CAG will hold a community meeting on aircraft noise issues at the offices of Foley & Lardner LLP at 3000 K Street NW on the evening of January 27. Representatives from Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and members of the DC Fair Skies Coalition will be in attendance.

The spectacular Foley & Lardner space with sweeping views of the Potomac will be an inspiring place to discuss aircraft noise. And the popular new Chaia Farm to Taco restaurant will be serving their delicious tacos and iced hibiscus tea.

The DC Fair Skies Coalition was created to challenge excessive aircraft noise issues and seek changes to a new flight path that the Federal Aviation Administration recently authorized for Reagan National Airport. The coalition was officially established on December 3, 2015 at a meeting chaired by ANC Commissioner Ed Solomon and attended by representatives from CAG, Foggy Bottom, Georgetown University, Burleith, Hillandale, Foxhall Village, Colony Heights, Palisades and the Woodland Normanstone neighborhood within Ward 3. Bylaws were adopted, and a Steering Committee was created to make day-to-day decisions for the Coalition. CAG agreed to provide administrative services and to receive tax-deductible donations from residents of all communities that have joined the Coalition. The Steering Committee will decide upon the appropriate use of the funds donated.

MWAA has convened a series of roundtable discussions for representatives from DC, Virginia and Maryland to respond to alternative proposals for northbound departures from Reagan National Airport. We are encouraged by the recognition by FAA
“GOODNESS IS THE ONLY INVESTMENT THAT NEVER FAILS.”

- Henry David Thoreau

As a leader in Georgetown’s real estate community, our firm proudly supports the Georgetown community. We are proud to sponsor the following events and organizations:

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Concerts in the Park
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Friends of Montrose Park
Friends of Rose Park

Friends of Volta Park
Georgetown House Tour (St. John’s)
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(Georgetown University Hospital)
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While some of us schussed in Vail or basked in the sun in Cabo or enjoyed cozy holidays with unseasonably warm weather in Georgetown, CAG was also hard at work on a number of important projects.

Restaurant Liquor Licenses: CAG has reached an agreement with ANC 2E and the Georgetown BID to permit the moratorium on restaurant liquor licenses to expire early in the New Year. The moratorium, which has been in effect for more than 25 years, places a cap on the number of such licenses. It was concluded that time has changed the environment of the Georgetown restaurant scene and CAG wants to attract high quality restaurants, provided applicants agree to a minimum set of standards, encompassed in a template Settlement Agreement, that would protect residents from excessive noise and other adverse impacts. The minimum standards of this template could be changed to deal with unique issues between applicants and nearby residents.

Aircraft Noise: CAG and neighboring community organizations have created the DC Fair Skies Coalition which is seeking modifications to the flight paths that are causing disruption to our neighborhoods. As explained in greater detail in a separate article of this Newsletter, representatives from affected Wards in the District of Columbia and counties in Virginia and Maryland have engaged in a roundtable discussion with the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to find solutions that are fair and effective. However, the communities that comprise the DC Fair Skies Coalition have also retained counsel and filed a petition for review with the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia to challenge the new routes that went into effect this spring. If the roundtable process fails to yield satisfactory results, we will seek a stay in the Court of Appeals proceeding and pursue an administrative filing with the FAA. Please visit the DC Fair Skies page of CAG’s website (www.cagtown.org) and make a tax deductible donation to support this initiative.

Combined Sewer Outflows into the Potomac River: DC Water is moving forward to develop plans to reduce precipitation-generated runoff into the combined sewers of west Georgetown in order to prevent outflows into the river. There are two options: (1) install green infrastructure to retain runoff in holding tanks located under parking lanes and alleys with pervious pavement, and in rain gardens, and cisterns and rain barrels, or (2) increase the length of the underground retention tunnel under the shoreline of the Potomac which would require large drop shafts that could adversely impact the Georgetown Waterfront Park. While both options will cause disruption, it is uncertain whether the green infrastructure alternative can adequately store excess runoff to prevent outflow into the river.

We look forward to a busy year of meetings, art shows, concerts and community meetings on all the issues that need tending to that keep Georgetown merry, happy and healthy in 2016!

Bob vom Eigen, President
LooKing for something to worry about? No, probably not. What was that you said, you don’t need anything more to worry about? But we have some ideas for you anyway. We don’t live in the dark ages anymore. Everyone is not fighting everyone else, are they? All those wars we learned about in history classes, that was history and today is a different story. The Gauls, Celts, Goths, Teutons and Picts have stopped whacking each other with axes. Now everyone is out picking berries in the sunshine. Right?

Oh, never mind. Let’s not think about it right now. Let’s turn the binoculars around so that everyone and everything is very small and far away. That’s better, isn’t it? So the thing to do now is focus on our local problems and leave the big ones to somebody else.

Here are some local problems: pedestrians are getting hit with some regularity. Especially crossing Wisconsin and Connecticut farther out. In Georgetown, on side streets when it gets dark so early, anyone in dark clothes is in danger. Consider bicyclists, they are both menaces and sitting ducks - excuse the mixed metaphor. They are a menace to little old ladies on sidewalks where they sometimes chose to ride, and they endanger themselves when they have no illumination on their bicycles and wear dark clothes. Drivers cannot see them. Drivers actually do not want to hit them, but it’s a real challenge not to.

Okay, there is more. Here’s an eyewitness report from the front. A few weeks ago a bicyclist heading west on N Street got hit head on by a car heading east on N and turning left onto Wisconsin. The bicyclist flew into the air, came down head first onto the car’s windshield (leaving a big hole in the windshield) and bounced onto the pavement. Fortunately he had on a helmet. He was conscious, but said his back hurt. It seemed that the driver was trying to beat the light and had turned early. The driver appeared to be oblivious to what he had done. The witness reported all this to the police and gave his name but has not heard back from them. It was horrible, he said, especially the sound of the bicyclist’s head hitting the windshield.

Are you looking forward to next month’s column?

CONCERTS IN THE PARKS 2016
IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER!

HANNAH ISLES, Concerts Committee Chair

It seems like we just put away the picnic baskets and blankets and patted ourselves on the back for another successful and fun season of Concerts in the Parks. We grooved to great new bands, The Walkaways and The Paul Pfau Band, and enjoyed old favorite Rebecca McCabe, backed up by Human Country Jukebox. There were fun family activities, special treats for dads on Father’s Day, and sweet giveaways from Sprinkles and Haagen Dazs. The fantastic weather was the icing on the cake!!

But 2016 is right around the corner and the Concerts in the Parks committee, chaired by Hannah Isles, is already hard at work planning for the new season. Flip your calendar to the summer months and mark the following concert Sundays: May 22nd, June 19th (Father’s Day), and July 10th. If you’re interested in joining the Concerts committee, contact the CAG office at 337-7313 or cagmail@cagtown.org.

Also, be on the lookout for your invitation to the early spring 2016 Concerts in the Parks Kick-Off Party. This annual event is always the perfect and fun way to launch another summer of musical entertainment.

SUNDAYS
May 22nd
June 19th (Father’s Day)
and July 10th

Eco TIP

A plastic shopping bag takes a minimum of 15 years to decompose. Only 1% of them are recycled worldwide; the rest are left to live on indefinitely in landfills. Plastic bags make up over 10% of washed up debris on US coastlines. Reusable bags have the lifespan of over 700 plastic bags. Over a lifetime, use of reusable bags by just one person would save over 22,000 plastic bags! New Year’s resolution: Ban plastic bags always and everywhere!

— LEE CHILD
Georgetown Garden Club
M any residents are concerned about crime in Georgetown including recent car thefts, home burglaries, muggings, and UPS/FedEx package thefts. However crime is lower in Georgetown than most other parts of the city which is due in no small part to CAG’s efforts to protect public safety.

CAG’s ongoing, multi-faceted Public Safety Program helps keep residents safer and more informed about neighborhood criminal activity. In order to keep this vital program running, we need to expand the number of Georgetown residents who are CAG Public Safety donors! Your tax-deductible contribution to the CAG Public Safety program will support:

- Coordination of timely public safety information between you and our 90+ CAG Block Captains, the Metropolitan Police Department and Georgetown businesses and residents.
- Private CAG guards who patrol in cars and on foot five nights a week. Because they use GPS phones we are able to track where and when they patrol and they are able to communicate directly with the police when needed. With a call from you as a donor, they also are available to escort you to your car and to watch your property when you are out of town.
- Cameras positioned at key locations in Georgetown to track activity.
- Detailed information about obtaining and selecting security cameras for individual homeowners.

- An initiative encouraging residents to “light up our residential streets” by leaving porch lights on — and provided technical information about lighting/timer devices, bulbs, and cost.
- Strong cooperation and frequent communication with the Metropolitan Police Officers assigned to Georgetown.
- CAG office staff devoted to public safety. This program is expensive and totally funded by contributions from Georgetown residents like yourself. We have had an important core group of donors over the years. However, the cost of our Securitas guards, their vehicles and their GPS phones have increased this year. More cameras are requested in the community. Please make your tax-deductible donation to the 2016 program by returning the Public Safety donation form in CAG’s recent appeal letter … or donate online at www.cagtown.org.

DONOR BENEFITS
All donors receive a CAG Public Safety window sticker and the guards’ cell phone numbers. Only donors may contact the on duty guards directly. Some residents find it useful to have a guard escort them (or their guests) between home and car and to have a guard pay extra attention to their property while out of town.

For more information go to CAGTOWN.ORG

For details about CAG’s “light up our residential streets” initiative, suggestions on obtaining and installing individual home security cameras, and finding or becoming a Public Safety Block Captain, visit www.cagtown.org, call 202-333-7313 or email public.safety@cagtown.org.
Artwork Submission Display Requirements:

- Artists may submit up to three pieces for inclusion in the show. The final number displayed will depend on space available.

- There is no jury. Entry is first-come, first-served. Please submit your application and payment promptly to secure your space in the show.

- Artists pay a $50 entry fee to CAG to defray the cost of the show. In addition, each participating artist must complete a 3-4 hour volunteer shift during the show.

- The show is open to artists working in the following media: painting, photography, sculpture, prints, 2D and 3D mixed media. We cannot accept jewelry or anything requiring electricity.

- All 2D work must be properly framed and wired for hanging, or it will not be accepted.

- The Georgetown ARTS 2016 Hanging Committee will select pieces to be displayed based on space and composition.

- Maximum size per piece is 48” in the largest dimension, including frame.
On December 9th, a standing-room-only crowd at the Georgetown Library viewed the latest designs for the heating plant, a former Federal building on 29th Street. The presentation was led by owner Richard Levy who introduced architect David Adjaye and the landscape architect for the proposed public park, Laurie Olin of Philadelphia.

Mr. Adjaye presented two alternative designs: the first retains the west, 29th Street façade of the present structure, and replaces the existing brick facades on the other three sides with a ceramic screen. The screen, in color and form, would evoke the historic appearance of the West Heating Plant. The second design demolishes the west façade, and would create an entirely new building on a footprint that is somewhat smaller than the existing structure and the first alternative. The facade would be marble and glass. Both alternatives retain the existing height of the heating plant. Mr. Adjaye stated he had taken design cues for the neo-classical elements of the second alternative from the Lincoln Memorial and the Kennedy Center, and even hearkened back to the Acropolis.

Mr. Olin outlined plans for the public park that will be placed atop a private garage. Both the park and the garage will be built on the former coal yard portion of the property. Mr. Olin also sketched a landscaping plan for the strip of land that borders Rock Creek, and which will be revitalized as a path between K St and the towpath on the north side of the C&O Canal. A footbridge would be built to cross the canal just east of Lock #1.

The project, and the alternative designs, will be on the ANC2E agenda for its February 1 meeting. Three days later, on February 4, the project will be before the Old Georgetown Board. Subsequent to the Board meeting, there will be presentations to the Commission on Fine Arts and the District’s Historic Preservation Review Board. These presentations are associated with an application to demolish part or all of the West Heating Plant. A public hearing on the application will be conducted by the Mayor’s Agent, who would determine whether the proposed development satisfies one or more of the several criteria that provide an exception to the general prohibition against demolishing a historic structure in the District. Future articles in the newsletter will discuss more of the design details, and the review process at the Federal and District levels.
For the 25th year, Georgetown parishes are opening their doors to homeless men in the community. Over the course of the winter, the rotating shelter provides warm beds, hot meals, and inviting community to ten homeless residents. Christ Church is hosting twice over the winter, and others are Church of the Pilgrims, Grace Church, Holy Trinity, St. Paul’s Parish, St. John’s, Georgetown Lutheran, Epiphany Roman Catholic, Georgetown Presbyterian. Several other parishes are sending volunteers but don’t have the space to host.

Our long-term goal is the development of a sense of community for the shelter’s vulnerable and withdrawn residents. While spots were offered to both men and women, our female residents chose not to attend, and this year the shelter is entirely comprised of male guests.

Each evening, shelter volunteers and residents share a meal prepared by congregation and community volunteers. One or two volunteers also spend the night, ensuring resident safety and comfort.

An evening spent at the shelter is a moving experience. For the past few Mondays, I’ve arrived early to chat with volunteers and to hang around the kitchen, trying - and failing - to sneak a taste before dinner is served. Once guests arrive for the evening, there’s general conversation about our days as we eagerly await evening introductions, prayer, and food.

And speaking of the food, it’s like Thanksgiving every night. One dinner included lasagna, chicken alfredo, garlic bread, vegetables, a harvest salad, and two types of dessert - all prepared by great volunteers. Once we’re served, volunteers and guests sit at a long table, beautifully decorated with candles and flowers, for food and conversation.

One evening, I sat next to RJ, an older gentleman whose “big fish” stories of time spent in Kansas might not have been entirely accurate, but they were certainly entertaining. I’ve talked with guests about their day at the library, their time spent in National Parks, and about my own job and recent move to DC. Sharing a meal with guests at the shelter reminds us that people experiencing homelessness are just that: people.

If you’re interested in helping one of our member congregations, send us an email at volunteers@gmcgt.org! We’re thrilled to have new volunteers to prepare meals, eat with guests, or spend the night.

AIRCRAFT NOISE MEETING
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and MWAA that the impacts on Georgetown and its neighbors towards the north and west are currently unacceptable. It remains to be seen whether representatives from the other side of the river will find the shift in routes acceptable to them. However, MWAA’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Margaret McKeough, is committed to solving the problem.

At a December 10 roundtable meeting at MWAA, we selected one of three alternative new routes over the west bank of the Potomac River along the George Washington Parkway for further analysis by the FAA. The FAA’s Elizabeth Lynn Ray, Vice President of Mission Support Services, is overseeing the selection of the north departure routing options, and her recommendation is the route called LAZIRB that projects zero time over DC, one minute and 40 seconds over the river and 11 seconds over Virginia. The preferred new route will be evaluated for safety and environmental impacts. Ms. Ray said her staff will seek to perform these studies on an expedited basis, and be in a position to publish the new route within 12 months, rather than the 24 to 36 months these studies normally take.

It remains to be seen whether the LAZIRB route will bring a significant reduction in noise over Georgetown and communities to the west and north. One concern is whether airline pilots will deviate significantly from the center line of the new route. The rate of climb and the altitude reached are also key factors in the noise issue. The recommendation approved by the roundtable group contains a commitment to continue the dialogue with the FAA, the airlines and MWAA and other operating characteristics with further recommendations to come.

However, we cannot depend solely on the roundtable discussions to reach a final agreement on new, less disruptive routes. The DC Fair Skies Coalition has filed a petition for review with the U.S Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and is preparing an administrative petition to the FAA. We have also met with the DC Attorney General, and urged his office to intervene in the federal case on our behalf. So we have been busy!

The DC Fair Skies Coalition needs donations from residents of the communities impacted by aircraft noise. As of December 22, the Aircraft Noise Fund has collected $22,000 of the estimated $39,000 necessary to complete preparation of the documents for submission to the FAA. Please visit our website at: www.cagtown.org, and make a donation to the Aircraft Noise Fund.
CAG NEEDS YOU – AND YOU’LL BENEFIT!

PAMLA MOORE, CAG Board

Following up on last month’s newsletter article about the value of CAG membership, I want to encourage you to take the next step and to consider becoming a volunteer with CAG.

Years ago I would pay my annual dues, read the CAG newsletter faithfully and attend the monthly community meetings. But it wasn’t until I joined a CAG committee that I really appreciated the benefits of being a CAG member.

Volunteering for a CAG committee opens up new friendships, allows you to become more aware of your community and, very importantly, assists the organization in meeting its mission.

As we begin to plan for 2016 there are several CAG committees that would benefit from your participation.

1. The Art Show committee – The show is scheduled for February 25-28. The committee is in full swing. If you have ever thought it would be fun to be part of an art gallery team, here is your chance.

2. The Meetings committee – Each month this committee is in charge of our CAG community meetings. If you have limited time, this is a good committee for you. The two co-chairs hold just several committee meetings throughout the year, and most of the work is done through email or phone calls. If you like to be involved with speakers, community leaders and ‘in’ locations in Georgetown you will be happy volunteering here.

To volunteer, please call Betsy Cooley at 202-337-7313.

ABC MORATORIUM CONCLUDES; NEW SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT CRAFTED

RICHARD HINDS, CAG General Counsel

The CAG Board recently approved in principal a recommendation of a negotiating team from CAG, ANC2E, and the Business Improvement District (BID) to terminate the moratorium on new restaurant liquor licenses which was put in place over 25 years ago. The parties also agreed to replace that prohibition with a Settlement Agreement program that would require new applicants for restaurant liquor licenses to agree to a minimum set of standards designed to ensure that they did not create the sort of problems that we faced when the moratorium was first initiated. For example, one conditions is a midnight closing hour. There are also clear restrictions on noise that can be heard outside the establishment and the use of outdoor space. Applicants unwilling to enter into such an agreement could be protested, with the possibility of a full hearing before the ABC Board to rule on the issuance of the license.

CAG, the ANC, and the BID concluded that it is in the best interest of residents and businesses to encourage more high-quality restaurants in Georgetown. The drinking and dining scenes in Georgetown and the District have changed significantly since the moratorium was first put in place. Georgetown is effectively the last neighborhood in the District of Columbia to have a moratorium on restaurant liquor licenses, and it is an additional barrier to entry for new restaurants, relative to other neighborhoods. CAG believes we need to be more welcoming to the kind of quality restaurants that we would like to see in our community while putting in place a mechanism to ensure the peace and quiet of nearby residents is not adversely impacted.

The negotiating team has come up with final approved language for the Settlement Agreement Template and it will be voted on by the CAG board and the ANC and then submitted to the ABC Board for approval in January. The parties will ask the ABC Board to extend the moratorium for a brief period if necessary for the Board to review and approve the proposed Agreement.
JANUARY COMMUNITY EVENTS AND CALENDAR

Fri Jan 1 NEW YEARS DAY

Mon Jan 4 ANC 2E January Meeting at Georgetown Visitation, 6:30pm. Heritage Room, 2nd Fl, Main Building, 35th St at Volta Place NW. www.anc2e.com/meetings.html

Sat Jan 9 Lucretia Mott: Speaking Quaker Truth to “Slave Power” at the Georgetown Library, Wisconsin Ave & R St, Peabody Room (3rd floor), 1pm. Free. Jamie Stiehm, Creators Syndicate columnist and contributor to USNEWS.com, discusses Lucretia Mott’s journey to Washington, D.C. to speak out on slavery, the “peculiar institution.”

Sat Jan 16 Dumbarton Concerts: Goldberg Variations 3133 Dumbarton St, 8pm. Pianist Steven Beck brings one of the greatest works of the chamber canon to Dumbarton. He will also perform Bach’s majestic Italian Concerto and Concerto in D minor (The Marcello). $35 Adults, $30 Students/Seniors. www.dumbartonconcerts.org/tickets/

Jan 16-17 Georgetown Library E-reader Rescue Saturday & Sunday, 1:30-3:30pm. Did you receive a new e-reader, tablet, smartphone, or other digital device over the holidays? Library staff will provide one-on-one assistance to set it up to access streaming and downloadable library resources, including ebooks, audiobooks, and electronic versions of popular magazines. dclibrary.org/georgetown

Mon Jan 18 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Sun Jan 24 Georgetown University Swimming Classes. Yates Field House offers swimming lessons for children (ages 2 ½ to 10 years), teenagers and parents/tots Sundays beginning January 24. To register visit recreation.georgetown.edu/yates/child/swim-lessons or call (202) 687-2400.

Wed Jan 27 CAG Community Meeting: Aircraft Noise. Location: offices of Foley & Lardner LLP at 3000 K Street NW. Representatives from Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and members of the DC Fair Skies Coalition will be in attendance.

PLANNING AHEAD

Mon Feb 1 ANC 2E February Meeting at Georgetown Visitation, 6:30pm. Heritage Room, 2nd Fl, Main Building, 35th St at Volta Place NW. www.anc2e.com/meetings.html

Mon Feb 1 DC Public Schools 2016-2017 High School lottery applications due. PK3-8 applications deadline March 1, 2016. Results released April 1, 2016. dcps.dc.gov/page/my-school-dc-lottery

Sun Feb 14 US Navy Band Sea Chanters at St Johns Concert Series. 5pm, free admission. www.stjohnsgeorgetown.org/concertseries


Wed Mar 23 Oral History Panel at City Tavern Club. www.cagtown.org/meetings
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