



# Shepherd Park News

A quarterly newsletter for the residents of Shepherd Park, Colonial Village and North Portal Estates

**SPCA Community Meeting  
Tuesday, March 12  
7 PM at Shepherd  
Elementary**

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## ■ Communities Come Together to Discuss Quality of Life Issues

article and photo by Beth Allaben

**T**raffic, parking, and Walter Reed were on the agenda at a Shepherd Park-South Silver Spring community meeting hosted by DC Councilmember Muriel Bowser and Silver Spring Councilmember Valerie Ervin at Shepherd Elementary on January 14.

At long last there is some movement on the perennial border topic of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Circle. The good news is that the Maryland Department



Photo by Beth Allaben

Ward 4 Councilmmember Muriel Bowser (standing) and Silver Spring Councilmember Valerie Ervin

of Transportation has agreed to add traffic signals to their side of the circle. The bad news is that there is no timetable for this. DC Department of Transportation Director Terry Bellamy assured the audience of over 100 concerned neighbors that they are working closely with MDOT so that the signals will be synchronized and that DC's Department of General Services will trim the plantings (some of which has happened since the

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## ■ Join the SPCA

by Josh Gorman

**T**he Shepherd Park Citizens Association has set a goal this year to sign up 300 household members. Our initial call and mailing garnered a quick 100 households with a couple dozen more signing up at the annual potluck. Just over one third of the way into our goal, we are hoping to reach 300 members by the end of June.

Membership in the SPCA supports our many programs that enrich community interaction and resources. Besides the annual potluck and picnic, membership dues cover the newsletter and the website, beautification along upper Georgia Avenue and public spaces within SPCA's boundaries, and other activities. The SPCA partners with

other local community organizations to advocate on behalf of District citizens for public services and to promote civic conversations like candidate forums. Our own SPCA community meetings draw District elected officials, city and police leadership, and many contingent business interests to the neighborhood to respond to our ideas and concerns. Membership in the SPCA ensures a continued voice and coordinated action in support of this historic DC community.

We invite all of you to join the SPCA for 2013. If you have already sent in your form, talk to your neighbors and encourage them to join this worthwhile and effective civic association (see *membership application on page 2*).

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# 2013 SPCA Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list all adult household members*

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to join SPCA and live in the area bordered by Eastern Avenue on the north, Aspen Street on the south, Georgia Avenue (west side) on the east, and Rock Creek Park, on the west.

I don't live in the neighborhood, but would like to be a "Friend of SPCA".

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# ■ Acquetta Anderson Joins ANC 4A

by JT Taransky

Photo courtesy of Acquetta Anderson



**T**ech-savvy Freshman ANC 4A01 Commissioner Acquetta Anderson (representing the single member district including Colonial Village, North Portal Estates, and a slice of Shepherd Park) decided to run for the Advisory Neighborhood Commission because she has something to offer. "I am a good watchdog. I drive the neighborhood and know the state

of the streets. I have driven across the Kalmia Bridge. I decided to become the commissioner to get that bridge done," she said.

Commissioner Anderson has lived in DC all of her life. Her expertise, fine-tuned while working for DCPS, serving on a local school restructuring committee, working for a non-profit organization, and working on other campaigns, is helping stakeholders get heard and making sure that the needs of the community are met.

Through her website, [www.ANC401.org](http://www.ANC401.org) and social media, Commissioner Anderson has created a way for residents to report problems so she can get quick results from DC government agencies. Don't be fooled however. This commissioner is also

very interested in face time with her constituents, bringing experts into the community to solve neighborhood problems. She has already planned monthly meetings with the US Attorney's Office about crime and the DC Department of Transportation about street quality and is co-hosting a town hall forum with WASA on billing and water safety. She also intends to use robocalls to inform neighbors about emergencies and street closings.

Though Commissioner Anderson is all about making changes to make our community stronger, one thing she would never change is the neighbors. "The constituents of 4A01 are the best. They are supportive ... they come to meetings, and they care about their neighborhood."

Dawn Goodloe, a Shepherd Park resident since 2005, has served as the Office Manager of the ANC4A since April 2011. She and her husband, John have a beautiful five year-old daughter named Mattison.

Go to [www.shepherdpark.org](http://www.shepherdpark.org) under "Resources" for our past profiles of Commissioners Toliver and Whatley.

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meeting) and develop a plan for more appropriate plantings in the long run.

Montgomery County officials also described their pilot project to freeze parking fees for the South Silver Spring public garages in order to make them more attractive to residents. A Leegate Road resident expressed concern about the many car2go vehicles parked on his street. Car2go is a car sharing program similar to Zip Cars, but the users can leave the cars parked at any legal spot (car2go pays DC for this privilege). Because car2go does not operate in Maryland, some Maryland users choose to use the cars and park

them in Shepherd Park. A DC parking official said that if a car2go is parked in one location for more than 24 hours, you can call 311 and ask that the car be moved (in accordance with the city's agreement with car2go).

Councilmember Ervin gave updates on three development projects in nearby Silver Spring; the owners of the Blairs are planning to redevelop that site; the redevelopment of the Falklands is on hold and the property is for sale; and an apartment building has being proposed for the ExtraStorage site on Newell Street.

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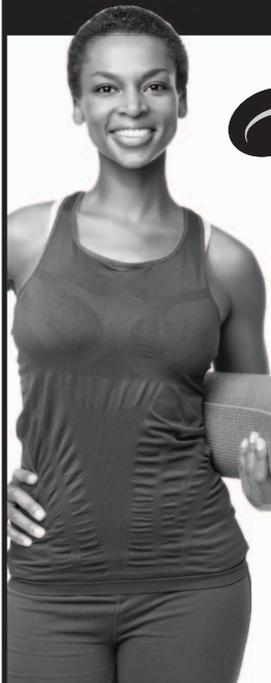
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# ■ Walter Reed Community Advisory Group Selected

article and photos by André R. Carley



Mayor Vincent Gray (center) and members of the Walter Reed Community Advisory Group

District will enter into an agreement with the Army that will outline the transfer requirements. The Community Advisory Group members are: ANC 4A03 Commissioner Stephen Whatley; Margaret Singleton, Executive Director of DC Chamber of Commerce Foundation; Tim Shuy, President of the Shepherd Park Citizens Association and Ledo Pizza franchise owner; Colonel Taro K. Jones, Ward 4 Representative for the DC Veterans Affairs Advisory Board; Alice Giancola, citizen member of the Walter Reed Local Redevelopment Authority Committee; Randall Clarke, Mid-Atlantic Real Estate Manager with McDonald's Corporation and second alternate citizen member of Walter Reed Local Redevelopment Authority Committee; and D. Kamili Anderson, Member of the DC State Board of Education.

On December 10, a press conference was held at the Juanita E. Thornton/Shepherd Park Library. Mayor Vincent C. Gray, other elected officials, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Victor L. Hoskins, community members, and small business owners came together to announce the Walter Reed Community Advisory Group and launch four Great Streets Initiative Grants.

The Walter Reed Community Advisory Group will help guide the District government's community engagement and implementation of the Walter Reed Site Reuse Plan as the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development selects a master developer and completes the Economic Development Conveyance application for submission to the US Army. Once there is agreement on the Economic Development Conveyance application, the



Tim Shuy being interviewed by 99.1FM reporter

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# Shepherd Elementary School News

by Jamie B. Miles, Principal



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The winter months have been an exciting time for Shepherd Elementary. Our boys' basketball team made it to the first round of the city playoffs. Our GeoPlunge team competed in the eighth annual GeoPlunge tournament and placed second out of 74 teams. One of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students recently competed in the District of Columbia annual spelling bee and placed second. He will be moving to the next round to compete against 25 of the District's brightest, all vying for their chance to participate in the 86th Scripps National Spelling Bee competition. All students from kindergarten through fifth grade participated in our annual school science fair; our ski club explored the slopes; our music department recently took us on an amazing journey through history during our "Blues, Jazz, R&B and Message Songs" concert; and best of all, our math and reading scores continue to rise! Yes, the winter months have been busy, but there is still more to come. As the weather warms and the

days get longer, Shepherd will be busy making greater things happen, so stay tuned to hear more from your neighborhood school!

Did you know that Shepherd will be undergoing Phase I modernization this summer? This means there will be changes for Shepherd School, and as your community school we want you to be involved. Call the office at (202) 576-6140 to learn how and visit our website at [www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org) for more information about our school.

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**DID YOU KNOW**

That while attending Coolidge Senior High School in the 1950's, my mom lived in Shepherd Park.

Which street did she live on?

1) ALASKA AVENUE      2) LEEGATE ROAD  
 3) 12TH STREET      4) FERN STREET

Anyone who emails me the correct answer by April 15th will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card!  
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# SPCA Potluck 2013

## ...And a Grand Time Was Had by All!

by Rosalyn Coates; photos by Beth Allaben



On January 13, the SPCA held its annual potluck dinner. Over 150 neighbors and friends from Shepherd Park, Colonial Village, and North Portal Estates gathered in the festively decorated dining hall of Lowell School to enjoy a sumptuous array of foods and desserts. Guests were treated to the smooth sounds of Sam Prather and Dante Pope. Sam grew up in Shepherd Park and is the son of former SPCA President, Cynthia Prather and her husband, Sam – a stalwart SPCA supporter.



One of the highlights of the event was recognition of new neighbors and neighbors who have been long-time residents of the area. The newest neighbors at the time of the dinner included the Glover family (2-1/2 months) and the Dixon family (3 months). There were five families in attendance that had lived in the area for less than a year.

The neighbors who were recognized for having been in the area for the longest period of time were Rabbi Abramowitz and his wife, Dr. Barbara Abramowitz. Gifts for these families and the lucky winners of our free door prize drawings included wine, a “Golden Globe” gift basket, family games, and other special treats.



Serving with me on the Potluck Committee were: Daniel McDade, Alex Lopez, Bonnie Randolph, Doris Spruell, Rosemary Reed, Cynthia Prather, Cheryl Teare, Adrienne Antoine, and Josh Gorman.

On behalf of the SPCA, we extend our appreciation to Lowell School for its continued support and especially to Tony for his on-site assistance. We also want to thank Brooke Milligan and Tijara Smith, our teen babysitters for the event, and the other folks who pitched in to help make the event a success.



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# Upper Georgia Avenue! News



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## Modern Mobler Gets Facelift!

by Cynthia Prather

Contemporary color and bold signage are attracting new attention to **Modern Mobler**, the boutique of vintage mid-century modern and Danish furnishings at

7313 Georgia Avenue. Named “Best Vintage Furniture Store in DC” by *Washington City Paper*, **Modern Mobler** has quickly made a mark since it opened in Shepherd Park just a few years ago.

The storefront improvements were made through a DC government grant. “It took a while,” commented

owner Douglas Meyers, “but within days, we saw a difference. New walk-ins say that they’ve driven by countless times but never noticed the store before.” Now more customers are perusing what Meyers lovingly refers to as “comfort furniture” – furnishings constructed when quality was important and pre-assembly was standard. Expanded store services include furniture restoration, house clean outs, and consignments. Delivery, often the same day of purchase, is available.

Meyers is “extremely pleased” with his upper Georgia Avenue location. “Neighbors have been supportive, and many families are gradually furnishing their homes with his collectibles.” “It’s a pretty unique place, especially for this part of DC,” commented Rachel Fundator, Meyers’ assistant. “People who shop return.”

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# Upper Georgia Avenue! News



Mr. David Jones

Photo by Cynthia Prather

## How Does He Tailor? Help Me Count The Ways....

by Cynthia Prather

**Y**ou may know that David Jones of **D&T Tailors** has been making garments and alterations for almost 50 years. Did you know, however, that he writes a poem documenting the number of stitches for any handmade garment? Now we report that our tailor-poet is also an author. His first of several novels, *My Crown for Your Beauty*, is a Cinderella-like epic where a modern-day Ethiopian prince falls madly in love with a beautiful peasant girl, and is led to Christ because of her beliefs. (As a Biblical base, the book of Acts speaks of an Ethiopian eunuch who was converted to Christianity by Phillip and ran away rejoicing.) Of course, when the prince needs the perfect engagement apparel, he commissions the professionals at **D&T Tailors!** What happens next? Does the peasant girl marry the prince? Do the Ethiopians embrace the new

Photo by UIP Property Management



Takoma Flats interior view

Photo by naïfé R. Carley



Takoma Flats exterior view

## New Look for Takoma Flats

by Cynthia Prather

**T**here's a new look and feel to **Takoma Flats**, the apartment complex that stretches along the 7700 block of Eastern Avenue and the 800 and 900 blocks of Juniper Street. Managed by UIP Property Management, Inc., **Takoma Flats** now touts 71 newly renovated one- and two-bedroom

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## Shepherd Park Farmers Market

by MJ Crom

**H**ow would you like to shop for healthy, local food and handmade crafts right here in the neighborhood? Area business owners, politicians, and neighbors have formed a committee to explore the possibility of establishing a farmers market on upper Georgia Avenue.

The market would be located somewhere between Walter Reed and the Maryland border, and could open as early as this summer. It would serve the Shepherd Park and Takoma neighborhoods, increasing access to fresh, local produce and providing a space for neighbors to meet and interact. It's the committee's hope that a market would also stimulate the local economy, by offering employment opportunities, giving residents a venue to sell their homemade goods, and attracting customers to neighborhood businesses. Anyone who would like more information or who is interested in becoming involved should contact MJ Crom at [mjcrom@gmail.com](mailto:mjcrom@gmail.com).

# Business Beat

## Spotlighting Your Business!

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## Business Profile: Tutu Cute

### Facials and Manis and Pedis, Oh My! It's all Tutu Cute

by Adrienne Antoine

If you are wondering what goes on behind the pink, purple, and tutu-themed storefront on Georgia Avenue, then look no further. While the main business of **Tutu Cute** is a salon and spa with age-appropriate services designed specifically for young ladies ages 2–13, my conversation with the owner revealed that it is that and so much more. Owner Renee Ricks-Workman moved the store from Wayne Avenue in Silver Spring to the corner of Georgia and Geranium in March, to what she says is a much better space for the business. She likes how the new space provides separate sections for what will be an

upstairs salon and feels the kid-friendly neighborhood better fits the theme of the business.

**Tutu Cute's** décor is artfully decorated in pink and purple from the walls down to the flat irons. They take walk-ins as well as host parties.

Nine-and ten-year-old girls are their biggest clients. Beyond spa, nail, and hair services, they provide activities from making your own lip-gloss, sparkly temporary tattoos, dress-up, photo shoots, and even lessons on how to braid and cornrow. They have pulled together slumber parties on certain holidays to give parents a much needed "night off," sponsored a booth offering face painting at the last SPCA picnic, and provided a nine-week summer camp last summer for children ages 9 and up. Summer camp was all day and focused on introducing youngsters to the world of cosmetology through fun

activities, lessons, and field trips.

Renee has over 25 years of experience in cosmetology and has plans to expand the business. In the next few weeks, the upstairs area of the space she occupies will become The Weave Bar-tique, a hair salon for women.

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Every Wed, 5 pm, ages 0-7 and parents/caregivers

#### Downloadable Media Walk-In Clinic

Bring your digital device and learn step-by-step how to check out and download media from the library  
Every Wed, 6-7 pm

#### Used Book Room Sale

Every Sat, 10 am-12 pm

#### Black Voices Book Club

3rd Mon of the month, 7 pm, check library for selections

#### Teen Game Night

Wii video games and board games  
2nd and 4th Mon, 5 pm - 6:30 pm

#### Teen Programs

Crafts, movies, and more for teens, check library for details  
1st and 3rd Mon, 5 pm

#### Shepherd Park Book Club

1st Wed of the month, 1:30 pm, check library for selections

#### Meditation Workshop with David Newcomb

Sat, Mar 2 & 16, 1:30 pm

#### Nail Art Tutorial: Brightly Colored Moon-icure

Learn to research beauty tutorials online  
Wed, Mar 6, 6 pm, teens

#### "Spring Eggs" Craft

Learn about egg lore and decorate your own glitter egg!  
Wed, Mar 20, 6 pm, ages 6 to 12

#### Shepherd Park Kids' Book Club

Book discussion, pizza, art, and writing activities, check library for selection  
Mon, Apr 1, 6 pm

#### Jazz Appreciation Month Story Time

Story books, music, movement, rhythm, rhyme, and more!  
Tues, Apr 9, 11 am & Wed, Apr 10, 5 pm, ages 0 to 7

#### Dis de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros Story Time

Bilingual story time  
Tues, Apr 30, 11 am, ages 0 to 5 and parents/caregivers

### March

#### Tues, Mar 5, 7 pm

ANC 4A mtg, place to be determined

#### Wed, Mar 6, 7 pm

PSA 401 mtg, Sh Pk Library

#### Wed, Mar 6, 7-9 pm

Parent Education Panel Discussion: Gender and Sexuality Diversity, Lowell School, RSVP parented@lowellschool.org

#### Sun, Mar 10, 9:30-10:30 am & Sun, Apr 14, 9:30-10:30 am

The Ethical Parent: explore how to address anti-racism, gender identity, and death, Wash Ethical Soc'y

#### Sun, Mar 10, 3:30 pm

St Mary's Baptist Church Officer's Day

#### Mon, Mar 11, 5-9 pm

Shepherd Elem PTA Family Dinner Night, Fire Station 1, 8131 Georgia, Silver Spring

#### Tues, Mar 12, 7 pm

SPCA Community Mtg, Shepherd Elem

#### Wed, Mar 13, 7-9 pm

History of religious humanism, Wash Ethical Soc'y

#### Wed, Mar 20, 6:35 pm

Shepherd Elem PTA mtg

#### Wed, Mar 20, 7 pm

Concerned Neighbors, Inc. Comm. Ass'n mtg, Sh Pk Library

#### Wed, Mar 20, 7-9 pm

Ethical Culture History and Tenets, Wash Ethical Soc'y

#### Thurs, Mar 21, 7 pm

4D Police Citizens Advisory Council mtg, 6001 Georgia Ave

#### Fri, Mar 22, 7 pm

Guest: Union Prayer Band, St Mary's Baptist Church

#### Tue, Mar 26, 11 am-9 pm

Shepherd Elem PTA Family Dinner Night, Franklin's 5121, Baltimore Blvd. (Route 1), Hyattsville

#### Fri, Mar 29, 7-8:30 pm

The Young and the Thirsty: join Wash Ethical Soc'y leader Amanda Poppei at Olive Lounge (7006 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park) to discuss of ethical issues

### April

#### Tues, Apr 2, 7 pm

ANC 4A mtg, place to be determined

#### Wed, Apr 3, 7 pm

PSA 401 mtg, Sh Pk Library

#### Sun, Apr 7, 10:30 am

St Mary's Baptist Church 63rd Anniversary & 29th Anniversary of Pastor Darryle R. Crump

#### Wed, Apr 10, 7 pm

St Mary's Baptist Church Guest choir & saxophone player,

#### Wed, Apr 17, 6:35 pm

Shepherd Elem PTA mtg

#### Wed, Apr 17, 7 pm

Concerned Neighbors, Inc. Comm. Ass'n mtg, Sh Pk Library

#### Thurs, Apr 18, 7 pm

4D Police Citizens Advisory Council mtg, 6001 Georgia Ave

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## Calendar of SPCA Events

### Community Meeting:

Tues, Mar 12, 7 pm, Shepherd Elem.

### Board Meeting:

Tues, Apr 9, 7:30 pm, place TBD

### Annual Meeting & Election:

Tues, May 14, 7 pm, Shepherd Elem.

**Garden Tour:** May 19, 2-5 pm

**Yard Sale:** Sat & Sun, June 8 & 9, 9 am-3 pm

**Picnic:** Sun, June 23, Lowell School field, 2-6 pm



## SPCA Garden Tour



**SPCA is already gearing up for the 2013 Garden Tour on May 19. The committee is seeking volunteers to help with planning and new gardens to include on the tour. If you would like to participate in any way, contact**

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