



March 7, 2014

Dear CPCA Members,

Despite the snow and cold temperatures, it does appear we are slowly marching toward spring. The days are longer, snowdrops are appearing, and the birds are breaking into song. I hope you have weathered the winter well!

The primary election for mayoral candidates is rapidly approaching. The date is April 1st (no kidding). As you know, there are many candidates in the Democratic Party primary. Understanding the different positions of the candidates is imperative if we are to cast an educated vote. CPCA is hosting a candidate forum on Thursday, March 20. We urge you to attend and to submit questions ahead of time by emailing them to mrosenman@cpcadc.org. At this time, it appears that almost all of the candidates will participate. Councilmember Muriel Bowser has not yet confirmed her attendance, and Mayor Gray has declined. The forum will begin *promptly* at 7:00 pm.

**Forum For Candidates in Contested
April 1st Democratic Primary for Mayor**

GUEST MODERATOR:

Mark Plotkin

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Cleveland Park Library ~ 1st floor meeting Room

6:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Business Meeting

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Forum

Refreshments will be served

January and February were busy months!

As we anxiously await spring, CPCA held a community meeting in February on composting, ranging from in our backyards to opportunities for neighborhood and municipal services. There has been quite a bit of interest expressed, so CPCA's Greening Committee will be following up to explore possible next steps. If you are interested, Ruth Caplan (244-8566) is eager to hear from you.

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We welcomed firefighters and EMS personnel back to their newly renovated fire station. The Giant/Cathedral Commons project now soars above ground. And a focus remains on the Connecticut Avenue Streetscape project, with active discussion of plans regarding the sandbags around Metro's grates. CPCA has updated its Farmers' Markets page. A few markets are open year-round.

Updates on all of these topics are available on our website (<http://www.cpcadc.org/>) or by clicking on the individual links below.

The Firehouse Renovation page may be accessed at:
<http://www.cpcadc.org/hot-topic/firehouse-renovation/>

The Giant/Cathedral Commons Construction Update may be accessed at:
<http://www.cpcadc.org/hot-topic/giantcathedral-commons/>

The Connecticut Avenue Streetscape Update may be accessed at:
<http://www.cpcadc.org/updates/connecticut-avenue-streetscape-update/>

The Farmers' Markets page may be accessed at:
<http://www.cpcadc.org/community-links/farmers-markets-csas/>

Cleveland Park Library. At long last, the Cleveland Park library is scheduled for a much-needed renovation. CPCA has a long history with the library, including having raised the funds to purchase the land upon which the library sits. The first opportunity for community input is at the Friends of the Library's annual meeting on Saturday, March 29th at 10:00 am. The meeting will take place at the library in the first floor meeting room. Jennifer Giltrop, Director of Public Services, and Jeff Bonvechio, Director of Capital Projects & Facilities Management, DC Public Library, will report on what's in store for the Cleveland Park branch. Re-build or renovate? When and for how long? Will there be an interim branch? Please attend to ask questions, offer suggestions, and provide input. It is critically important that we all participate in this effort. It's our library!

One last reminder to renew your membership, if you haven't done so already. If you haven't renewed for 2014, this is the last monthly letter you will receive.

Finally, don't forget to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour this weekend! Daylight Savings Time begins **this Sunday, March 9th**, at 2 am.

See you all at the forum.

Best regards,

Susie

Susie Taylor and the CPCA Board