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Ghosts, Goblins, and a Whole Lot More

by Adrienne Antoine and Tim Shuy

This year's Halloween Parade was an outstanding community event! Blessed with good weather and an army of trick-or-treaters, hundreds marched around Shepherd Elementary showing off their costumes and receiving candy and glow sticks courtesy of the Shepherd Park Citizens Association and its volunteers.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Mark Pattison for once again organizing and coordinating the parade and the trick-or-treat house list. It was nice to see both our new and long-time neighbors walking the parade route and mingling after the event.

Our next community event is the potluck dinner on January 26 at Northminster Presbyterian Church (see article below). This event is a great opportunity to meet other neighbors and share in the cuisine of our many excellent neighborhood home chefs.

Our association is also active in the DC Federation of Citizens Associations and the DC Federation of Civic Associations, where we represent the SPCA and the community at the monthly meetings on topics of interest to DC residents. Additionally, our community has been active in presenting the neighborhood concerns in the many redevelopment efforts surrounding Shepherd Park, North Portal, and Colonial Village.

The Shepherd Park Citizens Association is an all-volunteer organization that depends on your dues to build community through events, meetings, and communications. Please visit shepherdpark.org to see how to contribute. From all of us in SPCA, have a happy holiday season and a joyous new year!

The SPCA Annual New Year's Potluck Dinner - YUM-TASTIC!

by Rosalyn L Coates, Potluck Committee Chair

Once again the SPCA community of neighbors and friends will celebrate our cultural diversity and culinary talents at the Annual New Year's Potluck on January 26, from 5-7 pm. The event will be held at a new venue due to the renovations under way at the Lowell School and the unavailability of the Washington Ethical Society. The Northminster Presbyterian Church (at Kalmia Road and Alaska Avenue) graciously opened its doors to us so that this premier event can take place.

Thanks to you, there will be delectable edibles on the menu. As in past years, we will have a kosher table, which will be coordinated by Sarah Gershman (sarah.gershman@gmail.com). In addition, the event will feature t-shirt sales and door prizes. Neighbors new and old take advantage of the opportunity to catch up and make new acquaintances.

We are looking for two responsible teenagers to provide babysitting services for the young dinner attendees. We also need toys (e.g., Legos, coloring materials, etc.) for the play area. For further information and if you have toys and/or a teen who is interested in babysitting, contact Rosalyn Coates at rwil730@aol.com.

We are rotating the groupings for food contributions so that our neighbors can share different aspects of their culinary talents. This year's assignments are:

A - L Bring Main Dishes
M - R Bring Side Dishes/Vegetables/Salads
S – Z Bring Desserts

The SPCA will supply beverages.

The SPCA 2014 Potluck Committee (Rosalyn Coates, Bonnie Randolph, Doris Spruell, Dan McDade, Christine Martin, Paula Sanderlin Dorosti, and Ed Cordone) and the SPCA Board wish all of our neighbors a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to welcoming the New Year with you at the 10th Annual SPCA Potluck Dinner.

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SPCA Budget/Expenses 2013-2014

Revenue

Membership Dues	$ 6000
Membership Donations	1500
Business Membership Dues	2200
Newsletter Ads	4000
Garden Tour Sales/Donations	1150
Yard Sale Registration Fees	150
Picnic Donations	500
T-shirt/Sweatshirt Sales	800
Total Revenue	**$16,300**

Expenses

Membership Drive	$ 600
T-shirt/Sweatshirts/other	800
Newsletter Publication	8200
Halloween Parade	400
Holiday Potluck	800
Garden Tour	350
Garden Tour Grants	800
Yard Sale	200
Picnic	4500
Meeting Refreshments	100
Welcome Baskets	700
Community Grants	500
SPCA Signage	300
SPCA Corporate Filings	75
Website Hosting	500
Miscellaneous and Dues	250
Copying and Postage	350
PO Box Rental	140
Online Payment (Square®)	250
Total Expenses	**$19,815***

** Expenses beyond the budgeted revenue will be covered by SPCA reserve funds.*

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SPCA Welcomes New Program Year at October Meeting

by June Confer, Cynthia Prather, and Cheryl Teare Reed

SPCA launched its 2013-14 program year on October 17 at Shepherd Elementary School. After an introduction of the new board, the discussion centered around the following topics:

Mayor's Office on Volunteerism: Juan Thompson, the Outreach Specialist with the Executive Office of the Mayor, talked about volunteering to serve the community and this city by helping with emergency preparedness. Volunteer opportunities include service and training in community support, first aid, and search and rescue, and being a representative for your single member district. There is also an academic curriculum for students in the 4th and 5th grade, and service opportunities for teens. For more information or to volunteer, visit the website, www.Serve.dc.gov or contact or contact Juan at juanthompson@dc.gov (202) 727-0709.

Move Well Fitness: Maurice Williams, a personal trainer who does in-home sessions, introduced himself as a new SPCA business member. He is available M-F as early as 5 or 6 in the morning. For more information or to schedule a training, call (240) 614-3150.

ANC Update: Dwayne Toliver, Chair of ANC4A, annnounced that an ANC newsletter soon will be published and uploaded to the website, www.anc4A.org. For the 2013-2014 funding year, the fiscal picture is good, and the ANC will resume awarding community grants of up to $500 per grant. ANC members are following development on both sides of the DC/MD line and at Walter Reed. He provided an update on visitor parking passes and free SAT prep for DCPS and charter school students. Contact Dwayne Toliver at dwayne.toliver@dc.gov for more information.

Update from Muriel Bowser: Judah Glockman spoke about visitor parking and the council member's concern about older people losing property due to real estate tax lien sales. This issue was highlighted in a September 13 article in the *Washington Post*. Recently passed emergency legislation now prevents this from happening on tax debts tax debts under $2,000 and limits legal fees to $1,500. Glockman also shared that residents with tree questions or requests for trimming/cutting should call 311 and that DC is working with DDOT to address traffic and parking for the Walmart at Georgia and Peabody.

SPCA Updates: SPCA now offers payment of membership dues and other payments through Square®. See Josh Gorman for details. Also, for SPCA relevant news and events, you can now follow SPCA on twitter: @SPCADC

SPCA Finances: SPCA budget was presented (see page 2).

Meet Another New Board Member: Eddie Cordone

Eddie Cordone has been a resident of Shepherd Park since 2011. He and his wife, Shaila have two children. Maya is 5 years old and is a student at Shepherd Elementary. Michael is 18 months old. Eddie is an attorney at Blumenthal & Cordone, PLLC. The firm specializes in real estate and landlord tenant law in the District of Columbia. The law firm was located in Dupont Circle for 25 years but has just relocated to Shepherd Park and is currently located at 7325 Georgia Avenue, NW. Eddie and his family love the Shepherd Park neighborhood and are becoming more and more involved in neighborhood activities and organizations. They intend to remain in the neighborhood long term.

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Eddie Cardone

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Things to Do in the Neighborhood: Cold Weather Activities

by Jennifer Taransky

Brrr! It's getting cold outside! So what are we supposed to do to keep our little ones busy? Shepherd Park has some great options, all within walking distance.

Winter is a great time to take some swim lessons at the Lowell School's awesome aquatic facilities. The pool, which is open on weekends and on weekday afternoons and evenings, offers six-week sessions for three-year-olds to adults. There is also a family open swim and a swim team, The Lionfish, who just participated in their first USA Swimming Swim meet. Go to www.lowellschool.org and look under the "Campus & Community" tab for more information or call Scott Bryant, Head Coach and aquatics director, at (202) 577-2043.

Feel like spending some quality time at the Juanita E. Thornton/Shepherd Park Library? Winter is the perfect time to get reacquainted with your library card. Not only are the story times exceptional, thanks to new children's librarian, Ms. Elaine Pelton (Tuesdays at 11am and Wednesdays at 5pm. Really, they are amazing!), but did you know that the library offers help with homework, has a really nice teen area, and sponsors book clubs for school-aged kids? Their collection is always expanding, and there are many cozy spots to make your own with a pile of books or magazines.

Here's one last winter idea: instead of hiding from the cold, embrace it! Grab your coats, mittens, and a thermos of cocoa and take a nature walk in the neighborhood. Count how many of our neighbors have busy bird feeders all winter long. Follow some animal tracks in snow or mud. Observe how different plants and trees react to different temperatures and weather. Knock on your neighbor's door and ask them to join you. Winter is a great time to be in Shepherd Park/Colonial Village/North Portal Estates!

Do you own or know a business or organization that caters to kids in the neighborhood and would like to be featured? Contact jennifer_taransky@hotmail.com

Pansies and Bulbs Welcome the Fall and Prepare for Spring

by Cynthia Prather

Two hundred and thirty pansies, along with some tulip and daffodil bulbs, were planted in public spaces on Georgia Avenue and Eastern Avenue on Saturday, October 26 and the following Saturday, November 2. The flowers, now huddling until spring, brightened Georgia Avenue's terra cotta pots, the welcome sign, and the library entrance as well as the DC side of the circle at 16th and Eastern. They should rebloom in the spring, along with the tulips and daffodils.

Community support of the SPCA annual garden tour and other organization fundraisers provides funding for this beautification effort. In addition, we received support from the following businesses and individuals: Tim and Kelley Shuy of Ledo Pizza for providing the staging place and helping with the planting; Andre Carley, Larry Haller, and Sam Prather for digging and planting; and Ledo Pizza, Park Laundromat, and District Line Auto Service, Inc. for water for the Georgia Avenue plants. In addition, the 50 tulip bulbs for the circle at 16th and Eastern were planted, thanks to the donation of ANC Commissioner Acqunetta Anderson.

If you have ideas for beautifying our public spaces for the spring and/or would like to help with the spring planting, contact me at scsprather@aol.com.

Selecting the Walter Reed Master Developer: How It Was Done

by André R. Carley

By now, everyone should be aware that the historic Walter Reed Campus is undergoing a redevelopment that will change the complexion of the upper Georgia Avenue business corridor and surrounding communities for many years to come. Recently, the Master Developer of the project was selected. That developer, Hines-Urban Atlantic-Triden, will be a major influence in our community for the foreseeable future. With that in mind, I thought it would be interesting to know just what a Master Developer is and what goes into the process of selecting one. This reporter decided to go to the source: the Deputy Mayor of Planning and Economic Development (DMPED). I corresponded by email with Ms. Martine Combal, Walter Reed Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) Director, who referred me to Chanda Washington, Director of Communications for DMPED. The following is taken directly from the abovementioned correspondence and is in a question & answer format (questions in bold).

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The Old Walter Reed Hospital has been declared an historic landmark.

What is a "Master Developer" ? What criteria is used in determining the best choice for Master Developer, and how was the selection process detemined?

The Master Developer will be responsible for the infrastructure improvements and the actual buildings on the site.

In January 2013, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) issued a Request For Qualifications (or RFQ), which in essence requires developers to provide evidence that they are capable (have the financial ability and project management experience) of developing a project of this scale.

In March, we received nine responses. An interagency evaluation panel reviewed the responses and we narrowed the list to five (or what we call shortlisted.)

We then issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the five shortlisted developers and asked them to respond to the requirements in that document (You can find the RFP on our website at http://www.walterreedlra.com/publications-documents/request-for-proposals-rfp/).

Of the five teams, three responded in July. Part of the requirement of the RFP called for the developers to present a summary of their proposals to the community, which was held on July 18.

An interagency evaluation panel reviewed the responses and had additional questions and clarifications for each team. DMPED submitted those questions/clarifications to the teams in August. The teams then submitted a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) at the end of September.

How does this process affect the State Department development plans?

It doesn't. We will continue to coordinate with them as we already have been doing. They have a separate unrelated development process. In fact, the State Department (DOS) has been holding presentations in the community.

With this response, I investigated further. I learned from the DOS website that The US Department of State plans to develop approximately 43.5 acres of the western portion of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center campus as a Foreign Missions Center (FMC) whereby foreign countries will have the opportunity to construct chanceries. The FMC will be developed and modeled after the existing International Chancery Center in Northwest Washington, DC.

Master planning for the development of the DOS portion of the Walter Reed enclave for FMC will entail consideration for the surrounding neighborhoods and the adjacent LRA development, as well as historic preservation and environmental analysis. DOS is developing the FMC site under the Foreign Missions Act of 1982, which facilitates the conduct of diplomacy and consular operations between the United States and foreign governments.

As stated on the State Department's website, the overarching goal will be to develop a master plan for the reuse and repurposing of the site to meet the DOS program to house foreign chanceries on the site. Go to http://www.state.gov/ofm/property/fmc/ for more information.

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Halloween Parade 2013

Photos by Ed Savwoir and Beth Allaben

Thanks to the following committee members for their help with set up and the distribution of the Halloween goodies: Ed Atkins, Eddie Carbone, Rosemary Reed Miller, Cheryl Teare Reed, Tim and Kelly Shuy, June Confer, Bonnie Randolph, Adrienne Antoine, and Josh Gorman.

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Our Neighbor, Joseph Hairston

article and photo by Angela Martin

Shepherd Park resident Joseph Hairston has been a trail-blazer for most of his life. Born May 8, 1922, in southwestern Virginia and raised 60 miles south of Pittsburgh, Mr. Hairston graduated from high school in 1940 and enlisted in the Medical Detachment Station Hospital at West Point, which only had one vacancy. In 1942, Mr. Hairston was assigned to the 92nd Infantry Division as Second Lieutenant, where he was the first black officer. He served in the army for 20 years, first in combat in Italy and Korea and later in occupation duty in Japan. Back in the states after the war in 1946, Mr. Hairston became an Army Aviator.

Mr. Hairston met his wife, Anna, at the USO (United Service Organizations Inc.). They married on December 25, 1942, and had four children.

Joe and Anna Hairston

The family moved to Shepherd Park in 1963. At that time, Shepherd Park had a Citizens Association (white organization) and a Civic Association (black organization). Mr. Hairston was asked to represent both of these organizations, even though the Citizens Association had in their constitution, "White Only." Once a year, the members would look at the constitution and the by-laws, and each year Mr. Hairston would ask to strike the "White Only". They finally did after several years.

Neighbors, Inc., which was formed in the late 1950s, developed because the Citizens Association would not allow blacks. Mr. Hairston served as president of this organization, and the organization was able to accomplish many projects, such as combatting block busting and drafting new alcohol license laws.

Today, Mr. Hairston and his wife still live in Shepherd Park, where he continues to support Neighbors, Inc., the SPCA, and many other organizations. A long-time member and church moderator at Takoma Park Baptist Church, Mr. Hairston is often seen moderating candidate forums that are held for Shepherd Park, Takoma Park, Brightwood, and Manor Park, the neighborhoods served by Neighbors, Inc.

What Mr. Hairston enjoys most about Shepherd Park is "the friendliness of the neighborhood." Regarding his many years of participation in the Civic Association, the Citizens Association, and Neighbors, Inc. , Mr. Hairston stated that, "integration began to work years ago, and it is still working."

For more information about Mr. Hairston and his fascinating family tree, read *The Hairstons, An American Family in Black and White,* by Henry Wiencek (Chapter 14, "In Search of a Father," is about Mr. Joseph Hairston).

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Upper Georgia Avenue News

North-South Corridor Planning Study: Streetcars for Georgia Avenue?

by Ed Atkins

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has embarked on a multi-year planning study to determine and evaluate transit alternatives, including modern streetcars on Georgia Avenue. DDOT, in collaboration with the communities affected, will analyze the nine-mile corridor extending from Silver Spring in the north to Buzzard Point in the southwest, with Georgia Avenue at its spine.

The Planning Study will be conducted in two phases over the next eighteen months or two years. Phase One is designed to identify transit needs and possible options with public input, and is expected to be complete by next summer. Phase Two will be an environmental review of the final option selected and could last up to a year.

DDOT representatives emphasize that the study will review various alternatives, including modern, European style streetcars such as those currently in use in Portland, Oregon and soon to be run on H Street, NE. Improved bus service also is being considered. For more information contact: www.dc-streetcar.com.

What About the Harris Teeter at Georgia and Eastern?

by Cynthia Prather

Douglas Development reports that there is no new news concerning the proposed development at Georgia and Eastern.

New Restaurant Offers Kifo to Go

by Cynthia Prather

photo by Urba spoon

There's a new Ethiopian restaurant on the Maryland side of the 7800 block of Eastern Avenue: Kedu's Kifo 2 Go. As the name suggests, Kedu's specializes in kifo, a popular Ethiopian dish made from ground beef and special spices. The menu includes kifo sandwiches and burgers as well as vegetarian dishes and Ethiopian breads. The eatery currently is open for lunch and dinner, with breakfast slated to be added in January. For more information, call (301) 244-5522.

News You Can Use

by André R. Carley

DMV New Driver License and Identification Card Issuance Process Begins

The District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (DC DMV) began issuing new credentials and implementing a central issuance process beginning Tuesday, November 26, 2013. Since credentials will no longer be issued over the counter, DC DMC is issuing temporary paper credentials that are valid for 45 days. The new driver license or identification card should arrive in approximately 15 days and will not be mailed to PO Boxes. More information is available on DC DMV's website.

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Moving On...

Photo by Beth Allaben

Longtime Locust Road neighbors Pat Bailey and George Houk moved to Portland, Maine last summer. Pat served the community as co-editor of the Shepherd Park News, founder of the SPCA Garden Tour and one of the original organizers of the Halloween parade. Neighbors will remember Pat and George's Halloween decorations -- especially a giant pumpkin surrounding the front of the house one year and elaborate silhouettes with spooky lighting in each window in a more recent year.

After 25 years in Shepherd Park, Joe and Martha Membrino have retired to a farmhouse in Cooperston, NY. Joe was president of the SPCA for many years and also served as a community represesentative on various iterations of the Walter Reed Local Redevelopment Authory. At the time of their move, neighbor Ralph Blessing pointed out that "Joe almost single handedly led the effort just prior to the BRAC announcement to keep Walter Reed from turning the green portion of its campus at 16th and Alaska into an office park."

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Every Mon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Teen Night
Various teen programs, including games, crafts, and cool science activities
Every Mon, 5 pm

Baby/Toddler Story Time
Stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more
Every Tues, 11 am, ages 0-2 and parents/ caregivers

Evening Story Time
Bring the whole family for this fun, cozy, all ages story time!
Every Wed, 5 pm

Downloadable Media Walk-In Clinic
Bring in your e-reader or audiobook listening device and receive one-on-one help with learning how to download e-books and electronic audiobooks from the library's website.
Every Wed, 6-7 pm

Used Book Room Sale
Every Sat, 11 am – 1 pm

Capture the Elf
Dec 21 & 22
Ask the children's librarian for a special clue, then search the library for our missing elf. Children who successfully capture and deliver the elf will be rewarded.

King Week Project: "Let's Promote Peace" Mural
Jan 12-18
Stop by any neighborhood library to personalize a paper peace symbol and sign a peace pledge to be displayed as a "Let's Promote Peace" mural in our children's room. After the mural is displayed in your neighborhood library, it will be sent to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library to become part of a larger peace display for Black History Month! Especially for ages 4 to 12.

King Week Project: "Let's Promote Peace" Mural
Jan 13-21
What do justice and freedom mean to you? What's your dream? Honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and join us in creating a unique and collective expression of our hopes, dreams, and visions for a better America.

Minizines
Feb 10, 5 pm, ages 8-18 years old
We will read and discuss the 1957 comic "Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story" and then make your own minizine about an important event in your life.

December

Sun, Dec 15 & 22, 11 am
Holidays With Integrity, a special series at December services focusing on how we navigate the holidays with integrity exploring the topics of family, rituals, and gifts, Wash Ethical Soc'y
Sat, Dec 14, 6 pm

Winter Festival! Celebrate the spirit of peace, love, giving, hope, and joy with story, song, and lots of audience participation, $10 adults, children free, Wash Ethical Soc'y

Mon, Dec 16, 4-10 pm
Shepherd Elem PTA Family Dinner Night, Ledo Pizza, 7435 Georgia Ave

Wed, Dec 18, 6 pm
"Holidays Around the World" Concert, Shepherd Elem

Wed, Dec 18, 7-9pm
St. Mary's Baptist Church Bible Study and Prayer & Praise

Thurs, Dec 19, 7 pm
4D Police Citizens Advisory Council mtg, 6001 Georgia Ave

Tues, Dec 31, 10 pm
St. Mary's Baptist Church Watch Night (New Year's Eve) Worship

January

Tues, Jan 7, 7 pm
ANC 4A mtg, location TBD

Wed, Jan 8, 7 pm
PSA 401 mtg, Sh Pk Library

Wed, Jan 8, 15, 22 & 29, 7-9 pm
St. Mary's Baptist Church Bible Study and Prayer & Praise
Thurs, Jan 9, 6:30 pm
Healthy Thursdays boot camp, Shepherd Elem

Fri, Jan 10 & 31, 8:45-10:30 am
Lowell School Kindergarten Tours, Sign-up at www.lowellschool.org under admissions tab

Sun, Jan 12, 10:30 am
St. Mary's Baptist Church Installation of 2014 Leaders/ Officers Worship

Tues, Jan 14, 11 am-10 pm
Shepherd Elem PTA Family Dinner Night, Pete's New Haven Style Pizza, 962 Wayne Ave, Silver Spring.

Wed, Jan 15, 7 pm
Concerned Neighbors, Inc. Comm. Ass'n mtg, Sh Pk Library

Thurs, Jan 16, 7 pm
4D Police Citizens Advisory Council mtg, 6001 Georgia Ave

Fri, Jan 24, 8:45-10:30 am
Lowell School Pre-Primary Tour, sign-up at www.lowellschool.org under admissions tab

Sun, Jan 26, 507 pm
SPCA New Year's Potluck Dinner, Northminster Presbyterian Church Social Hall, 5-7 pm

Wed, Jan 29, 6-8 pm
Shepherd Elem Science Fair exhibit, NOAA HQ, 1305 East-West Hwy, Silver Spring

Thurs, Jan 30, 6-9 pm
Screening of American Promise, a documentary that follows the educational journey of two African American boys, Lowell School, RSVP to parented@lowellschool.org, free

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SPCA Annual New Year's Potluck Dinner:
January 26 7-9 pm
Northminster Presbyterian Church

Community meetings:
March 12, May 13

Garden Tour: May 18

Yard Sale: June 7-8

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