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JUNE CALENDAR

THURSDAY JUNE 10, 5:00pm. FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION is Sponsoring A Cruise on the Potomac River

The Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) has made arrangements for a cruise on Capitol River Cruises' ship Nightingale. The ship departs Washington Harbor, Georgetown, at 31st and K Street, NW (end of 31st on the water) and the cruise lasts 55 minutes. Participants should plan on arriving at the dock at 4:50 p.m. Discover the most spectacular view of Washington from the Potomac River as the ship passes the Kennedy Center, Memorial Bridge, the Lincoln Memorial, etc. Soft drinks, water, beer, cocktails, etc are for sale onboard. The cruise is free to FBA members. There are a limited number of tickets so reservations are required. Those interested should contact Jackie Lemire at 337-2167 or jglemire@aol.com. Please provide your name and telephone number.



THURSDAY JUNE 10, 6:30pm. Paul Wieland, P.E., will discuss and sign his book: *Crossing the Threshold - Advancing Into Space to Benefit the Earth*

Location: Meet the author at Reiter's Books, 1900 G St., NW; 202-223-3327 www.reiters.com. FREE.

SATURDAY JUNE 12, 11am. Arts in Foggy Bottom Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit Artist-led Tour

Location: Meet at corner of New Hampshire and I Street, NW
Sculptor Paula Stone will lead the tour through the 15 pieces of sculptures located at the Foggy Bottom Historic District. Paula and her husband, Seth Goldstein, started making sculptures out of Oriental Bittersweet vines after becoming certified Weed Warriors. While cutting down non-native invasive species from threatened trees in parklands, they became fascinated by the twists, shapes and helixes of this vine. On view is one of their pieces, *Vinesque*.

SATURDAY JUNE 12, 9am to Noon. Trees 101: An Introduction to Trees

Do you want to learn about the benefits of trees? Would you like to be able to identify an oak from a maple tree? Then Trees 101 is the class for you. This class by Casey Trees presents an introduction to the Washington DC urban forest. We also discuss strategies for restoring the District's tree canopy. Participants are taught basic tree identification. The tree walk is part of this class so wear your walking shoes and be ready for a fun morning. A light breakfast will be provided that includes vegetarian options.

Open to the public. FREE

Instructors: 1. Sue Erhardt, Director of Education, Casey Trees, 2. Carol Herwig, Volunteer Coordinator, Casey Trees, 3. Lacey Brown, Education Coordinator, Casey Trees

Questions: Contact Carol Herwig, 202-349-1907 / cherwig@caseytrees.org.

Location: 1123 11th St. NW, Washington DC 20001

Casey Trees is a nonprofit organization established in 2001 to restore, enhance and protect the tree canopy of the Nation's Capital.

TUESDAY JUNE 15, 6:30pm. Tad Daley, will discuss and sign his book: *Apocalypse Never: Forging the Path to a Nuclear Weapon-Free World*

Location: Meet the author at Reiter's Books, 1900 G St., NW; 202-223-3327 www.reiters.com. FREE.

JUNE 19, 9am–2pm. De-Clutter & Sell Your Wares at Francis Stevens Educational Campus (FSEC) Yard Sale

If you are ready to do a spring cleaning - your garage, attic, basement or storage space and want to sell the items at our "Yard Sale", for the FSEC Community Yard Sale on June 19 (rain date June 26). The cost is \$25.00 per table/space. The seller then keeps all proceeds from items sold. The money from space rentals will help our Teachers and Staff in our Teachers Lounge. Space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, contact: Desiree McCoy 202-421-8709 or Donna Moon - 202-724-4841, Fsec.pcat@gmail.com

Location: Francis Stevens Educational Campus 2425 N Street, NW

Letter From Susan Haight, President of West End Library Friends to Community

Dear Friends:

June 1, 2010

Re: Public Meetings at the West End Library, June 9th and the Wilson Building, June 16th

Over the past several months I have testified at the District Council's oversight hearing for DCPL, the 2011 DCPL Budget Hearing, and the May 26th DCPL Board of Trustees meeting; and I wanted to report on the challenges for the West End Library, as well as to ask for your help.

Please mark your calendar and plan to participate in the above referenced public meetings.

It is now apparent that the 2011 operating budget for our libraries has been substantially reduced and that capital funding to improve the library branches has been eliminated for next year and most probably for years to come.

As a result, the likelihood of the Council approving funding for any remodel to the public buildings on Square 37 (site of the library) and Square 50 (the fire station) are non-existent. Therefore, public approval of a surplus land disposition resolution and endorsement of the selected developer (Eastbanc) becomes important because this will start the development process which will lead to a new library and fire station in our community.

On June 9th at 6:00 p.m., at the Library, the Deputy Mayor will hold a public meeting to hear from you as to whether or not our community is ready to move forward with a development by declaring the unused air over and around the library and fire station, and the entire police station site, is to be classified as surplus land. This will ensure that this property can then be redeveloped with new mixed use facilities.

On June 16th at 3:00 p.m., at the Wilson Building, the District Council will conduct a hearing in which you may affirm that the community is ready to move forward with the above referenced surplus land disposition resolution; that there has been a full, open, and public process leading up to the selection of a developer; and that the community through the various civic organizations (ANC, FBA, WECA, and WELF) has endorsed the developer selected by the District. I recommend you stress that time is of the essence because a new library, new fire station, affordable housing fitting two different income profiles is a community priority.

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The Foggy Bottom Association was formed by a group of citizens in 1955 and was formally incorporated in 1959. Attendance at FBA meetings is open to all residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End.

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