The 2017 Georgetown Gala is shaping up to be our best party ever, so plan to join us on Saturday, October 21 at the Four Seasons. Our theme is “Streets of Georgetown” showcasing Georgetown’s unique combination of history, style and allure. You will have a chance to show off your street.

The gala committee, chaired by Michelle Korsmo, Colman Riddell and Amy Porter Stroh, is planning a special evening that will include cocktails, a high-end silent auction, a phenomenal dinner buffet, a cigar bar on the terrace, and live music from the band, For The Win, one of DC’s premiere party bands, which will have us dancing in the streets.

The high-end silent auction will include: vacations in Paris, Costa Rica, San Francisco and Aspen; Wizards courtside seats; a dinner party for eight by Susan Gage Catering; a rooftop party catered by Via Umbria; artwork from Sidney Lawrence; a Progressive Poolside Party; a high-end wine pull complete with SCOUT bags; and dinner with author Kitty Kelley. Check CAG’s website for details and the most up-to-date listing.

Additional corporate and individual sponsorships are welcome; contact the CAG office at cagmail@cagtown.org. Sponsorship information, as well as gala tickets for purchase, can be found on the CAG website at www.cagtown.org.

Please plan to attend this highlight-of-the-year event. For more information, or to be included on the mailing list, call 202-337-7313.

I look forward to seeing you there.
“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:

Citizens Association of Georgetown
Concerts in the Park
Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy
Friends of Book Hill Park Reception
Friends of Montrose Park
Friends of Rose Park

Friends of Volta Park
Georgetown House Tour (St. John’s)
Georgetown Jingle
(Georgetown University Hospital)
Hyde-Addison Elementary School Gala
Tudor Place
The CAG Gala “Streets of Georgetown” will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel on October 21 between 7 to 11 p.m. Join our members and honored guests attending this black-tie event, there is still plenty of time to purchase your tickets for the Gala! There will be elegant food, libations, and featuring one of DC’s premiere party bands, For The Win. It is certainly an event that you will not want to miss.

The Trees for Georgetown fundraising party was held on Sunday, September 10th at the Cafritz residence on a wonderful end of summer evening. Georgetown continues to need Trees for Georgetown as they provide our community with a wide variety of tree species for the tree boxes. CAG’s Betsy Emes has worked diligently to plant a variety of species in conjunction with the DC Urban Forestry Administration and Casey Trees. Each tree costs approximately $1000 to purchase, plant, and professionally install regulation wrought iron fences around each tree. We encourage residents who live around new trees to insure that the tree boxes are watered.

On September 12, we welcomed new members who have joined CAG at the Georgetown Town Club. We want to encourage as many residents to join CAG in order to strengthen our programs and community.

CAG’s Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee protects against modifications to properties that are not approved by the Old Georgetown Board and the Commission of Fine Arts. The West Heating Plant is one exceptional case where the Commission of Fine Arts is reviewing modifications to the most recent plan. This project will also need to obtain approval from the DC Historic Preservation Review Board, where demolition of the north, south and east sides of the building will need to be approved.

Bob vom Eigen, PRESIDENT

WELCOME, JACOB!

CAG welcomes our newest full time Community Programs Manager Jacob Schmidt! Jacob has lived in D.C. for the past 5 years and recently graduated from American University with a degree in international relations, but his passion is community programing and development. Jacob is excited to work with Georgetown residents and the wonderful community CAG fosters through their numerous programs.

SAVE THE DATE

Georgetown Gala

Saturday, October 21, The Four Seasons
2800 Pennsylvania Ave

UPCOMING CAG MEETINGS

CAG Community Meeting
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Georgetown Gala The Streets of Georgetown
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ANC 2E November Meeting
Monday, Nov 6 – Georgetown Visitation, 6:30pm, Heritage Room, 2nd floor 35th St at Volta Place NW

Watch for announcements and updates on cagtown.org/meetings and facebook.com/georgetowncitizens
GEORGE TOWN CLUB
HOSTS NEW NEIGHBORS

On September 12th CAG staff, members, and friends gathered at the luxurious George Town Club to welcome new Georgetown neighbors. The evening celebrated active residents and highlighted the important work of that CAG does to build a strong and organized Georgetown community. CAG would like to thank esteemed realtor Nancy Taylor Bubes and the George Town Club for being generous hosts and making the New Resident Reception possible.

The Collerans, Leefer-Kim, and Healys families enjoy the evening out meeting new neighbors.

CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGETOWN
2017 PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION

- All donations are fully tax deductible -

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___ Yes, I/We will be a CUSTODIAN of safety in Georgetown by donating $325

All contributors receive full program benefits.

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___ Check here if you have also included your 2017 CAG membership dues. (Dues are $55 individuals; $75 couples or families; $75 businesses or associate members.)

PAYMENT (all donations are fully tax-deductible)

$____ Public Safety Donation 2017

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You may also donate online: www.cagtown.org and click on Public Safety Program

___ I/We do not want my/our names listed as a supporter(s) of the CAG Public Safety Program

___ I/We would like the CAG patrol guard to call and or stop by our house to introduce himself

___ I/We am interested in becoming a Public Safety Block Captain or joining the Public Safety Committee

Please return to: Citizens Association of Georgetown, Suite 200, 1365 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20007 – 202-337-7313

EcoTip

ONCE AND DONE!

If you think plastics are fine to buy because they can be recycled, think again. Most of the time plastic is recycled into a fabric because it is no longer recyclable after one use. The shoe or sweater made from plastic bottles can’t be thrown into your blue bin. It ends up in landfill for eternity! So think again before buying plastics.

Remember, it’s a once and done process!

— LEE CHILD
Georgetown Garden Club
WEST HEATING PLANT: UPDATE

Walter Groszyk

The below two renderings of the former West Heating Plant (WHP) on 29th Street reflect the latest design by the architect, Sir David Adjaye. Both perspectives are from 29th Street looking east.

In May, Adjaye was asked by the Commission of Fine Arts to produce a bolder design. This latest rendition is a glass box encased in a steel exoskeleton. The steel is rusted, referencing both the rusted industrial elements inside and outside the existing building and the red brick so prevalent in Georgetown. A system of mechanical steel shutters on the north and south facades allow light to enter the individual condominiums. The base of the west façade, the façade facing 29th Street, is significantly altered. The entrance will be recessed, and the entrance will be flanked by large windows. A large steel beam will frame the base of the brick façade rising above; the buff-colored brick of the existing façade on this side of the WHP is retained.

The Commission of Fine Arts asked that the landscape architect, Laurie Olin, design a park that was less “suburban” in appearance, and more reflective of lower Georgetown’s industrial past. In response, Mr. Olin has materially changed some elements from the previous version.

The Commission reviewed the latest designs on September 20. A review by the District’s Historic Preservation Review Board is scheduled for November 2.

PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS

As Georgetown residents return from vacations to the country and abroad, the Public Safety Committee wants to remind everybody to be safe while running errands around town!

On the Town?
- Don’t leave personal, sensitive, or valuable items in your car
- If valuables are in your car, hide them from plain view and lock up
- Lock your bicycles or car, even if you are only running a quick errand
- The car “club” is one of the most effective auto theft prevention methods
- When buying expensive items, it is always safer to dispose of the box in a discrete manner
- Be aware of your surroundings while walking

See Something?
- Make sure the suspicious behavior is dangerous or illegal, do not call MPD on a hunch
- When reporting be specific and clearly explain the actions and situation
- If an incident is in progress dial 911 immediately
- Text (50411) if there is an incident, texting is anonymous and you can send pictures

CAG promotes public safety by organizing and engaging neighbors as well as hiring a CAG Security Officer to make a more safe and comfortable neighborhood for everybody. If you have not donated to the Public Safety Program this year, consider joining today and receive donor benefits through 2018!

View of the revised design for the former West Heating Plant, looking from 29th St.

Another view of the revised design looking from 29th St.
CAG neighbors and supporters gathered under a gorgeous greens-themed tent in the garden of Calvin and Jane Caffritz’s R St. home on Sept. 10th to celebrate Trees for Georgetown’s annual fundraising party. Live music lent a festive air while guests enjoyed raw bar appetizers and drinks, including a specialty cocktail designed for the event. Committee Chair Betsy Emes thanked hosts, patrons and guests as well as Georgetown resident Deb Johns of Scout, for providing the Trees tote bags guests took home along with tiny gift wrapped trees for planting in their gardens. The Trees event funds over 60 trees planted annually in Georgetown as well as arborist services and ironwork tree boxes.

JOIN NOW... WHY WAIT?

Lisa Koches
In September we hosted a reception to introduce new neighbors to CAG. As Board members we are always enthusiastic about CAG. It was a delight to have them share the same enthusiasm and become members.
Many of you know our fabulous Gala will be held October 21. When purchasing tickets, you have the option of joining CAG and receiving a discount on your Gala ticket. I hope everyone will take advantage of this offer. And I also hope you will encourage your friends who are attending to do the same.
Becoming a CAG member means supporting an organization that works for you. Georgetown is your home. Whether it is your first home or your fifth home in Georgetown, it does not matter. You are an integral part of an amazing community. CAG wants to make it the best-place village possible!
So please join or renew now...don’t wait. It’s easy to do online, by mail or by phone. Your dollars help keep our trees blooming, our streets safe, and our village vibrant!
CAG participated in Georgetown University's 5th annual Community Day held on the Healy lawn on Sept. 16th. Amidst the festivities which included a giant inflatable slide, grilled hotdogs and burgers, makeovers from Smashbox, kids fingerprinting with MPD's Officer Atkins, a firetruck, facepainting and many other family friendly activities were tables representing a wide variety of neighborhood organizations including ANC 2E, Georgetown Village, Georgetown Ministry Center and many GU departments and student activity clubs.

GEORGETOWN’S POTEMKIN VILLAGE

Prince Potemkin erected the fronts of fake villages along the banks of the Dnieper River to fool Russia’s ruler, Catherine the Great. On the east side of the 1300 block of Wisconsin Ave., we have our own version of a Potemkin Village. The one-story shop fronts are preserved, paper covering the back of the windows masks any view of the rear. The above photo reveals the rear of these two shops no longer exists. Redevelopment is underway.
THANK YOU

to our sponsors, neighbors, friends, attendees, and everyone who participated in the 2017 Concerts in the Parks series. Our 15th season was a rousing success!

May 21st | Presented by TTR Sotheby's

June 18th | Presented by Compass Realty

July 9th | In partnership with Friends of Rose Park
SHOW YOUR BLOCK PRIDE

CLEAN BLOCK COMPETITION

Patrick Clawson, Trash and Rodents Committee

In November, the winners of the semi-annual Clean Block competition will be announced. Residents of the gold- and silver-medal winning blocks will be eligible for a lottery of fun prizes; after last year’s inaugural competition, more than 20 tickets to Nationals games were distributed. Placards congratulating the winners will be up for about a month in several tree boxes on the cleanest blocks.

This competition is one of the activities of the Georgetown Community Partnership (GCP) between Georgetown University and neighboring community groups, including CAG. It is run by the GCP’s Environment and Landlord Issues (ELI) group, which will be walking the West Georgetown streets in October to see which blocks go over and above the requirements of D.C. Municipal Regulations (DCMR). Those requirements include storing trash cans outside of public space, putting out trash only in cans (not trash bags), securing the lids on the cans, putting cans on the curb only the evening before pickup day (remember that slides a day if there is a holiday earlier in the week), cleaning gutters 18 inches into the street, and keeping tree boxes neat, without tall weeds.

These rules do more than keep the neighborhood looking better: they also directly reduce our rat problem. Trash in bags and trash can lids left open merely invites rats to help themselves to easy-to-get food. The University runs a mandatory orientation for undergraduates living off campus about DCMR and the even tougher University rules. It also provides services to help students meet those rules, such as its daily patrols of West Georgetown streets picking up tons of trash a year, and its “winter houses” throughout the neighborhood where snow shovels and ice melt are available. The University’s Office of Neighborhood Life regularly monitors our streets, and students violating the standards are hauled before the Student Conduct board. Several years ago, hundreds of students a semester were subject to community service or fines. The numbers are now down as the word has gotten out that the University means business about its standards.

The Clean Block competition is a good opportunity for student and non-student residents to talk with each other about the common problem of rats and trash. ELI designed the competition to reward those helping the community, a pleasant complement to the University’s penalties for those not living up to standards. To learn more about the competition, check out tinyurl.com/gucleanblock. ELI runs a similar competition in Burleith at the same time.

STAY INFORMED

POST RECOMMENDATIONS

JOIN THE GEORGETOWN FORUM TODAY!

Email to Join:
georgetownforum-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

The GeorgetownForum is a listserv/website where residents and community leaders can seek and exchange information on safety, local events, local businesses and services.

Please feel free to add to our links page, upload documents or files, or create new polls on the site.
COMMUNITY EVENTS AND CALENDAR

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Wed Oct 11    Georgetown Heritage Canal Public Meeting: The James Corner Field Operations team will be back to share initial design ideas for C&O Canal. Event details forthcoming. For background and information, visit http://www.georgetownheritage.org/www.georgetowngardenclubdc.org

Fri Oct 13    Art in the Garden at Tudor Place

Thurs Oct 19  Georgetown Ministry Center presents: Spirit of Georgetown

Sat Oct 21    Georgetown Gala: The Streets of Georgetown at the Four Seasons will showcase Georgetown’s unique combination of history, style and allure. Join us, purchase tickets

Sun Oct 22    St. John’s Concert Series: Washington National Opera 5pm at St John’s Episcopal Church, 3240 O Street. Join us for a celebration of the indelible and lasting impact Bernstein’s work had on American culture through the Broadway stage.

PLANNING AHEAD

Thurs – Sat Nov 2 – 4 Georgetown Design District Fall Days of Design: This three-day event invites interior designers, design enthusiasts and shoppers alike to visit 20+ participating design and home furnishings stores in the Georgetown Design District for new collection launches, trunk shows and design consultations. More information will be available soon on our website. For a list of shops, visit http://www.georgetowndc.com/georgetown-design-district/

Mon Nov 6    ANC 2E November Meeting at Georgetown Visitation, 6: 30pm.Heritage Room, 2nd floor 35th St at Volta Place NW

Sat Nov 26    St. John’s Concert Series: Etherea Vocal Ensemble at St John’s Episcopal Church, 3240 O Street. Begin your holidays early with celestial sounds by candlelight!

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7–11 PM
The Four Seasons
2800 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Visit cagtown.org/gala for tickets and information.