



# FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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## IN SEARCH OF RETAIL: FOGGY BOTTOM NEEDS YOU!

Formed in July, the FBA's Retail Committee has produced a survey focusing on retail goods and service offerings in the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhoods. The committee, chaired by FBA Board member and Columbia Condominiums resident Greg Snyder and comprised of representatives from residential buildings throughout our neighborhood, is meeting monthly.

Community—meaning “you”—input is vital to help shape the future retail offering and improve quality of life in our neighborhood. We ask you to please take 15 minutes (or more) to fill out the survey. The deadline for completed surveys is **Friday, September 25, 2009**, at which time the results will reviewed and...

### TO OBTAIN A SURVEY

Paper surveys are available at the **West End Public Library** branch located at 24th and L Street NW. Or, let your fingers do the walking: there is an online version (designed to be filled out online) at <http://tinyurl.com/lxvx3m> or you can find survey links on our website ([www.savefoggybottom.com](http://www.savefoggybottom.com)) and the WE Library Friends (<http://www.dclibraryfriends.org/westend/>). If you complete the survey online, please note: the first three questions have asterisks (\*) to indicate they must be answered in order to complete the survey. Upon completion, make sure you click the “Done” box to submit your survey comments. Thanks for your participation. We look forward to sharing the committee's findings in early November.

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

### 8TH PAGE-TO-STAGE NEW PLAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept 5 to Monday, Sept 7.  
The Kennedy Center, 2-10pm daily

More than 35 theaters from the Washington, DC area will provide a glimpse of upcoming new plays. This three-day event offers free readings, special events, panel discussions, and open rehearsals of plays and musicals being developed by local, regional, and national playwrights, librettists, and composers for the theater season.

General admission seating opens approximately 30 minutes prior to each event located in venues throughout the Kennedy Center.

Programs, artists, and schedules are subject to change without notice.

No free parking for free events.

There is free admission to all plays, however some performances may require free tickets.

There is limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For performances and more information go to [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org)

### LABOR DAY CONCERT ON THE WEST LAWN OF THE U.S. CAPITOL

Sunday, Sept 6, 8pm. Free Concert by The National Symphony Orchestra

### OPERA NIGHT AT NATIONALS PARK

Wednesday, Sept 9, 7pm. Nationals Park

Join The Barber of Seville cast at Nationals Park for Opera Night. Cast members will perform the National Anthem, throw out the first pitch and more during the Washington Nationals' game against the Philadelphia Phillies! Nationals Park is located at 1500 South Capitol St SE, Washington, DC.

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## Celebrating Labor Day?

From stem to stern, it took twelve years for Labor Day to become a national holiday meant to celebrate the American worker. Today it is more often anticipated for adding a “non-vacation day” bonus and creating a long-weekend getaway for singles and families to cap off summer.

As noted, on the Department of Labor website, “Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.”

As aspiring, current or retired American workers, if we take a moment to center

ourselves and embrace the upcoming holiday, we should note that the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country were also due to the adage—prevalent when the holiday was proposed—that an honest day's work merits for an honest day's pay. Recent generations of Americans have been able to luxuriate in the highest standard of living the world has ever known as a result of the back-breaking work and sacrifices our predecessors made—not because of government edict.

### ...From Department of Labor website

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance

with the plans of the Central

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## THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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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.

### FBA Officers:

PRESIDENT – Asher Corson  
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Susan Trinter (FBN Editor)

## S E P T E M B E R C A L E N D A R (cont'd)

### 25TH KENNEDY CENTER OPEN HOUSE ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept 12, Noon.

To get the full program of activities we recommend going to the [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org) website and search the calendar. Some events in the Festival are:

#### ***OPERA STORYTIME - THE BARBER OF SEVILLE. KENNEDY CENTER OPERA HOUSE***

During the **Kennedy Center Open House**, WNO introduces children and their families to opera through *The Barber of Seville*, featuring live excerpts of the opera, costumes, and even hands-on participation.

FREE, Every half hour 12-4:00pm, Kennedy Center Opera House, More info: [www.dc-opera.org/performances/calendar/](http://www.dc-opera.org/performances/calendar/).

#### ***DOMINGO-CAFRTZ YOUNG ARTIST PERFORMANCE, HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2009-10 WNO MAINSTAGE SEASON.***

FREE, 5:00 PM, Kennedy Center Family Theater.

#### ***THE 14TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL***

**Kennedy Center Roof Terrace**

New this year to the **Open House Arts Festival** is the addition of the Multicultural Children's Book Festival. Bring the entire family to meet your favorite authors, including Tonya Bolden, Monica Brown, Bryan Collier, Shane Evans, Anne Sibley O'Brien, and Linda Sue Park.

Listen to book readings and more in this popular Kennedy Center event. Parents, children, teachers, and anyone else with a love of children's books can celebrate diverse cultures through stories from around the world. Hundreds of titles will be available for purchase. Presented by the Kennedy Center Education Department.

FREE. No tickets required.

#### ***THE BARBER OF SEVILLE LIVE, WASHINGTON NATIONAL OPERA, SIMULCAST AT NATIONALS STADIUM***

Saturday, Sept 12, 7pm.

A live simulcast of *The Barber of Seville* featuring special guests, events and raffles, and an exclusive screening of Warner Brothers' "The Rabbit of Seville."

FREE. Gates open at 5:30pm. Opera begins at 7pm at Nationals Park, For more information visit: <http://www.dc-opera.org/simulcast/>

### FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, Sept 29. Refreshments & Social 7-7:30pm. Speaker begins at 7:30pm.

St. Stephen Martyr Parish Hall 25th & Penn (Parish Hall entrance is on 25th St NW).

## Celebrating Labor Day? (cont'd)

Labor Union which adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth

of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

#### ***Labor Day Legislation***

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into

the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.