ins, or dangerous dogs on the loose, making your concerns known improves the performance of our law enforcement and therefore improves the safety of our neighborhood. For more information, contact Lt. Moses Vines, moses.vines@dc.gov or (202) 715-7476.

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Spring Cleaning in Shepherd Park!

article by Cynthia Prather, photos by Ralph Blessing

In early April, Shepherd Park neighbors worked to clean and improve two of the community's outdoor public spaces.

Neighbors from DC and Montgomery County together with other interested persons, fished out trash, recyclables, and other debris from Blair Branch and Fenwick Branch (at the foot of Kalmia Road) as part of the Rock Creek Conservancy's 6th Annual Rock Creek Extreme Cleanup. The weekend event, which is part of the Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, was one of several cleanups, weed removals, and tree plantings that has been organized by the unofficial neighborhood Watershed Steward, Clif Grandy. Thanks to Clif and the many volunteers for their work.

Another group of Shepherd Park neighbors, guided by a team from Casey Trees and supported by the neighborhood Boy Scouts, planted trees in a long-neglected public space behind houses along Alaska Avenue. Special thanks to Tony and Patrice Dixon (and son) who organized the tree planting and the neighbors who supported the effort. Thanks also to Ledo Pizza of Shepherd Park, Pete's New Haven Style Apizza of Silver Spring, Starbucks on Ellsworth Drive, and Shepherd Park neighbors who donated breakfast and lunch for the tree planting volunteers.

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SPCA Spring Planting on May 10

by Cynthia Prather, photo by André R. Carley

SPCA is planning its spring public space planting day of this year on May 10, from 8:30-10:30 am. Like last spring, we will refresh the plants in the clay planters along Georgia Avenue and plant flowers at the Juanita E. Thornton/Shepherd Park Library and the "Welcome-to-Washington" signs on Georgia Avenue and 16th Street. SPCA provides the flowers and mulch.

Of course, we need volunteers to make it happen. We also need people and/or vendors to "adopt a pot" to ensure that our plantings are watered throughout the summer. To share ideas, get more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Cynthia Prather at scsprather@aol.com. Experience is welcomed, but enthusiasm is the most important qualification!

Friends of the Shepherd Park Library — What a Difference a Friend Makes!

by Mark Pattison

The work of the Friends of the Juanita E. Thornton-Shepherd Park Library has become quite fruitful. The Used Book Room now has thousands of books in all manner of genres. Our Used Book Room is open for sales every Saturday, 11 am -1pm, and on April 27, began openings on Sundays, 1-2:30 pm. No item costs more than a dollar, and at times we offer even better deals! For the annual neighborhood-wide yard sale, we'll move out to the library vestibule on Saturday, June 7, when the library opens at 9:30 am. With the funds from the sales, we reimburse library staff's expenditures for supplies and food for programs, thus preserving the library budget for books!

We're pretty self-sustaining. But to keep us from going on autopilot, join us. At our meetings, we discuss updates and explore ways to improve the facility and its services. In addition, to keep from getting inundated, now we only accept books for the Used Book Room from Friends members–now there's a perk! Memberships are just $5 for students and seniors, $10 for individuals, $15 for families, $25 for nonprofits, $75 for business, and $200 for patrons. Pick up a membership brochure at the library, add your check, and return it to the library.

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Upper Georgia Avenue! News

Blumenthal & Cordone Celebrates One Year in Shepherd Park

by June Confer, photo by André R. Carley

Eddie Cordone

The law firm of Blumenthal & Cordone, PLLC is celebrating the end of its first year in Shepherd Park. Located at 7325 Georgia Avenue, NW, the law firm focuses on real estate litigation and related legal activities. One of its community-related activities involves working with tenants seeking to purchase their buildings through the use of processes stipulated in the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act. The firm also works with non-profit organizations that provide housing for low-income and special needs residents. Moving after 25 years in the Dupont Circle area, Blumenthal & Cordone has found a larger office space and a small weekday resident apartment for one of its partners. The firm is one of SPCA's most recent business platinum members.

Edward J. Cordone, known in the neighborhood as Eddie, joined the SPCA Board a year ago. He has been an active presence on the Board and served on the Potluck Committee, which organized that successful event earlier this year. Eddie has brought his professional expertise, experience, and newcomer enthusiasm to the Board's decision-making.

Eddie and his wife, Shaila, live on Locust Road, not far from Shepherd Elementary School, where their four-year-old, Maya, is enrolled in pre-kindergarten. Their son, Michael, is two and looks forward to the new PK-3 in the near future. Shaila is the Director of Finance in a Dupont Circle business dealing in real estate. After five years living in LeDroit Park, they have found Shepherd Park a friendly, active community where they can get to know their neighbors. They appreciate the cohesiveness of Shepherd Park and the presence of long-time residents who share stories of raising their families in the community and participating in the many activities offered.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am
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Welcome to Georgia Avenue Taste Art Gallery
(see Business Beat for more information)

News You Can Use

It's Time to Get Your REAL ID

Effective May 1, DC DMV will begin issuing REAL ID driver licenses and identification cards. .The document requirements for proof of DC residency, proof of Social Security Number, and proof of identity have changed for everyone, and DC DMV will need to revalidate these documents prior to issuing a REAL ID credential. Therefore, be sure to view the list of acceptable documents at dmv.dc.gov, and bring those with you when you visit a DC DMV Service Center when obtaining, converting, renewing, or requesting a duplicate credential.

New DMV Service Center

The new Georgetown Service Center, located in The Shops at Georgetown Park, opened on April 29. The original Georgetown Service Center closed in May 2012, and DC DMV is pleased to be able to reopen the service center, which is in a larger space than the previous one. With the opening of the Georgetown Service Center, there is a DC DMV Service Center in every quadrant of the city.

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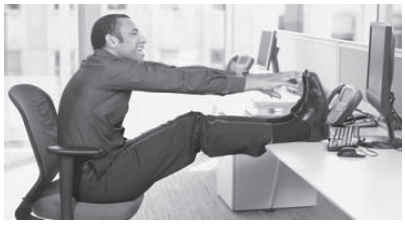
Work Out at Your Desk!

by Marian Lally

You've heard repeated prolonged sitting can lead to heart disease, over-productive pancreas, back problems, poor circulation, soft bones, and more. Try these exercises while at your desk.

- Squats: Push chair away from desk, hands out in front of shoulders, feet hip width apart. Stand up, then squat by tapping buttocks to chair, immediately standing again (10-20 reps).
- Chest Opener: Stand, raise arms to sides, shoulder height, thumbs to the ceiling. Inhale, squeeze shoulder blades together while pressing arms back to open chest (15 reps).
- Hamstring stretch: Stand, place right foot on chair with knee straight, toe pointed up. Hold 30 seconds. Repeat with left leg.

Set an alarm to remind you to do these! For more exercises, contact Personal Trainer Marian Lally at Rock Creek Sports Club.



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Community Calendar May-June 2014

At the Shepherd Park Library

Job Seekers Drop-In Clinic
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Every Mon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Teen Night
Every Mon, 5 pm

Downloadable Media Walk-In Clinic
Every Tues, 6 pm

Baby & Toddler Lap Time
Stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more
Ages 0-5 and parents/caregivers
Every Tues, 11 am

Family Story Time
Every Sat, 11 am

Used Book Room Sale, Every Saturday, 11 am-1 pm; most Sundays, 1-2:30 pm

History Book Club
Informal discussion of major political and social issues that appear in American History.
Mon, May 5 & May 19, 6:30 pm

Career Advancement Workshops
Wed, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 10 am

Computer Basics Workshops
Thu, May 8, 15, 22, 29, 5:30 pm
Repeated Tues, June 3, 10, 17, 24, 10 am

Mother's Day Crafts
Join us after Family Story Time for Mother's day gift-making craft appropriate for all ages.
Sat, May 10, 11:45 am

Philosophy Café Discussion Group
Tues, May 20, 6:30 om

Indonesian Shadow Puppet Craft
Sat, May 24, 3:30 pm

Office Software Workshops
Thu, Jun 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:30 pm

May

Mon, May 5, 10 am (rain date May 7)
SPCA Coffee Meet and Greet for the Stay at Home
Shepherd Playground

Tues, May 6, 7 pm
ANC 4A Meeting
Fort Stevens Recreation Center, 1327 Van Buren Street, NW

Wed, May 7
Bike to School Day
Shepherd Elementary

Tues, May 13, 7 pm
SPCA Community Meeting
Shepherd Elementary

Wed, May 14, 7 pm
PSA 401 Meeting
Shepherd Park Library

Thu, May 15, 4-9 pm
Shepherd PTA Family Dinner Night
Fire Station 1 Restaurant
8131 Georgia, Silver Spring

Thu, May 15, 7 pm
4D Citizens Advisory Council Meeting
4D Headquarters
6001 Georgia Ave NW

Sun, May 18, 2-5 pm
SPCA Garden Tour

Wed, May 21, 7 pm
Concerned Neighbors, Inc. Comm. Ass'n Meeting
Shepherd Park Library

Date TBD, 6, 7 pm
ANC 4B Meeting
4D Headquarters,
6001 Georgia Ave NW

Fri, May 30, 9:30 am-2:30 pm
Family Fun Day
Shepherd Elementary
Volunteers are needed

June

Sun, Jun 1, 10:30 am
St Mary's Baptist Church Women's Day

Tues, Jun 3, 7 pm
ANC 4A Meeting
Fort Stevens Recreation Center
1327 Van Buren Street, NW

Thu, Jun 5, 9:30 am
IB Exhibition: 5th Grade Elementary Exit Project Showcase
Shepherd Elementary

Thu, Jun 5, 6:30 pm
Healthy Thursdays
Shepherd Elementary

Sat-Sun, Jun 7-8, 9 am-3 pm
SPCA Yard Sale

Wed, Jun 11, 7 pm
PSA 401 Meeting
Shepherd Park Library

Fri, Jun 13, 7 pm
Band Concert
Shepherd Elementary

Mon, Jun 16, 4-10 pm
Shepherd PTA Family Dinner Night
Ledo Pizza

Wed, Jun 18, 9:30 am
5th Grade Promotion
Shepherd Elementary

Wed, Jun 18, 7 pm
Concerned Neighbors, Inc. Comm. Ass'n Meeting
Shepherd Park Library

Thu, Jun 19, 7 pm
4D Citizens Advisory Council Meeting 4D Headquarters,
6001 Georgia Ave NW

Sun, Jun 22, 10:30 am
St Mary's Baptist Church Youth Achievement Day

Sun, Jun 22, 2-5 pm
SPCA Community Picnic
Place TBD

Mon, Jun 23-27
Lowell School Early Bird Mini-Camp
For children ages 2.75-15

Sun, Jun 29, 10:30 am
St Mary's Baptist Church Missionary Ministry Day

Jun 30-July 11
Lowell School Summer Camp Session I
For children ages 2.75-15

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Calendar of SPCA Events

SPCA Coffee Meet and Greet Mon, May 5 at 10:00 am Shepherd Playground (rain date 5/7 10:00 am)

SPCA Spring Planting
Sat, May 10
8:30-10:30 am

SPCA Community Annual Meeting & Election:
Tues, May 13, 7 pm
Shepherd Elementary

SPCA Garden Tour
Sun, May 18, 2-5 pm

SPCA Yard Sale
Sat-Sun, June 7-8
9 am-3 pm

SPCA Community Picnic
Sun June 22, 2-5
Place to be determined

Coming Soon!

The **SPCA Garden Tour** and **Yard Sale**
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