Georgetown Real Estate Experts at CAG Meeting October 16

CAG will meet on Tuesday, October 16, at the recently re-opened Tony and Joe’s Seafood Place to hear three top real estate professionals discuss the Georgetown real estate market.

Tom Anderson of Washington Fine Properties, Stacy Berman of Long & Foster, and Michael Rankin of TTR Sotheby’s International Realty will be on hand to talk about the “ins and outs” of Georgetown real estate and what residents should know about buying and selling in our neighborhood. Always a popular subject of conversation — and often serious interest — these three people who are central to the real estate scene in Georgetown will also share stories about some outrageous sales, fabulous properties and some of the people who looked at them.

Tony and Joe’s, on the waterfront in the Washington Harbour complex at 3000 K (30th and K Streets), is graciously hosting the CAG meeting. They have just re-opened following an extensive renovation necessitated by flood damage last year. Owner Tony Cibel reports that they have a new menu and a new chef — David Stein from Bistro St. Michael’s. Manager Greg Casten and Dave Pera — and Georgetown residents — are very happy to have this popular restaurant back up and running.

Bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy the river view and see the newly redesigned fountains at Washington Harbour. The reception begins at 7pm followed by the panel program starting at 7:30. Don’t miss this excellent opportunity to hear the “good, the bad and the ugly” about real estate in our unique community.

Georgetown Puts on the Glitz at Russian Embassy

You are invited for an evening of Putting on the Glitz at the Embassy of Russian Federation when Honorary Chairs Ambassador and Mrs. Sergey Kislyak open the Embassy doors once again to support the Citizens Association of Georgetown as hosts of the Georgetown Gala. Friday, October 26, from seven until eleven, will be an evening of Russian caviar and vodka, elegant dining and dancing, and community celebration.

The evening’s Honorary Chairs are Ambassador and Mrs. Sergey Kislyak along with Senator and Mrs. Roy Blunt, Senator John Kerry and Teresa Heinz, Senator and Mrs. Joe Lieberman, the Honorable Selwa “Lucky” Roosevelt, Georgetown University President John J. DeGioia, Mark Ein, and Hugh Newell Jacobsen.

The evening will honor Pamela and Richard deC. Hinds for their years of work promoting historic preservation and public safety in Georgetown.

Gala co-chairs Nancy Taylor Bubes, Michele Evans, and Patrice Miller have planned a magnificent evening. Guests will be greeted by the enchanting tenor voices of the Georgetown Chimes on the elegant staircase. Gaming tables await featuring roulette, black jack, a cash wheel, and craps. Individual winners will be entered into drawings for prizes including dinner for ten at Café Milano, a George Town Club guest membership, a one-night stay and Sunday brunch at the Four Seasons, and a Bentley from Euro Motors for a weekend (and you can pose for a photo with said Bentley at the Embassy entrance). Strolling entertainers dressed as the card deck royals will be on hand to share some luck at the gaming tables. And, of course, the Gala would not be complete without a fabulous dance band – Big Ray and the Kool Kats are lined up and ready to go.

Georgetowners Joe and Pat Lonardo will be the spirited auctioneers for a short but spectacular live auction. Items

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Fall has arrived. What a lovely — and busy — time of year. At my day job we are wrapping up the National Book Festival. And at CAG we are putting the finishing touches on the Georgetown Gala. You should have received your invitation to join us at the Russian Embassy on Friday, October 26. The evening looks to be spectacular. We have a fabulous auction planned — and Pat and Joe Lonardo have agreed to be our auctioneers. You will have the chance to bid on a week in Le Moulin de Boursac — a seven bedroom renovated 18th century house in the French town of Vence. And thanks to committee member, Susan Dimarco, you can continue your European adventure in Florence with a one week stay in a luxurious two bedroom apartment with stunning views from the outdoor terrace. If you would prefer to head south you have a chance with a one week stay at Rancho La Puerta. Spa connoisseur, Ada Polla, raves about this renowned fitness spa in Mexico. Or how about five nights in a gorgeous penthouse condo at Deer Valley? And we once again are offering the Georgetown Scavenger Hunt Dinner thanks to Constance Chatfield-Taylor, Colleen Girouard, Jackie Pletcher, and Florence Auld who will lead 30 guests on a merry romp through Georgetown searching for clues in mysterious places. With cocktails before and a full dinner after this makes for a memorable outing. Consult your friends. Get your cadres together. You won’t want to miss this chance.

Georgetown’s Business Improvement District (BID) hosted Fashion Night Out in early September. It was an exciting night featuring lots of shopping, oodles of cocktail parties, a pop up disco in the PNC parking lot, and the balloon lady. Fashionistas were out in force. It was just another reminder of what I love about Georgetown. To that end I feel like I need to remind everyone to shop and eat at Georgetown’s local businesses. If we want to keep this important aspect of our community we need to do all that we can to help. Instead of running to the mall or going online, pop down the street and get a special something for that special someone — and treat yourself while you’re there! I try to spend at least $50 a week in a locally owned business. And take advantage of CAG’s Merchant Discount Program which offers our members discounts at many neighborhood shops. See the list at www.cagtown.org. You can get a discount on a special bottle of wine, an antique tea set, wrinkle removing eye cream, picture frames, even a couch. While you are out you can get your hair cut, grab dinner, and get the dog washed. It is imperative for all of us to show how much our local retailers mean to us. Georgetown will not be the same if we only have national chains lining Wisconsin & M Streets.

A big welcome to Joe Sternlieb, the new CEO of the Georgetown Business Improvement District — popularly known as “the BID.” Joe has experience in both the public and private sectors, ranging from his most recent post as Vice President of Acquisitions for EastBanc and serving as Deputy Director of the nation’s third largest BID — the Downtown DC BID. As President of CAG, I am a (non-voting) member of the BID board, I know that CAG has a good working relationship with the Georgetown BID and I look forward to getting to know Joe!

— Jennifer Altemus

Georgetown Library October Film Series

The Georgetown Library is showing free films in the large lower-level meeting room every Tuesday at 6pm. Films range in rating from PG to R and here is the line-up:

- **Oct. 2** — *The Purple Rose of Cairo* (1985); Rated PG, 82 minutes.
- **Oct. 9** — *Waiting for Guffman* (1996); Rated R, 84 minutes.
- **Oct. 16** — *Shakespeare in Love* (1998); Rated R, 122 minutes.
- **Oct. 23** — *Somewhere* (2010); Rated PG, 98 minutes.
- **Oct. 30** — *Hugo* (2011); Rated PG, 127 minutes.

No advance reservation is required.
Our Splendid Season

John Keats wrote an ode about the charms of autumn, calling it a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. It’s a lovely time of year here. We don’t seem to have the mists but we have plenty of mellow fruitfulness. In our yard there is a pear tree that produces a truly staggering number of inedible pears. People used to tell me that if I cooked them and made pear preserves they would be edible. This suggestion was met with such barely disguised hostility that no one says it anymore. However our tree earns its keep in the spring when it is a cloud of bloom, a sight to behold. At this time of year it rains down so many huge rock solid pears that we can’t go out without a hard hat. But as we don’t actually own a hard hat, soon you will read “Georgetown residents fall victim to aggressive pear tree.”

That’s our yard. The neighbor’s yard features locust trees that produce large brown beans, maybe seven or eight inches long and made of some indestructible material. The word biodegradable does not apply here. They make a rattling noise when they fall and there are many of them. But the locusts are lovely tall trees and in the spring are full of warblers passing through, for that we will forgive them anything.

There is abundance everywhere: walnuts and Osage oranges in Montrose Park, berries galore, beautiful berries on Viburnums, berries on plants that one didn’t even know had berries. And wildlife. We have boring ordinary squirrels, snappy black squirrels, blue jays, crows, Carolina wrens, woodpeckers, doves and of course the rest of the usual suspects. We used to have possums, but the terrier did them in. In Georgetown nature is truly red in tooth and claw. In our small plot there is as much going on as if it were 100 acres in the Blue Ridge. I keep expecting to see cows.

So what can we harvest from all this abundance? Asian ladies can sometimes be seen collecting ginkgo nuts from neighborhood sidewalks, but most of us don’t know what to make of them. You will notice that in spite of all this life — animate and inanimate — we actually do not produce a lot to eat.

Fortunately for that we have the Farmer’s Market.

—Edith Schafer
include a week stay in an apartment in the center of Florence; one week for two at the Rancho La Puerta resort and spa in Mexico; and a dramatic penthouse in Utah’s elegant ski resort, Deer Valley.

Gala tickets are $200 for CAG members and $250 for non-members. Funds raised will support our nonprofit Citizens Association of Georgetown which works to enhance our community by actively promoting historic preservation, along with beautification, safety, neighborhood events, communication, and advocacy on a wide range of important issues.

Invitations were mailed in September. To purchase your tickets online, or to become a member of the Citizens Association of Georgetown, go to www.cagtown.org. For more information and/or to request an invitation, please call the CAG office: 337-7313.

NEWSBYTES

Top Chef contestant Spike Mendelson is opening his burger joint Good Stuff Eaternity at the old Crepe Amour space… Vintage secondhand clothing store Annie Creamcheese is closing its M Street location and moving west to Los Angeles … Jill Biden seen jogging through Georgetown with full Secret Service retinue … The Four Seasons is planning to turn the old Lorenzo space next to Bridge Street Books into a wine bar… (The former) Furin’s space will be ShopHouse next year, bringing “fast casual” Asian cuisine to Georgetown … The Dutch clothing store Scotch and Soda is moving into the old Betsy Johnson space… Saloun closed its doors on M Street and Gant, the New Haven preppy clothing store, is moving in.

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The CAG camera program is up and running! We’ve been planning the program for over a year, and started explaining it to CAG members and the public last December. Feedback has been overwhelmingly supportive, so we’re happy to report that the first of the three security cameras in our pilot test has been installed on the west side. Two others (one on the east side and another on the west side) will be installed soon.

Lucky for us that Bill Dean is our neighbor! Bill’s company, M.C. Dean, is one of the country’s top electronic security firms and is generously donating the first two cameras and installation for CAG’s pilot test. We’re pleased to be working with them on the design and maintenance of our system.

CAG’s public safety committee recommended a security camera program for the residential area primarily as a way to deter crime. It’s possible the cameras will also help the police locate and identify criminals as they come into and out of Georgetown. Security camera technology has improved rapidly in recent years and the cameras CAG is testing have the capability of displaying license plate numbers on vehicles even at night. Our expectations about catching criminals are modest; keeping criminals out of Georgetown in the first place is our main goal.

At the same time that the technology has been improving, the price of cameras has fallen. The public safety committee started thinking about cameras several years ago, after the residents on the 3100 block of N Street installed cameras on their block. The N Street residents were led by Chip Dent, who now serves on the CAG public safety committee. Dent’s program showed that the cameras were relatively easy to install and maintain, and that they could garner useful information. After deliberation, the CAG board agreed to earmark funds for 2012 to pay for up to 10 cameras.

In order to protect residents’ privacy, the CAG Board approved a set of procedures to control access to the images collected by the cameras. The cameras will not be monitored. Rather, the images will be stored for about 30 days in the device connected to each camera, after which time they will be overwritten by new images. Camera images can only be viewed or copied (under the supervision of designated CAG administrators) by law enforcement officials on official business or by individuals who have filed a police report. The only images that can be viewed are those associated with a specific place and time where a crime occurred that has been reported to the police or is under investigation by the police. A detailed log will be kept of all instances where images are accessed for maintenance, training, or law enforcement purposes.

In several months the public safety committee will choose the locations for additional cameras, with input from Block Captains. Which reminds me: many Georgetown blocks still do not have a block captain. If yours is one of them, please volunteer to take on this role. It’s easy, and it’s a great way to get to know your neighbors and other interesting folks throughout Georgetown. To volunteer, or to find out more, send me an email at dcolasanto@gmail.com.

—Diane Colasanto
Public Safety Committee
The morning of September 18 marked the completion of the 18-month rehabilitation project of O & P Streets. Mayor Vincent Gray welcomed the crowd and Councilman Jack Evans applauded the completion of the project that was more than 20 years in the making. ANC Commissioner Jeff Jones said the completion was exciting not only in the physical sense but in its symbolic significance with Georgetown’s rich history. “Today we are not only preserving but we are connecting with this past. As early as 1873, horse-drawn railway service ran through these streets. And prior to that, I can imagine workers placing these exact pavers on our streets. This is part of the reason the entire community of Georgetown is designated a National Historic Landmark.”

ANC Commissioner Jeff Jones and wife Robin

Jeff thanked the Mayor, Councilmember Evans, DDOT Director Bellamy and the Federal Highway Administration for a “difficult job well done — and on time!” And Jeff knows because he was the community “point person” on the renovation and spent hours tracking down answers and facilitating communication with neighbors. “Now that all the meetings, early calls, late calls, sidewalk meetings with residents, businesses, agencies, and contractors are done,” he promised his wife, Robin, that he would be able to spend more family time.

ANC Commissioner Jeff Jones also lauded these people and the following for their excellent work: Old Georgetown Board and staff “for their meticulous efforts to assure this project meet the highest standard for historic preservation.”

DDOT’s Khalid Muhammed, Deputy Chief Engineer; Wendy Peckham, Program Manager and Ramesh Mirchandani, Project Manager.

The Temple Group’s Afis Aidowu, Project Manager and Maurice Markos, Chief Inspector.

Capital Paving Of D.C.’s Abel Pereira, Project Superintendent.

Bullock Construction’s Mickey Baker, Project Superintendent.

—Betsy Cooley

The rain did not stop Hazel Denton from singing the praises of the construction crew

Councilman Jack Evans, Mayor Vincent Gray with ANC Commissioners Jeff Jones, Ed Solomon and Ron Lewis; and CAG board members Barbara Downs and Hazel Denton.

Some of the key people behind the O and P Street renovation
New Member Appointed to Old Georgetown Board

Stephen Muse is a new member of the Old Georgetown Board (OGB), the committee of three architects who review design plans of semi-public and private structures within Historic Georgetown. The Old Georgetown Act of 1950 defined the boundaries of the Historic Georgetown District and mandated that the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) appoint a committee to oversee design reviews specifically in Georgetown. Thus, the OGB was created and our historic neighborhood now benefits from its oversight.

Mr. Muse is Senior Principal of Muse Architects. He was formerly associated with Hartman-Cox Architects and the Departments of Architecture of the University of Maryland, Cornell University and Harvard University and has been a member of the Washington Chapter/AIA Board of Directors. Mr. Muse is no stranger to the Old Georgetown Board, having served as a member from 1991 to 2000, including four years as Chairman.

David Cox, FAIA, will serve as Chairman of the OGB. A founding partner of Cox, Graae, & Spack, he has served on several design awards juries and has been an adjunct professor at the GW University Graduate School of Urban Planning. Mr. Cox has experience in architectural renovation and preservation, including work on DAR Constitution Hall. Among his many other projects are the Physical Education and Performing Arts Center at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School.

Anne Lewis continues to serve on the OGB. Ms. Lewis is an architect whose design work is noted for its responsiveness to historical context. She is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects and has received numerous design awards from the AIA and civic groups. From 2003 to 2008, she served as a professional architect member of the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Review Board. A graduate of Harvard University, Anne is a long-time resident of Georgetown.

—Pamla Moore, Historic Preservation & Zoning Committee
Georgetowner Beth Webster Visits Russia

This summer I was selected by the Russian Federation to attend the Forum 2012 Moscow as part of a delegation from across the U.S. sponsored by the Rosсотрудничество, better known as the Russian Cultural Centre. The Forum 2012 Moscow is a continuation of the Russian Cultural Centre’s goal of reacquainting the positive relations between the Russian and American people in the areas of business commerce, education, the arts, athletics and science. The goal of the Russian Cultural Centre is that “Our two nations never again polarize.”

Our group of twenty invited guests had the opportunity to visit several areas of Russia, meet with political leaders from all major political parties, and participate in a variety of meetings and roundtable discussions. We also attended cultural events including the world renowned Russian Ballet, the Moscow Film Festival, a guided tour through the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, and even an 80’s rock concert at the “Night Owls” Biker’s Club House.

As a Georgetown resident, I found there were many similarities between our two “Sister Neighborhoods” of Georgetown and Arbat. Both are considered the most historical areas of their Capital cities, both are located in two very powerful countries, and both play host to a wide variety of top cultural and artistic venues and museums.

Overall, I believe the goal to foster relationships and improve the understanding between the peoples of different countries was met, and I am grateful to CAG President, Jennifer Altemus, for recommending me for this Forum. As a proud Washington area native, I was honored to represent Georgetown at this international forum — it was a once in a lifetime experience.

—Beth Webster
CAG Gala Committee

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(From March 16 through September 26, 2012)

Thanks to the generosity of the following people, CAG has raised three quarters of the required revenue for the 2012 Public Safety Program. We urge everyone else to contribute soon. Detailed information is on the website: www.cagtown.org. You can donate online or simply send your check to CAG made out to CAG Public Safety. All donations are tax deductible.

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Weed Invasion Reaches Canal

Noticed the nasty water in the canal lately? Eurasian water milfoil, an exotic pest that first arrived in the United States in the mid-twentieth century, is proliferating in the canal. Tangled mats of milfoil are clogging the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal near the Wisconsin Avenue bridge. The milfoil is so thick that navigation on the canal is impeded and unsightly trash sits atop the mats of the weed.

In past years, the National Park Service would periodically use a threshing boat to cut, gather the weed, and remove it from the canal. However, with the canal barge ceasing to operate and the substitute canal tour using an electric launch never starting, the milfoil has grown unabated. Milfoil thrives in shallow, slow-moving streams and canals where plant fragments are able to establish roots in the mud. Typically the stems are up to ten feet long, but can grow to thirty or more feet. When milfoil decays and dies, the dissolved oxygen in the water is reduced, and noxious odors can appear.

This aquatic plant is particularly endemic in the Chesapeake Bay tributaries, including the tidal Potomac River. And in these waters, the Eurasian milfoil has become the chosen habitat of another recently arrived pest - the Northern Snakehead fish. At least the snakefish is edible!

What is the solution? The North American weevil, the milfoil weevil, has acquired an appetite for Eurasian milfoil, preferring it to traditional American species of milfoil. There is thus much hope that the weevil will be an effective biological control to the weed that is consuming the canal. So, Bon appétit to our weevil friend.

—Walter Groszyk

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR: Share Your Home Project Plans — It’s Required!

Because we live in a community that has National Landmark designation and is a Historic District, homeowners are required by law to submit for review project plans for home additions, exterior alterations, and repairs. CAG’s Historic Preservation and Zoning committee has spent many hours over the past 18 months working to improve the process of neighbor notification — an urgent priority expressed by many residents.

With the participation of Advisory Neighborhood Council (ANC2E) and the DC Historic Preservation Office, CAG is pleased to bring to your notice the updated ANC2E website that, in one place, gives the homeowner clear directions on the responsibilities associated with exterior additions, alterations, and repairs.

Key is the requirement that “it is the responsibility of the homeowner to notify all affected neighbors and to seek their input.” In fact, an application usually moves through the process in a more timely fashion when, after the homeowner has met with the affected neighbors, letters from the neighbors regarding the project are included in the application.

Go to the ANC website: anc2E.com, and scroll down to the bottom of the home page to PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM, which contains the actual form required by the Old Georgetown Board, as well as the specific steps required by the ANC for its review.

And while you are on the ANC2E web page, sign up to receive the ANC2E meeting agenda monthly via email.

—Pamla Moore, Chair Historic Preservation & Zoning Committee

GU’s SNAP

Georgetown University’s Student Neighborhood Assistance Program – SNAP, for short, is available to immediately respond to neighbors’ concerns about student conduct off campus.

- On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights during the fall and spring semesters from 10pm-3am, Georgetown University staff members, along with private security officers, patrol the West Georgetown and Burleith neighborhoods in a car (each with SNAP decal and a yellow flashing light).
- The SNAP 24/7 Community Hotline (687-8413) is answered by SNAP staff on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights and staff will respond to the site of the report.
- At all other times, the Hotline is answered by the University’s Department of Public Safety, who will notify the Metropolitan Police Department and send a report to the University’s Off Campus Student Life staff for follow up.
- If you would like to follow up on your call the next day, please call 687-5138 or email ocsl@georgetown.edu – both the University and CAG always appreciate details that help us to understand what you experienced.
- Anne Koester is the director of Off-Campus Student Life and her number is 687-3199.
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<td>Old Georgetown Board Meeting; 9am; National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW, #311; visit <a href="http://www.cfa.gov">www.cfa.gov</a> for more information.</td>
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<td>Sat. Oct 6</td>
<td>Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy welcomes volunteers for Weeding in the Park, 9am to 1pm promising “a stimulating, challenging, and fun-filled morning with new friends.” To sign up and learn more, contact Executive Director Ann Aldrich at <a href="mailto:aaldrich@dopark.org">aaldrich@dopark.org</a>.</td>
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<td>Tues. Oct 16</td>
<td>CAG Meeting: The Georgetown Real Estate Scene: Top Brokers Tell All; reception at 7, program at 7:30pm; Tony &amp; Joes Seafood Place, at Washington Harbour, 3000 K Street NW.</td>
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<td>Wed. Oct 17</td>
<td>Spirit of Georgetown Benefit for the Georgetown Ministry Center; hosted by Amy and Mark Tercek, at their home on the corner of 32nd and R Street; 6:30-8:30pm; visit <a href="http://georgetownministrycenter.org">http://georgetownministrycenter.org</a>.</td>
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<td>Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2E) Public Meeting; 6:30pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation; agenda available at <a href="http://www.anc2e.com">www.anc2e.com</a>; call 338-7427 for more information.</td>
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