

The Buzz

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Emergency No Parking Sign – Is it Fake?

by Nick Alberti, Commissioner, ANC 6A04

Have you ever wondered whether or not that paper Emergency No Parking Sign on your block is valid? Individuals and businesses sometimes post fake no parking signs which may closely resemble valid Emergency No Parking signs issued by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

Don't be fooled. You may choose to avoid parking in spaces designated by a fake sign, but you are under no legal obligation to do so.

According to Assistant Chief Diane Groomes, the phrase "By Order of the Metropolitan Police Department" is printed at the bottom of all signs issued by the MPD. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Works also post signs for road or tree work. All other signs are not authorized and are not enforceable.

Fake signs can look very real. If the phrase 'By Order of the Metropolitan Police Department' is missing, or is incomplete, then the sign is not authorized. Authorized signs will not include the name of company or other establishment. If a name is pre-printed, it is a sure give away that the sign is a fake. Also, MPD signs are never printed on glossy paper.

The accompanying photo is of an actual fake sign. The word "Department" is missing and the name of the funeral home is pre-printed. It was also printed on shiny paper.

Trash or Treasure? NLPNA Yard Sale

The North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (NLPNA) Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 17, in the triangle park between the 1300 blocks of North Carolina Ave. and A St. NE (between 13th and 14th streets).

This is our primary source of funding for community building activities. Donated items (tax deductible) to sell and volunteers to help stage the event are needed. For more information, or to volunteer, call 543-3512 or e-mail elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com, with "yard sale" as the subject.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NLPNA meeting**, first Tues. (Apr. 1), 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th and C St. NE. All are welcome.
- **PSA 103 meeting**, second Wed. (Apr. 9), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. NE.
- **ANC 6A meeting**, second Thurs. (Apr. 10), 7 p.m., Miner ES, 601 15th St. For more information, visit www.anc6a.org.
- **Preservation Café**, Wed. Apr. 16, 6:30 p.m., Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd and F Sts. NE. *See article.*
- **Friday Night Lights Talent Show**, Fri. May 2, 6-9 p.m., Maury ES, 13th St. & Constitution Ave. NE. *See article.*
- **Teen Summit**, Sat. May 3, For more info contact Sylvie Lee, 256-0717, sovollee@msn.com or teensummitdc@gmail.com
- **NLPNA Yard Sale**, Sat. May 17, triangle park between 1300 blocks of North Carolina Ave. and A St. NE. *See article.*
- *The Buzz* is available at www.anc6a.org/publications.html. Staff can be reached at 543-3512 or elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com.

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If you or anyone you know can provide free or low-cost printing of *The Buzz*, please let us know.

Volunteer distributors are also needed for the unit and 100 blocks of 14th St., 300 block of 14th Place, 400 block of 15th St., and 1300 block of Emerald St.

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society Presents...

the Preservation Café series, a free forum with topics of interest to the greater Capitol Hill community.

Danny Palousek from Pointing Plus will discuss re-pointing on Wed., April 16, 6:30-7:15 p.m., at Ebenezer's Coffee House, 2nd and F Sts. NE. The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Historic Rowhouse Tour

The CHRS is also hosting a series of free walking tours through our neighborhood. The most recent of these, on March 15, featured houses by B. Stanley Simmons which were nearly torn down to make way for a parking lot. Many thanks to Beth Purcell, who led 30 neighbors and out of town guests on the tour.

Additional tours will be offered in the future. To suggest a route, call 543-3512 or email elizabeth_knits@yahoo.com with "CHRS Tour" as the subject.

Church Parking Issues

ANC 6A Commissioner Nick Alberti has been notified that Councilmember Wells and his staff are working closely with DCPS and Deputy Mayor Reinoso's office to secure an agreement for Brown AME to use the Maury ES parking lot on Sundays. The church parking followup meeting has been delayed in hopes that there will soon be something definitive to report. The meeting will be posted at www.anc6a.org/calendar.html.

Library Programs

The Northeast Branch Library's programs include:

- ♦ Music & Movement, Sat. Apr. 5, 10:30 a.m. Ages 2-5.
- ♦ Joe's Den – Story time, Fri. Apr. 4 & 18, 4 p.m. Ages 2 & up.
- ♦ Toddler Times, Tues. 10:15, 11:15 a.m., Thurs. 11:15 a.m. Ages 2-5.

The library is located at 7th St. and Maryland Ave. NE. For more information, call 698-3320.

Report from March NLPNA Meeting

Brown AME Church's plans to add two, two-story additions to the church building were the main topic at the March NLPNA meeting. Attendees expressed particular concern about the encroachment (approx. 300 sq. ft.) into the triangle park, which is itself a historic landmark. Neighbors also objected to the proposed use of public land for private purposes and possible deterioration in the parking situation. They voted, unanimously, to send letters outlining their objections to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), which owns the land, the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA).

Friday Night Lights

by Heather Schoell

Maury Elementary School presents "Friday Night Lights" Talent Show & Silent Auction Gala Event to benefit the Maury PTSA. The Gala will take place Friday, May 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Maury's Multi-Purpose Room at 13th and Constitution Ave. NE. Maury parents, students, faculty, and friends are invited to this star-studded entertainment event showcasing the talents of the students (parents and teachers, too). There will be a silent auction of worthy items to bid on, and door prizes to win! Entrance is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

The Maury PTSA helps to foster an enriched and loving school by providing funds for educational assemblies, and to augment the science lab and new library.

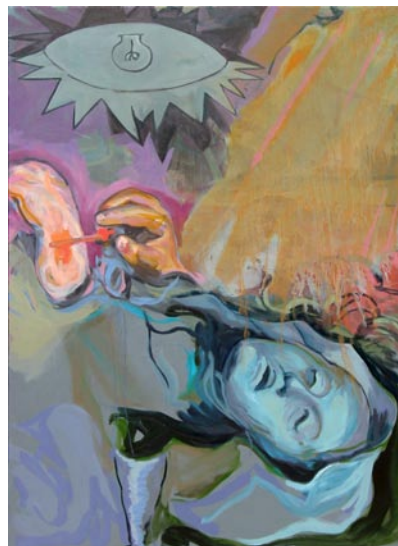
If you are able to donate new items or services for bidding, or provide a monetary donation to help your neighborhood school, we thank you.

Please call PTSA President Andreneé Scott at 489-6740 to help make this event brilliant! No reservations are necessary to attend.

Evolve Gallery Opening

Evolve Property Management presents "Alchemist's Chambermaid" featuring works by Dale Alward, April 12 – May 31 at the Evolve Urban Arts Gallery @ Pierce School Lofts, 1375 Maryland Ave. NE.

A free opening reception with a tasting menu will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. Hours at the gallery are 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The exhibit is free and the public is welcome. To learn more about this month's featured artist or to become a featured artist, visit www.evolveLLC.com and click on "Urban Arts Project," or call 359-RENT x205.



Damage and Repair by Dale Alward

Community Heritage Project

The DC Humanities Council is requesting proposals for projects focused on community heritage, history, and preservation projects in DC. A wide variety of formats is acceptable, from an historical resource center for your neighborhood to an oral history project. Grants of up to \$4,000 are available. Proposals are due May 1. Grant assistance workshops will be held April 9, from 12-1:30 p.m. and April 17, from 6:30-8 p.m.

For more information, visit www.wdchumanities.org or contact Steven Muhammad at 387.8391 ext. 13 or grants@wdchumanities.org.