



January 24, 2014

Dear CPCA Members,

Happy 2014! I hope you have all weathered the snow and are staying warm. The Board is getting back into the swing of things. I want to give you updates on news in the neighborhood and upcoming CPCA programs.

First, the happiest news in the neighborhood is that as of last Friday, Engine 28 is re-opened and back in business. The space and technological updates are spectacular! Please stop by the station if you are in the area and see for yourself. Our first responders are eager to see you. When the weather warms, CPCA, CPHS, and FEMS (Fire, Emergency and Medical Services) will co-host a local welcome-back-to-the-neighborhood event. Please stay tuned.

Zoning Rewrite: As you know, CPCA testified twice at the Zoning Commission. Both testimonies are posted on the CPCA website, [www.cpcadc.org](http://www.cpcadc.org). The Commission has scheduled opportunities for people who have not previously testified to do just that. The meeting scheduled for Ward 3 residents is 6:00 pm, Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at the Wilson High School Auditorium, 3950 Chesapeake Street, NW. For more information, please refer to the Public Hearing Notice, available on the [Office of Zoning website](#). In addition, the record for written submissions will remain open until March 3, 2014.

Our first meeting of 2014 will be on February 20th at the Cleveland Park Library, sponsored by CPCA's Greening Committee. Our panel of experts will talk about composting, from your own backyard to private and public collection programs. We hope that Council Member Mary Cheh's schedule will allow her to speak as well.

**COMPOST IS BLACK GOLD:**

**CREATING VALUE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Panelists Include Experts From**

**Compost Cab, UDC Department of Urban Agriculture, "Love and Carrots" and the Institute for Local Self Reliance**

**Thursday, February 20, 2014**

**Cleveland Park Library ~ 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting Room**

**6:30 pm to 7:00 pm - CPCA Business meeting**

**7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Program**

*Refreshments will be served*

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Please save the date for our March meeting, a forum for all Mayoral candidates running in the primary election. The list includes Mayor Vincent Gray, four members of the City Council, and several non-office holders. The primary election is April 1<sup>st</sup>! Not sure who to vote for? Come to this important and informative forum.

## **Forum For Candidates in Contested**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> Primary for Mayor**

**GUEST MODERATOR:**

**Mark Plotkin**

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### What's happening on Connecticut Avenue?

- We now have wonderful banners designed, installed, and maintained by the Cleveland Park Business Association.
- There are a few components of the \$1.5 million dollar streetscape project that remain -- namely, tree box completion, the Newark Street geometry at Connecticut Avenue, and street furniture. Young trees have recently been planted, and CPCA will continue to monitor the remaining work.
- DDOT's comprehensive study, which elicited vigorous community involvement, has resulted in some marvelous recommendations for future improvements, including an urgent need to address the unsafe conditions at the Connecticut Avenue/Porter Street/Quebec Street intersection. This particular recommendation has been bundled into the streetscape project and is being coordinated by DDOT.
- Community concern regarding the unsafe and unattractive sand bags around Metro's grates has resulted in a new multi-pronged effort to resolve the flooding problem. The storm water management initiative is separate from the study/streetscape projects, but all projects are coordinated within DDOT. The solution involves several public agencies and Federal Realty, owners of the Park 'n' Shop. Two meetings of all the stakeholders have already occurred, and plans are progressing.

Finally, I want to remind you that CPCA's website offers a wealth of information about our association, our neighborhood, and the greater DC community. Additionally, it includes a calendar of events where we post CPCA events as well as events of other community organizations. To post to the calendar, simply send an email with details to [calendar@cpcadc.org](mailto:calendar@cpcadc.org).

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership. Please, if you haven't already done so, take a moment to renew now. It's easier than ever. Simply go to [www.cpcadc.org/membership](http://www.cpcadc.org/membership).

See you on February 20th!

Best regards,

**Susie**

Susie Taylor and the CPCA Board

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