



April 16, 2014

Dear CPCA Members,

We owe a big vote of thanks to the John Eaton Elementary School for hosting our April 1st **Candidates' Forum**, to Mark Plotkin for his fine performance as moderator, to John O'Leary for donating his time and equipment for the sound system, and to the 2nd District Police for watching over the area ensuring the safety of the candidates and participants. More than 200 people attended and many had a chance to direct their own questions to the candidates. The forum gave the community an opportunity to flesh out various candidates' positions in what was a large and disparate field. Thank you to all who attended and to all who helped make the forum a success. In recognition of John Eaton's contribution to CPCA and the community, CPCA will donate new sound equipment for use by the school.

In February, CPCA hosted a well-attended community meeting on **composting**, from our backyards to neighborhood collection. In response to the interest generated, CPCA's Greening Committee is developing next steps. As a first step, we will host a community workshop on backyard composting, using food scraps and yard waste. The workshop will provide instruction for "do it yourself" back yard composting. **We will provide this workshop in lieu of an April membership meeting. The next membership meeting will be the third Thursday in May, May 15.**

BACK YARD COMPOST WORKSHOP

Composting Made Easy

Hands-On Teaching by Meredith Sheperd

Love & Carrots

Sunday, April 27

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Join CPCA President Susie Taylor at

3301 Highland Place NW

Bring your friends!

RSVP to staylor@cpcadc.org (appreciated by not required)

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The May meeting will be full of information! First, CPCA's nominating committee will present a slate of candidates to serve as the Board of Directors for next year. Our leadership is elected at the June annual meeting and serves for a one-year term.

Second, DC Water is responsible for our drinking water, wastewater collection and treatment, and fire hydrants. It is in the midst of a ten-year \$3.8 billion capital improvement program. And recently, some of us were notified by DC Water that the Fort Reno Pumping Station is about to undergo renovations. This will result in an increase in **water pressure** to many houses in our area. In some cases this increase will increase household pressure from 11 pounds per square inch (psi) to a whopping *80 psi*! Those affected should have recently received an information packet from DC Water explaining the need to install a pressure reduction valve. Please join us on May 15th for a meeting with DC Water. Despite the deadline specified in the packet, representatives from DC Water have assured us that a May 15th information meeting is within the deadline for action on pressure reduction.

DC WATER

Geyser Prevention Workshop

(or what you need to know about pressure reduction valves)

With:

Emanuel D. Briggs- Manager, Community Outreach

DC Water

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Cleveland Park Library ~ First Floor Meeting Room

6:30 pm to 7:15 pm

Business meeting and additional program (TBA) to follow

Looking back again, on March 29th, representatives from the DC Public Library officially introduced the process by which the **Cleveland Park Library** branch building will be renovated or rebuilt. Friends of the Library hosted the meeting. Jeff Bonvechio, DCPL Director of Capital Projects and Facilities Management, and Jennifer Giltrop, DCPL Director of Public Services, led the presentation. See the CPCA website for a summary of the lively discussion that followed.

Key points made during the presentation and discussion were:

1. The project will either be a renovation or a rebuild, depending on the outcome of several design due-diligence surveys conducted this summer.
2. The building will be a stand-alone library facility.
3. It will be about three years before the new library is completed.
4. There will be a much smaller interim library located as conveniently as possible.
5. DCPL's website will include updates on this project and invite questions and comments.
6. DCPL seems to care what the community thinks and wants. We are going to be vigilant that this remains the case.

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Finally, our Nominating Committee is busy identifying **CPCA's leadership team for 2014/2015**. If you have any interest in helping this important Association continue its efforts to educate the community, engage its membership, and strive to enhance Cleveland Park's quality of life, please contact any member of the committee to learn more:

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See you at the compost workshop on April 27th and/or at the May membership meeting on May 15th.

Best regards,

Susie

Susie Taylor and the CPCA Board

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