How Social Media Connects Georgetowners

Don’t know a blog from a frog? Do you think Twitter is a bird that flies around delivering notes? Don’t quite understand how to use CAG’s electronic bulletin board, GeorgetownForum? Wonder how some people get the instant scoop on issues and events in Georgetown? What do the Georgetown Dish, Georgetown Patch, Georgetown Moms and Georgetown Metropolitan have in common? Should you venture onto Facebook?

For answers to these and other questions about new social media, come to the CAG meeting on Monday, March 19, to hear expert consultant Debbie Weil talk about the computer and phone uses that are changing all our lives. She will explain and demonstrate what a blog is and does, how you can use your computer to access the best local information, how you can “talk” with your neighbors on CAG’s electronic bulletin board.

Debbie is a former journalist with an MBA degree from Georgetown University, a Masters in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin and is a graduate of Harvard with a degree in English. She lives with husband, doctor Sam Harrington, on O Street. Named one of the Most Influential Women in Technology by Fast Company and a DC Top 100 Tech Titan by the Washingtonian, Debbie Weil is a web pioneer, author, veteran blogger, and marketing strategist. She is the author of one of the first and most definitive books about business blogging, The Corporate Blogging Book.

On Monday evening she will be talking about how individual Georgetowners can access and benefit from the confusing – but incredibly convenient and comprehensive – world of social media. There will be Q+A as well.

The meeting is being hosted by the Ritz-Carlton, 3100 South Street, in their gorgeous meeting space (formerly the Fahrenheit Restaurant). The reception begins at 7pm, and the program will begin promptly at 7:30.

STICK UP AT THE BANK! STICK UP FOR CONCERTS IN THE PARKS!

Join the search for “who robbed the bank” at the kickoff party for the 10th annual Concerts in the Parks series on Saturday, March 3rd from 7 until 11pm. During this intriguing event, professional actors and Georgetowners (including Michele and Jack Evans, Nancy Taylor Bubes, and Carol Joynt) will mingle with guests and one will commit a crime – it’s your job to figure out “whodunit.” The party, hosted by TD Bank at 1611 Wisconsin Avenue, will feature cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, music by a local DJ, Sprinkles cupcakes to go, and a champagne toast to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Concerts. Guests can mingle amongst themselves or participate in trying to solve the mystery of “Who Robbed the Bank?” Proceeds benefit CAG’s 2012 summer concerts which are scheduled for May 20th, June 17th, and July 4th. Tickets are $125 per person and may be purchased at www.cagtown.org/youmaybeasuspect.

Well, it turns out the final Zoning Commission hearing on the GU Campus Plan wasn’t.

While the Commissioners agreed that the University has created objectionable impacts in the residential neighborhood they decided to hold off making any decisions on the case until at least May. They have asked the University to offer a more substantive proposal on how they can remedy the situation. They also want to see how the programs instituted in the Fall (more reimbursable MPD officers, the M Street shuttle, trash collection) are working.

The community is expected to, once again, prepare documentation on how we perceive the situation. It involves more work and lots of community input. I find it a bit ironic that here we are in March, 2012 still trying to figure out the 2010 Campus Plan.

It’s hard to believe but The Citizens Association of Georgetown is gearing up for our TENTH Annual Concerts in the Parks series this summer. Thanks to Concerts creator, Elizabeth Miller, the concerts have grown from 50 Georgetowners with a band nobody has heard of to hundreds of young and old families and friends flooding the parks with elaborate picnics and performers like Bob Schieffer (as well as jazz – reggae – swing – and rock and roll)! It’s become a tradition – a summer must do.

This year’s Concerts will be held on May 20th, June 17th (Father’s Day celebration), and July 4th (Independence Day celebration and parade). Mark your calendars. You won’t want to miss them.

The Concerts planning committee is now accepting ads for the Playbill. If you are interested in sponsoring the concerts please let me know (202-337-7313). While they are free to the public they cost quite a bit to produce. About 400 Georgetowners read the Playbill at each of the three concerts. Join Sprinkles, Nancy Taylor Bubes of Washington Fine Properties, and Georgetown Floor-coverings in sponsoring these rollicking outdoor festivals.

To kick off the season and raise funds for the concerts we have a phenomenally fun night planned on Saturday, March 3rd. TDBank is hosting us for a robbery-mystery party featuring lots of local special celebrities as our suspects. It will be a fun night of mystery, dancing, late-night frolicking ...and of course celebratory champagne! Tickets are selling quick. For more information about our party please go to www.cagtown.org/youmaybesuspect The attire is Thomas Crown Affair chic.

We would not have these amazing events without the dedicated volunteers who put them together. A special thanks to committee chairs Elizabeth Miller and Renee Esfandiyari Crupi and their entire group for all of their efforts.

And while I am thanking committees, huge KUDOS to the Georgetown ARTS 2012 committee for putting together a first rate art extravaganza at House of Sweden last month. The art was fabulous, the reception was spectacular, and the art demonstrations brilliant. I can’t wait for ARTS 2013.

Our committees are also hard at work on a proposal to be added to the DC zoning regulations rewrite. It is arduous but vital work. The framework is posted on our website.

Hope to see everyone at TDBank on the 3rd!

—Jennifer Altemus
East Side Honors MPD Officers and CAG Guards

Georgetown turned out in full force on the evening of February 23 to celebrate the accomplishments of our neighborhood’s public safety professionals. Nancy Taylor Bubes was hostess for a wonderful evening of food, drink, music, and, most importantly, accolades for the hard-working police of the second District and our own CAG private Securitas guards. The setting was the beautiful home on the corner of 31st and R Streets that Nancy is representing for sale. Guests oohed and aahed about the recent renovation as they toured the house throughout the party.

Resident Gahl Burt started off the honors by thanking the police for their quick response and diligent follow-up when her cell phone was stolen by a group of girls one morning while she was walking home along P Street from her bank on Wisconsin Avenue. Her story is just one of many told informally that evening where the police acted fast to help a victimized citizen and arrest the perpetrators.

Councilman Jack Evans gave us the bigger picture, noting that despite decades of cuts in the size of the city’s police force, crime is down and closure rates are up for violent crime. Captain Melvin Gresham and Officer Antonial Atkins spoke on behalf of their fellow officers and MPD leaders, thanking us for recognizing their work. They both noted how important it is for the police and community members to work together, and urged all of us to make an effort to get to know the local patrol officers.

I continued the theme of police-community cooperation in my remarks, noting the many Georgetown block captains in attendance at the party and thanking the 67 residents who have volunteered to serve as CAG block captains so far (see the related article in this issue about how Officer Atkins is working with block captains to hold block-by-block meetings with residents).

I also introduced CAG guards Tesfaye Terefe and Donovan Carmichael and Securitas Vice President Carl Rowan, thanking them for their excellent service to the community. Tesfaye and Donovan are hard at work five nights a week in Georgetown patrolling our streets, escorting residents home, checking up on properties when residents are away, and working with the police to deter crime and track down criminal suspects.

The evening wrapped up with a beautiful program sung by the choir from the First Baptist Church on Dumbarton Street, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Thanks to Nancy Taylor Bubes for giving us such a wonderful opportunity to thank the police and CAG guards for all that they do for our community. Next time you see one of them on patrol, please stop and introduce yourself and tell them how much you appreciate their hard work and professionalism.

—Diane Colasanto

Piccolo Piggies is closing its doors on Wisconsin Avenue... The Shops at Georgetown Park is saying goodbye to Fornash as it moves to Virginia... Another shop created by sisters, Duo, has opened at 1624 Wisconsin Avenue featuring contemporary clothing for women and handcrafted one of a kind jewelry... The Oral History Project trained four new interviewers: Tom Birch, Bev Casserly, Nancy Christopher, and Cathy Kerkam... The cause for the building collapse at 1424 Wisconsin Avenue is still unknown, rebuilding is to be determined at the space which was slated to become a Z-Burger restaurant... Bill Donohue says its time for retirement and Antiques of Georgetown is closing its doors at 3210 O Street... The GapKids/BabyGap store is moved across the street to 1258 Wisconsin Avenue to consolidate with the big Gap... A new restaurant in town, Red Fire Grill, is now open at 33rd and M Streets offering kabobs, falafel, and sandwiches... Georgetown Pilates has opened its doors at 1228 31st Street... Jamie Stachowski will be taking over the former Griffin Market to offer a full-service butcher shop and will supply fresh and prepared meats along with deli sandwiches.
Public Safety Captains Host Block Meetings with MPD Officers

Meet Officer Antonial Atkins, the friendly and helpful police officer who patrols the east side of Georgetown north of M Street most days of the week. You may have already seen him and received one of the “Crime Alert/Crime Tips” sheets that he passes out to residents. He distributes dozens of them every day.

Officer Atkins believes strong ties between the community and police can help reduce neighborhood crime, and Metropolitan Police Department leaders at every level enthusiastically support his efforts to improve those ties here in Georgetown. CAG is involved too. With the help of CAG’s block captains, Officer Atkins has started a series of “Meet and Greet” sessions with residents on the east side. Soon the program will expand to the rest of Georgetown.

So far, in February, three CAG block captains have hosted their neighbors for coffee on a Saturday morning to meet with Officer Atkins. At each meeting, he talked about the things we residents can do to protect ourselves and our property, and how he and his fellow officers can better protect us if we work to keep them better informed. Here’s one example: Officer Atkins thinks every resident who is out walking a dog or doing errands in the neighborhood should have their cell phone with them so they can quickly report unusual activity to the police, and maybe even discreetly snap a cell phone picture of a vehicle or situation that seems suspicious.

He says we shouldn’t be hesitant to call 911 if we want the police to be aware of a potentially dangerous or troubling situation, even if we’re not sure the circumstances would be considered an “emergency.” Calling 911 is not just for emergencies. Although Officer Atkins wants everyone to carry a cell phone, he also wants us to be careful in how we use our phones. Phones that are visible are an attractive target for would-be criminals and using them prevents us from being attentive to our surroundings. So, keep your cell phones with you, but use them sparingly.

Officer Atkins is not alone in MPD in wanting to get to know the residents of Georgetown and hear their concerns. Other MPD officers and officials, including Second District Commander Michael Reese, have also participated in each of these meetings. I hosted the first meeting on February 4 for the residents of my block on the 2700 block of O Street. Eleven residents were there and we were joined by Georgetown Officers Robert Anderson, Roberto Corchado, and Arvette Parry, plus Sergeant Raymond Corey and Lieutenant Ralph Neal. It was a pleasure to meet them all and hear their ideas about improving public safety in Georgetown.

Five more east side block meetings are already on Officer Atkins’s schedule for the upcoming months. If you are interested in having a meeting on your own block, contact your block captain, or me (dcolasanto@gmail.com).

—Diane Colasanto
Public Safety Block Captain Coordinator

Residents of the 2700 block of O Street meet with Officer Atkins and other MPD Officers and leaders
My Experience as a Block Captain

Let me begin by saying that being a CAG Block Captain was a great decision for me. That being said, I cannot take credit for having this idea all by myself. It came after a conversation with a very knowledgeable person, Betsy Cooley, Executive Director of CAG. She felt that with my particular interests in the community, I might want to consider becoming a Block Captain. I struggled with the decision for a day or so, and decided to give it a try.

Now, four years later, I am happy to say that I cover the entire Cloisters neighborhood. Out of approximately 130 homes, I have an average of 90 homes to whom I send alerts, safety tips, and general crime related information. Often I am asked how I handle all those homes, but the truth is that no matter how many homes I have, I only hit the “send” button one time. The beauty of the situation is that you add your contacts as they sign up, which creates your database. The rest is basically the same for 90 homes as it is for 5 or 10. The workload is no different.

In the beginning, since we are a large neighborhood, I asked four neighbors to help me get people signed up. They did a wonderful job, and in no time, we were up and running. Those four people are still my trusted neighborhood advisors.

The Block Captain program is great for keeping everyone aware of what is going on in our area, but it also provides another very nice “side effect.” It brings back the “old neighborhood feeling” of looking out for each other. People often stop me in the neighborhood to discuss a concern, an issue, or just something they may have seen. Sometimes that leads to catching an issue before it becomes a problem.

For instance, we were having trouble in our neighborhood with one particular house of young professionals. They were having loud parties late into the night, and throwing cigarette butts and other debris in their neighbor’s yard. The neighbor, who was trying to get through this without involving the police, spoke to me about the problem. I, in turn, spoke to my “hero,” CAG Guard Donovan Carmichael, about what we could do. Donovan happily volunteered to stop by the house and speak to the young professional group about the noise/behavior factor. He also told them what would happen if the police had to get involved, including the possibility of having police activity on your permanent record.

Thanks to Donovan’s proactive help, I have never had another complaint against that house. Our CAG Guards are one of our great assets here in Georgetown. It always puts my mind at ease when I see Donovan driving through the alleyways of the Cloisters, or anywhere else in Georgetown, keeping us safe!

—Bev Casserly

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Record-Breaking Crowd Views Georgetown ARTS 2012 at House of Sweden

The third annual CAG art show drew a record-breaking crowd of over 300 to the opening reception on Thursday evening, February 16, at House of Sweden on the Georgetown waterfront. Georgetown ARTS 2012, sponsored by CAG and House of Sweden, along with several generous patrons, showcased the talents of Georgetown’s artists — “emerging” to established, young to old, working in classes, studios, and plein air. The show, featuring works by Georgetown residents — and artists who have studios in Georgetown, continued daily from Friday, February 17, through Monday, February 20, between 11am and 5pm. House of Sweden graciously donated the use of the stunning space for the show.

The Art Show committee, headed by Laura-Anne Tiscornia, organized an amazing array of art including oil, acrylic, and watercolor painting, prints, sculpture, photography, and mixed media. Artist Michele Banks did a beautiful job hanging the show — putting together a wide variety of sizes, media, and style with great panache. Most works were for sale and transactions were lively at the opening. Artists Edward “Bear” Miller, Camilla Bozzoli, and Robin Hill provided demonstrations of portraiture, watercolor, and pastels during the course of the show.

The art show is unique in that, as publicity coordinator and participating artist, Shaun Murphy, said: “One of the benefits of this program is the growing awareness for and support of artists in the ‘village’ of Georgetown. All of the Georgetown ARTS organizers are the participating artists and everyone comes together to staff the show, pass out publicity materials, approach sponsors, and get to know each other and each other’s work. They trade professional tips on such matters as paint sources and framers and they build friendships.” And the interaction with buyers is special: artist Dariush Viziri visited the new owners of his paintings to advise them on hanging in their home.

—Betsy Cooley
Congratulations to the Featured Artists
(committee members in bold)

Michele Banks - Jack Bell -
Camilla Bozzoli - Leslie Byrne
Betsy Cooley - Guy Fairlamb -
Karen Feld - Robin Hill
Cynthia Howar - Stephany Knight -
Joan Konkel - Jane Lepscky
Dale Loy - Edward “Bear” Miller -
Natasha Mokina - Elba Molina
Shaun Murphy - Lisa Neher -
Emma O’Rourke - Isabella Page
Wendy Plotkin-Mates -
Berit Robertson - Ross Ruot -
Suzy Stack
Laura-Anne Tiscornia - Dariush
Vaziri - Mary Wagner

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Framers’ Workroom

Jerry McCoy, curator of the Peabody Room at the George-
town Library, receives “an incredible acquisition” from the
National Society of Colonial Dames in the District of Columbia. A
framed manuscript deed dated April 19, 1757 was donated in which
George Beall, Sr. bequeathed his 1,380 acres of the “Addition to the
Rock of Dumbarton” to his son, George Beall, Jr. A portion of this
land became known as “Old Georgetown.” The deed is now the oldest
item in the Peabody Room. A translation will be posted next to the deed
itself as the language is quite archaic.

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Annual Notification of Living in Historic District Legislation Passed

CAG is pleased to announce that, with the support of Councilmember Jack Evans and the input from other DC Historic District organizations, legislation was passed by the DC Council on February 7th that amends The Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978 to provide “As of 2012 and each subsequent year, the Mayor shall provide, as an attachment to the annual tax assessment, a notice of ‘Important Information About Property Improvements’ to all properties located within a historic district within the District of Columbia.”

Going forward this means you and your neighbors will annually receive a reminder of the laws and regulations which apply to home improvements in Georgetown – window replacement, additions, roof and siding replacement, alterations to porches and entry steps, new garages and paved parking areas, as examples.

In addition to this reminder, if you are considering property improvements and before you begin to sketch out ideas for improving your property and before you contact an architect, you can benefit by a review of the information on the website of the DC Historic Preservation Office – Office of Planning at preservation.dc.gov.

It is best to begin with the Introduction to Historic Preservation Guidelines under Design Guidelines. These Guidelines include information you can use for the improvements listed above and numerous other improvements you might be contemplating.

There is a process to be followed for properties in Georgetown to ensure a satisfactory and timely completion of your project. An architect knowledgeable with design and construction in a historic district is very valuable. The process most often requires review by our ANC2e – Advisory Neighborhood Commission, the Old Georgetown Board and the DC Historic Preservation Office. There is a permit process, as well, and at times zoning issues need to be addressed.

Speaking of zoning – it can’t be repeated too often. The zoning rewrite currently under way by the DC Office of Planning is of critical importance to all of us living in Georgetown. Our neighborhood character could be compromised as the city tries to address the zoning needs of the entire city. A number of DC historic districts have in place what is currently called an “overlay,” soon to be called a “customized zone” This customized zone spells out specific regulations for residential and commercial properties within that zone. Georgetown does not have such a zone. CAG believes a “customized zone” is critical to preserving Georgetown’s best qualities. There is a zoning sub-committee of the CAG Historic Preservation & Zoning committee drafting a customized zone and in touch with ANC2e and the DC Office of Planning to preserve our community, at the same time understanding change will take place.

—Pamla Moore
Historic Preservation & Zoning Chair

Pie Sisters

Can you bake a Pie? Well, neither can I.” Those famous words, from Anything You Can Do, are one of the many reasons three beautiful, talented, and adventure seeking sisters, Alli, Erin and Cat Blakely, opened their pie shop at 3423 M Street.

Alli told me it had been their dream since they were little girls. “We always wanted to work together” and work together they do, from the wee hours of the morning until late into the night. They opened their shop in January and have been covered in flour ever since. All their ingredients are fresh, and all their pies are made on the premises. I suggested that pie may be the new cupcake, but Alli smiled and allowed as how she didn’t think they were quite ready for a reality show. “It has been a big investment for all of us,” Alli said, “financially and physically. We love what we do, but we are working hard to find, hire, and train a few more people to help us.”

When I walked in, their mother was in back lending a helping hand. She is the one who gave the girls their love of baking. Alli said they were always in the kitchen together and found it a warm and wonderful place to be. After each of the sisters left home to pursue other careers, they were drawn back to the place they loved the most, the kitchen.

Their pies come in a variety of sizes and flavors, both sweet and savory, with a variety of crusts. To order you must give three hours notice, however, individual-size “cup-pies” and pies by the slice are available for take-away — or, if you can’t resist, to be enjoyed with a cup of coffee at one of the tables in the warm and attractive room. The pies are not cheap, but after sampling a bite or two I can honestly say …. You get what you pay for. Yum.. Yum..

Pie Sisters is open 11am -7pm, Tuesday – Sunday. They can be reached at 338- PIES (7437); www.piesisters.com.

—V V Harrison
It’s that Time of Year Again...to Renew CAG Dues

Renewal letters were sent out in the mail last month, if you did not receive yours in the mail you can renew online at www.cagtown.org or call the office at 337-7313. Members of CAG are able to take advantage of many special deals available in participating restaurants and stores with our Priority Merchants program. Your dues will pay for themselves! See the list of participating merchants below:

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Bacchus Wine Cellar (1635 Wisconsin Ave.; 337-2003): 10% discount;
Bridge Street Books (2814 Pennsylvania Ave.; 965-5200): 10% discount;
Briggs Passport & Visa Expeditors, Inc. (1921 Sunderland Place NW; 464-3000): 15% discount;
Café Bonaparte (1522 Wisconsin Ave.; 333-8830): free coffee when ordering dessert;
Café Divan (1834 Wisconsin Ave.; 338-1747): free dessert;
Chadwicks (3205 K St.; 333-2565): 10% discount off purchase of entrée of equal or greater value;
Cherry Antiques & Design (1526 Wisconsin Ave.; 342-3600): 10% discount on decorative accessories;
Clyde’s of Georgetown (3236 M St.; 333-9180): complimentary crab & artichoke dip;
Diana’s Couture and Bridal (1624 Wisconsin Ave.; 333-5689): free consultation and 10% discount;
Diana My Tran’s Cooking Classes (1624 Wisconsin Ave.; 333-5689): free cookbook, The Asian Diet, when registering a group of 8 for class;
Easel Hair Studio (1620 Wisconsin Ave; 342-3999): 10% discount on all services;
English Rose Garden (3209 O St.; 333-3306): 10% off regularly priced items;
GChris Sculpture Studio/Gallery (www.GChris.com): 15% discount;
Georgetown Dinette (3206 O St.; 337-3649): 10% discount;
Georgetown Wine & Spirits (2701 P St.; 338-5500): 10% discount on wine; free delivery w/ $50 purchase;
Haagen-Dazs (3120 M St.; 333-3443): 20% discount on ice cream;
Hugo Boss (1517 Wisconsin Ave.; 625-2677): 20% discount on regular price suits;
Jaryam (1631 Wisconsin Ave.; 333-6886): 10% discount;
Just Paper & Tea (3232 P St.; 333-9141): 10% on personalized stationary;
Madeline Wade Style Studio (3147 Dumbarton St., 2nd Level; 333-2223); 20% discount first cut, 10% off subsequent cuts
Mie N Yu (3125 M St.; 333-6122): complimentary dessert with brunch or lunch;
Potomac Wine & Spirits (3100 M St.; 33322848): 10% discount on single bottle liquor or six pack beer; 25% case discount;
Random Harvest (1313 Wisconsin Ave.; 333-5569): 10% discount;
Robert Bell Architects (3218 O St.; 333-8412): 10% discount and a free consultation;
Room Dr. Interiors (3209 M St.; 965-7666): 15% discount on initial visit;
Sands of Time Antiquities (3003 P St.; 342-0518): 10% discount;
Sassanova (1641 Wisconsin Ave.; 471-4400): 10% discount;
Sherman Pickey (1647 Wisconsin Ave.; 333-4212): 10% discount;
Susquehanna Antique Co. (3216 O St.; 333-1511): 10% discount;
The Old Print Gallery (1220 31st St.; 965-1818): 10% discount;
The Phoenix (1514 Wisconsin Ave.; 338-4404): 10% discount on jewelry;
Thos. Moser (3300 M St.; 338-4292): 10% discount;
Tony & Joe’s Seafood Place (3000 K St.-Washington Harbour; 944-4545): free dessert with purchase of entrée;
Tudor Place Gift Shop (1644 31st St.; 965-0400): 10% discount;
Vineyard Vines (1225 Wisconsin Ave.; 625-8463): 15% off purchase of $200 or more;
Washington Walks (www.washingtonwalks.com): half price on any walking tour;
Wedding Creations & Anthony’s Tuxedos (3237 P St. NW; 333-5762): 10% discount;
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March Community Events and Calendar

Thurs. Mar 1  Old Georgetown Board Meeting; 9am; National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW, #311; visit www.cfa.gov for more information.

Sat. Mar. 3  Who Robbed the Bank? — Concerts in the Parks Kick Off Party; 7-11pm; enjoy cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and music while searching for clues to who robbed the bank, cocktail attire; $125 per person, tickets limited; TD Bank, 1611 Wisconsin Avenue NW; visit www.cagtown.org/youmaybeasuspect for more information.

Tues. Mar. 6  Friday Morning Music Club Free Chamber Concert; 12pm; featuring Bach and Crusell; Dumbarton House, 2715 Q Street; visit www.dumbartonhouse.org or register http://fmmcmarch.eventbrite.com.

Fri. Mar. 9  24th Annual “Welcome Pierre!” Reception and Toast; 6:30-9pm; join a grateful toast to the designer of our Capital city, Major Pierre L’Enfant; $30 per person, space is limited; Dumbarton House, 2715 Q Street NW; visit http://welcomepierre.eventbrite.com or call 337-2288 x230 with questions.

Tues. Mar. 13  Tuesday Tea at Tudor Place; 1-3pm; enjoy a traditional afternoon tea with Victorian service with tea sandwiches, scones, desserts, and historic tea blends; members $20, nonmembers $25; Tudor Place, 1644 31st Street; www.tudorplace.org.

Sat. Mar. 19  CAG Meeting: Debbie Weil discusses social media’s impact on Georgetown; 7-8:30pm; Ritz Carlton, 3100 South Street.

Mon. Apr. 2  Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2E) Public Meeting; 6:30pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; agenda at www.anc2e.com; 338-7427.

Thurs. Apr. 5  Old Georgetown Board Meeting; 9am; National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW, #311; visit www.cfa.gov for more information.