Can traffic congestion ever be reduced in Georgetown? Is there a solution to the nightmarish rush-hour backups on 34th Street? How will repairs on the Pennsylvania Avenue and Key bridges affect us? What happened to the crosstown bus service? And the perennial question: will Georgetown ever get a Metro stop? All these questions and more will be addressed at CAG’s March meeting. Colleen Hawkinson from DDOT, and representatives from Metro and the Business Improvement District (BID) will be on hand at Malmaison, Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30pm to talk about the transportation challenges Georgetown faces and what various groups and agencies have planned.

And about that persistent Metro query? Urban legend holds that there is no Metro stop in Georgetown because residents successfully blocked it when the system was planned in the 1960s. That is not true, but the myth lives on. While Metro faces significant challenges in addressing longstanding maintenance problems, it will still plan for the long-term future, and the Metro could finally come to Georgetown. Many Georgetowners will want to participate in planning for this potential reality.

Our host for the evening is Malmaison, 3401 K Street. Located in a handsomely refurbished industrial warehouse on the Georgetown waterfront, Malmaison is a modern event space and café cum pastry shop that features the talents of legendary French chef Gerard Pangaud. The sophisticated venue offers beautiful views of the Potomac River, Rosslyn skyline, and Key Bridge. Spread over two split levels, Malmaison has two full bars, a state-of-the-art sound system, media service, a dance floor, and private dining and cocktail bar space.

Please join us for this important conversation. The reception will begin at 7pm, followed by the panel discussion at 7:30. Find answers to your questions—as you watch the traffic flow on and the sun set over Key Bridge.

Below: Malmaison interior.
his month usually gives us the first inklings of spring time. Not a full blown welcome to warm days and buds on the trees, but enough for us to think about being outside on a sunny day. 

Our April newsletter will have an article about the Georgetown Garden Club and its soon-to-be released book about gardens in Georgetown. How fortunate we are to have a dedicated group of citizens who remind us every spring of the glories of a beautiful garden, who create an opportunity to view special gardens through the Georgetown Garden Tour and who support many Georgetown non-profits in a very meaningful way with the proceeds from the Tour. Thank you and we can’t wait to view the book.

As in every newsletter, we try to capture the key issues that you might want to know about. When we refer to Georgetown as a vibrant community, there are moments when looking at the community calendar kept by CAG, you feel it is almost too vibrant! 

In the last 30 days CAG volunteers have been part of so much of what goes on in Georgetown. I believe the community benefits from these volunteer hours and it is important to share this information with you. ANC2E meetings always have a strong CAG contingency. Usually Patrick Clawson, Topher Mathews, John Lever, Victoria Rixey, Joe Gibbons, Karen Cruse, Jim Wilcox, Hazel Denton, and Barbara Downs can be found in the rows of seats.

Recently the Georgetown Business Improvement District held a very interesting one-year anniversary review of its Georgetown 2028 plan. House of Sweden was overflowing and the topics of transportation, economic development, the C & O canal, and public space were reviewed, with constructive input from those attending. There were too many CAG members in attendance for me to list, but it was great to see so many willing to take the time to be involved.

CAG members met again as part of a group focused on establishing flight patterns from Reagan National Airport that will minimize noise in the close-by residential areas. 

The CAG Gala committee, chaired by Jennifer Altemus, Tricia Huntley and Leslie Mayak has had its first meeting. Save Friday, October 23 for a wonderful evening at the Four Seasons in support of CAG. Our Public Safety committee held an important meeting, chaired by John Rentepis and Richard Hindi. The issue of how better to protect our streets with the resources at our disposal was discussed in detail. Our ability to have guards patrol for the greatest number of hours is totally dependent on contributions to the Public Safety program. 

The CAG Parking committee, chaired by Hazel Denton, continues to meet. It is looking very carefully at suggestions put forth by the District Department of Transportation to ease the over-crowding on many of our residential streets and, at the same time, offer parking options to shoppers and visitors on our commercial streets.

This month you are invited to join our community meeting on transportation issues on March 25 at Malmaison. More detailed information is found in the newsletter.

Christopher Mathews, chair of CAG’s Transportation committee, will present a panel of government decision makers who are deciding our future traffic and transportation options. Bring your good questions.

Always, thank you for being involved with the Citizens Association of Georgetown to preserve and better our historic community.

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Just a reminder…

It’s that time of year again. Please send in your annual membership dues today.

Want to become a member? See page 8 for details.
**Aspects of Georgetown**

**HOURS OF GOLD, HOURS OF LEAD**

By Edith Schaefer

In March one needs copious doses of cheerfulness, if only to recover from February. For some of us February is a whispering. Did you know that Mercury was in retrograde for several weeks in January and the early part of February? You don’t have to be an astrologer to know that strange things go on for no apparent reason.

I didn’t know about Mercury retrograde until a few days ago when I went to a lunch date a week too early. Then I spaced another engagement entirely, then the TV went on the fritz, then other communication flubs. Of course none of this was my fault (of course it was). Mercury’s fault.

Here is some advice from the retrograde chair.

**CONCERT KICK-OFF PARTY THURSDAY MARCH 12 AT THE GEORGETOWN CLUB**

By Hannah Isles, Concerts Chair

Concerts 2015 season is shaping up to be another great year. The busy schedule of the George Town Club is hosting a cocktail event for this year’s Concerts in the Parks annual Kick-Off Party on Thursday, March 12th from 6:30 to 8:30. Attendees will be treated to adult beverages, nibbles and live music. The proceeds from this annual fundraiser help pay for the concerts and family activities. The 2015 season promises to be among the best we have had thanks to the generosity of our loyal sponsors and the dedication of our hard working committee, including: Hannah Isles, Jennifer Altus, Robin Baker, Betty Cooley, Renee Esfandiary, Kelly Doolan, Jessica Heywood, Kathleen Jenkins, Michelle Koromo, Amy Kuhnert, Leslie Mayaux, Elizabeth Miller, Erin Mullan, Tina Nadler, Ginny Poole, Shannon Pryor, Jennie Reno, Colman Riddell, Reagan Smith, Eiko Sobansky, Elena Tomsik, Madeline Wade, Dorothy Williams and Zephyie. They’re there a lot and we feel good about that.

The Concerts in the Parks series continues to draw ever larger crowds of families and friends of all ages from the Georgetown community. and beyond because of the great bands, fun family activities, free treats and recent addition of food trucks. The 2015 season promises to be among the best we have had thanks to the generosity of our loyal sponsors and the dedication of our hard working committee, including: Hannah Isles, Jennifer Altus, Robin Baker, Betty Cooley, Renee Esfandiary, Kelly Doolan, Jessica Heywood, Kathleen Jenkins, Michelle Koromo, Amy Kuhnert, Leslie Mayaux, Elizabeth Miller, Erin Mullan, Tina Nadler, Ginny Poole, Shannon Pryor, Jennie Reno, Colman Riddell, Reagan Smith, Eiko Sobansky, Elena Tomsik, Madeline Wade, Dorothy Williams and Zephyie.

**Every Dog Will Have Its Day**

By Craig Wilson

Q: What’s your breed known for? What’s the personality?
A: We’re very cheerful and silly and playful. We’re known to know about other dogs.

Q: You seem very much the west side. So you prefer Volta Park over Rose Park?
A: I’ve been to Rose Park many times, but I’m a Volta guy.

Q: And who are your friends at Volta?
A: I like larger dogs. Great Danes are fun. And when they lie down I like to lie over the top of them.

Q: Something more serious? A girlfriend?
A: There’s a standard poodle who loves me. Zephyie. She’s an older woman.

Q: Do you have a favorite toy?
A: A tiny stuffed bear. I take a lot of my toys and eat them. But I like to play with my beat by myself and then throw it. Then I’ll shake my head and throw it again. I spend a lot of time running in circles. I also like socks, both on and off people.

Q: Do you do tricks?
A: No. I don’t really do “tricks.”

Q: Favorite food?
A: No. Not really. I get a little breakfast sugar on and off people.

Q: Do you watch much TV?
A: I love to see dogs on TV. When I do I bark at them. I’m not sure they can hear me though.

Q: What else do you do for entertainment?
A: There’s an LGB train that runs around the yard out back. I think it’ll be fun to chase it in the spring. Do you think it’s alive?

Q: Other than this train, what do you like best about living in Georgetown?
A: All the dogs in the park. And the people are friendly too. Nina and John wonder about my loyalty since they think I could easily just go wander away with a stranger.

Q: Would you?
A: No. We dogs are known for our unconditional love.

Think your Georgetown dog has something to say? Contact Craig Wilson for an exclusive interview at craigwilsononolive@gmail.com.

**Coo TIP**

Turn off computers at night. By turning off your computer rather than leaving it in sleep mode, you can save 40 watt hours per day. Set it to turn on automatically a few minutes before you get to work or boot up while you’re pouring your cup o’ joe. Simple things make a difference!

— Lee Child

**George Town Garden Club**
**HYDE ADDISON SCHOOL EXPANDING**

**BY JOHN LEVER**

Hyde Addison, parent member of the School Improvement Team and CAG Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee

The Hyde Addison Elementary School, located at 3219 O Street, is our local Georgetown public school. It currently serves approximately 335 students from Georgetown and the District. The city, DC Public School System and Department of General Services modernized the Hyde building circa 1800, in 2014. The effort kept all the external historical features of the building and brought the entire campus up to modern educational standards.

As CAG, ANC2E and the Hyde Addison PTA have repeatedly pointed out, the campus still lacks a much-needed gym, a reasonably sized cafeteria, a multimedia room and classrooms for music and the arts. The city has budgeted 15 million dollars for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for an expansion to meet these needs and to increase enrollment to 400 students over the next five years.

Hyde Addison is a solid performing DC Public School with DC CAS scores in reading and math at 80% proficiency. Just over 38% of its students are "in-boundary," that is, coming from within Georgetown's borders. However, there is an undeniable increasing trend of young families living and raising children here in Georgetown. The latest US Census data projects the number of young children less than 12 years of age to double by 2015 in our Census Tracks compared to ten years ago. Even an unscientific assessment of the stroller traffic on any given morning points in that direction. This explosive growth has exceeded Hyde Addison's sizing capacity.

The ANC, CAG, the Hyde Addison PTA and the School Improvement Team (SIT) have actively pursued an expansion since October 2010. As with all major development projects in Georgetown, there are important historical implications involved.

The project has just received final concept approval from the Old Georgetown Board and the US Commission of Fine Arts (http://www.cfa.gov/records-research/project-search/cfa-22jan15-5). The approved concept entails an underground gym and a modest third building located between the Addison and Hyde buildings with a unified entrance, a cafeteria, a media room and rooms for music and the arts. The addition will also allow for expansion of pre-K early childhood programs.

The Department of General Services plan is for construction to start in October 2015 due to budget timing. Although construction will include a large dig that will close off the school's playground, steps are in place to allow for on-going school operations and safe travel between the buildings. Ward 2 Councilmember Evans and the DC Council are working with Mayor Bowser's administration and the Department of General Services in an attempt to begin construction at a June 2015 start while school is out of session for the summer.

Below: Proposed design for the Hyde Addison School.

**THE EVOLUTION OF A BUILDING**

**BY TOPHER MATTHEWS**

The most interesting item from February's ANC meeting was the future of the old Nathan's Building. Anthony "Ankie" Barnes, of Barnes Vance Architects, presented a stunning renovation of the historic building and won approval from the commission.

Barnes took the commission and the audience through a fascinating history of this prominent building. It was built during the Civil War. No photos exist of what it looked like in its original form, but it is likely that the second two stories have been hardly touched and probably reflect what the first floor looked like. Barnes, however, did have a series of photos showing the dramatic changes that the first floor underwent during the 20th century.

The next dramatic change occurred in the forties when a neon sign was installed on the corner. Also, a metallic streamlined façade, resembling a diner, was applied to the first floor, which became the Heon's restaurant. The Heon family lived upstairs.

Starting in the fifties, an unfortunate brick treatment was applied to the first floor. This started the long slow decline of the building.

In the 1920s, the first floor was dramatically changed to include box windows, common through commercial corridors in DC at the time. Small balconies were added to the north and west facades for use by the upper floors. The original entrance, which was once on Wisconsin Avenue, was rebuilt on the corner. These changes were made by the Heon family, who purchased the building with the intention of increasing the retail use of the first floor. For many years a pharmacy operated there.

The likely tenant is Under Armour, although Barnes stated that the decision isn't final yet. Many people would prefer a liveelier, less-suburban mall use for the property. It's heartbreaking to remember the charm and community created by a great tavern like Nathan's. But it will be a splendid restoration—a building more beautiful than most anyone still alive has ever seen it.

**DOG TAG BAKERY...A GREAT PLACE TO START THE DAY**

**BY V.V. HARRISON**

The Dog Tag Bakery at 3206 Grace Street is a new and innovative addition to our village. Opened three months ago, it was the brainchild of Father Rick Curry, a Jesuit priest who teaches at Georgetown, and Connie Milstein a local attorney and philanthropist. The idea behind the bakery, housed in a modern, well-equipped, handicapped accessible building, is to provide an opportunity for wounded veterans to establish themselves in civilian life as small business owners and managers. The Vets are given opportunities to work in the bakery in various capacities, while taking an intensive six month course at Georgetown, structured to expose them to all aspects of running a business. The first class of ten has already graduated and according to Simone Borisov, Director of Development, the bakery has been inundated with requests by future applicants. The bakery offers an appetizing variety of coffees, sandwiches, and baked goods, including scones, bagels, pastries, breads and desserts. The bread is baked on premises, many of the receipts coming from a book called Secrets of Jesuit Bread Making, by Father Rick Curry, which incidentally has sold over a million copies.

Another unique aspect of the Dog Tag is the unusual chandelier hanging near the tables and banquettes, made up of dog tags printed on a vintage dog tag machine. You can have one made up for a $125.00 donation to honor a vet, or anyone else for that matter. I bought one in memory of my father, who served in WWII, and soon it will be added to the already impressive dog tag collection dangling from the ceiling.

So please visit Dog Tag, grab a coffee and a bite of something delectable, and support a terrific cause. You can also order from their menu on the internet at dogtagbakery.org.

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VOLUNTEERS AND PART-TIME SEASONAL GARDENER NEEDED!

Tudor Place is looking for volunteers to help support the garden staff with the upkeep of our 5½ acre historic estate. Volunteer days are currently Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Garden volunteers can expect a wide range of general tasks including weeding, mulching and pruning. Volunteering requires the ability to work within a group setting, as well as work independently. This is an excellent opportunity for new gardeners and those who have been gardening for years to learn about horticulture and the challenges of landscape preservation.  

For more information, please contact Suzanne Bouchard at (202) 965-0400 x111 or email sbouchard@tudorplace.org.  

Tudor Place is also seeking a part-time seasonal garden assistant for March through October. This position requires a good amount of flexibility, stamina and willingness to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions. Some experience with hand and power landscape tools is required. Pruning skills and knowledge of invasive plant material is a plus! Tasks include: weeding, watering, mulching, raking, debris removal and other responsibilities as assigned. Go to www.tudorplace.org for job description and how to apply for this position.

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CAG has become a consulting party to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Potomac River Stormwater Retention Tunnel. The EIS will study several alternatives for the tunnel, including capacity and alignment.

The tunnel is a major element of DC Water’s long-term plan to abate and eliminate combined sewer overflows into the Potomac River in Georgetown. There are six overflows currently, stretching from the foot of 30th Street to west of the Washington Canoe Club, near the Canal Road entrance to Georgetown University. The EIS will be prepared by DC Water working with the National Park Service.

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