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District Deficit: RAIN

Temperatures in the high 90's and below average rainfall: In times of little or no rainfall, and especially during the hot summer months, our leafy friends need help in staying alive. Trees, especially those that have been in the ground less than three years, require 25 gallons of water – comparable to 1.5 inches of rainfall per week to grow healthy and strong.

Watering trees on and surrounding your property is a small investment that yields a high return. Healthy trees provide cooling shade, help lower utility bills, increase property values, make neighborhoods more livable, and are less likely to fall on your house or car during a storm.

To keep you in the know on when to water your trees, Casey Trees, the penultimate local foundation that educates, fosters and cultivates the District urban canopy, has created a Tree Watering Guide.

Every Monday, they issue a watering recommendation. [Dry, Normal or Wet - and the associated watering recommendation - Time to Water, Additional Watering Optional or No Additional Watering Needed respectively.] It is posted on their website, www.caseytrees.org. You can also friend them on Facebook and Twitter feed.

Additionally, for persons who register and make the "25 to Stay Alive" pledge, Casey Trees will mail a complimentary rain gauge to monitor rainfall totals at home. If you receive less than 1.5 inches of rainfall, it is time to water. Casey is also continuing their Ooze Tube program. Residents can pick up Ooze Tubes free-of-charge from their downtown office during normal business hours.

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Follow the Tree Watering Guide using these symbols:



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UPCOMING EVENTS

AT THE WEST END PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, July 21, 7:30 pm. PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP.

Learn from an expert how to unlock your most powerful weapon: your speaking voice

Wednesday, July 28, 7 pm. EVENING BOOK CLUB.

Call (202) 724-8698 for title

Tuesday, July 27, 7 to 8:30 pm OUTDOOR JAZZ EVENT

AN EVENING OF JAZZ & BLUES ON THE LAWN with Sandra Y. Johnson, vocals, Vincent Smith, piano, Wes Biles, bass, Jeff Neal, drums, and, Dohn Nunley, sax/flute. Grace Episcopal Church, 1041 Wisconsin Avenue N. W., Washington, DC (Georgetown).

FREE: OFFERING ACCEPTED. For more information 202-333-7100

Corcoran Gallery of Art Offers Free Summer Saturdays

As part of the Corcoran Gallery of Art's new mission to make art accessible to all, the Corcoran is offering **free admission** this summer every Saturday through Labor Day. The Free Summer Saturdays promotion not only includes the gallery's collection but also the temporary collections. Additionally, the Corcoran Gallery offers a variety of free programs on Saturdays including sketching workshops, tours and community art projects.

For a complete listing of programs and events visit their website.

How to Properly Water Trees

Watering trees is easy and requires little time. It is even easier, faster and more effective when done properly and using a few tricks of the trade.

- Trees need to be watered slowly. This prevents wasteful runoff and allows for the soil and roots to absorb the water. You can do this multiple ways.
- Add mulch - shredded bark or leaf compost works best. Apply using the 3-3-3 Rule - 3 inches of mulch in a 3 foot ring with a 3 inch space around the tree trunk.
- Turn a hose on low for 1/2 hour.
- Place a 5-gallon bucket with holes in the bottom at the base of your tree. Fill the bucket up 5 days a week.
- Add a 25-gallon Ooze Tube or Gator Bag to the base of your tree. Fill it up just once a week.
- Ooze Tubes and Gator Bags are inexpensive and can be purchased from most nursery, hardware, and home improvement stores. Each takes less than five minutes to install. District residents may pick up complimentary Ooze Tube bags from Casey Trees during normal business hours.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION: As URBAN FORESTER, Elizabeth Elliott continues to champion her many efforts in support of the quality of life within our FB/WE community. The only one in our community to have completed the Casey Foundation classes, receiving the right as an URBAN FORESTER to open the fire hydrants and assure public trees are well watered (in particular, the strip of crepe myrtles along New Hampshire Ave NW by the Kennedy Center). In spite of nursing a broken arm, Elizabeth, along with Ron Cocome, borrowed and dragged a 100' hose to water the crepe myrtles in the island on New Hampshire Avenue numerous times when they were first planted. Now, that action shows a commitment to assuring the survival of trees in our neighborhood! Other FB/WE residents, who share their interest and understand the importance of keeping trees watered, may wish to sign up for the FREE Casey Trees Urban Forester class.

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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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