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Colonial Village and North Portal Estates

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Celebrate!

■ By Rosalyn Coates.

On January 24, we will gather to celebrate the New Year, the end of a hectic holiday season, Ground Hog Day, enduring friendships, new friendships – anything and everything that enhances our collective well-being and the quality of our individual lives!

Celebrate with your neighbors at the 6th Annual Shepherd Park Citizens Association Potluck Dinner on Sunday, January 24 from 5-7 pm at the Lowell School. This is a fantastic opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones and to enjoy a wonderful array of food and good music. We also provide activities for children!

Please come and bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name:

A-I: Bring a side dish or salad
J-Q: Bring a dessert;
R-Z: Bring a main dish.

SPCA will provide beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks.

Formal invitations will be mailed out in early January along with SPCA membership forms. If a new family has moved in your immediate area, please encourage them to attend the Potluck Dinner. We need your help to set up, monitor food and drink tables, monitor games and activities for the young children (ages 3-11), and clean up. To volunteer, contact Rosalyn Coates at (202) 829-6860 or rwil730@aol.com,

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Get Connected in 2010!

■ Article by Barry Hudson. Photo by Ed Savvoir.

When the Shepherd Park Citizens Association starts its new membership year in January, the organization will launch a major membership drive to encourage neighbors to get involved and join the SPCA.

“We would like to have at least 500 members this year,” said Cynthia Prather, SPCA President. “There are over 1,500 households eligible for membership, so getting 500 households to join the organization shouldn’t be a difficult task.”

To help achieve this goal, the SPCA will promote the benefits of membership and the power that our community can generate when neighbors are connected and work



Membership Chair Barry Hudson helps a neighbor “Get Connected” at the November SPCA meeting.

together. SPCA membership is \$20 per household; businesses and community organizations can choose from a variety of membership benefits with dues from \$50 to \$150. Dues help to fund the association’s activities such as this newsletter, the Halloween parade,

potluck dinner, annual community picnic, and welcome baskets for new neighbors.

This year, neighbors will see emails, flyers, and other efforts to remind them of the value their membership provides. In addition, the SPCA is looking at the feasibility of having neighbors pay their dues online. “We really want to get people involved this year,” said Prather. “If this makes it easier for members to pay their dues, it’s worth investigating,” she said.

For more information on joining the SPCA, go to www.shepherdpark.org or contact Barry Hudson, Membership Chair at (202) 487-5950 or blehudson@comcast.net.

SPCA Community Meeting Notes

■ By Cheryl Freeman, Recording Secretary. Photo by Ed Savoir.

October 10 meeting: President Cynthia Prather presented the mission: to improve the quality of life for Shepherd Park residents. The four goals for this year are: increase participation and membership at meetings and activities, more youth involvement and activities, more support of local Georgia Avenue business, and recycling as a local community.

Barry Hudson announced that SPCA had 295 members so far in 2009. Members were encouraged to sign up for 2010 as soon as possible. Bonnie Randolph said that 25 homes had been sold in Shepherd Park since January 2009.

Joe Membrino, past SPCA president, discussed the past issues concerning the development of the Walter Reed property and the types of agencies who could use the land.

Roz Coates passed out index cards for members to write down their questions/concerns for Mayor Fenty for the next meeting. Debbie Gibbs from Lowell School discussed the school's planned expansion and invited the membership to a meeting to further discuss the expansion. Fred Schirrmacher explained the Power of Attorney for Health Care dilemma for people wanting a *Do Not Resuscitate* order in DC.

November 10 meeting: President Cynthia Prather introduced the Board members and Committee chairs. Steve Whatley, the ANC 4A chair, announced that the bill adding college students to their parent's insurance until they are 25 years old is moving forward in the City Council. ANC 4A also awarded Shepherd Elementary School a \$1,500 grant to buy musical instruments. Steve passed out a Walter Reed survey to determine what the community wants done with the Walter Reed property. It will also be re-sent via email.

Dwayne Toliver, ANC 4A01 explained the status of proposed improvements to the Shepherd Field and Caplan Park.

Board members recapped recent/upcoming SPCA activities. Cynthia announced that SPCA has requested that the it be represented on the committee determining the DC part of the Walter Reed changes.

Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser spoke about a pending bill to allow same day voting registration after proving residency and another that would limit property tax increases to 10% if renovations to your home increases the value of your home above 10%. She also stated that the park service is conducting a study of the deer population and actions to decrease the number.



Mayor Fenty talks to a neighbor at the November SPCA meeting.

Mayor Adrian Fenty spoke about the improvements to the basic operations of the city with increased leaf/snow/bulk trash and recycling improvements, continued economic development, and increased bond rating.

When asked, he said that education is a tough topic, and that Michelle Rhee is turning the schools around, decreasing central administration staffing, revamping the warehouses, consolidating schools, increasing graduation rates, and decreasing dropouts. More AP courses are being offered and DC is leading the country with our 4th grade math increase. He agreed the teacher layoff should have been done in June, but that the school budget was then cut during the summer the Council, so Rhee had to cut jobs and that she felt that that action was fair and best for the city. Fenty promised to mention to Rhee the concern of a SPCA member that Shepherd Park students should continue with their friends from Deal to Wilson rather than going on to Coolidge, the current in-boundary high school. Fenty agreed.

The mayor also said that the Recovery Act/Stimulus dollars have increased the number of available jobs, especially around transportation. DC got over 50 million dollars for transportation alone.

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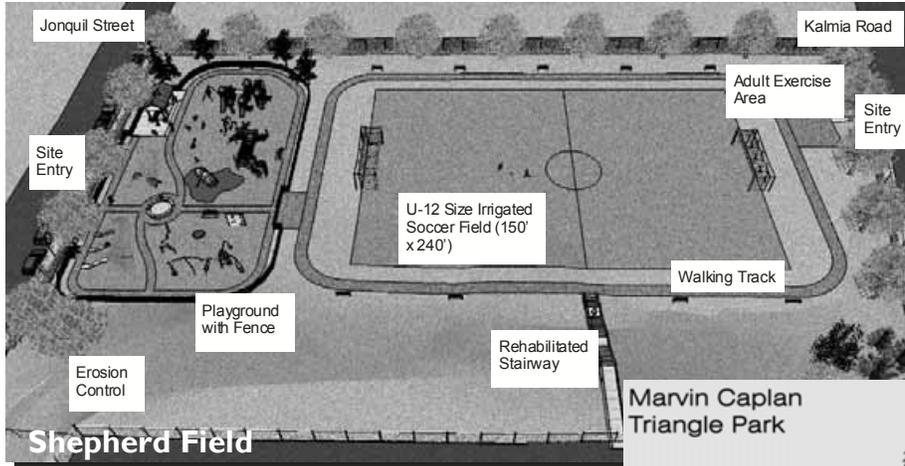
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Shepherd Field and Caplan Park Plans Advance

■ Article by Dwayne Toliver, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 4A02.
 Illustrations courtesy of DC's Department of Parks and Recreation.

At long last, much needed improvements to two properties of the DC Department of Parks and Recreation located in Shepherd Park – Shepherd Field and Marvin Caplan Park – will come to fruition. Many thanks to the community members who provided their time and comments on the proposed improvements in more than 15 meetings since May 2008.

In response to community suggestions, DPR has revised the proposed plans released earlier this year. Under the revised plans for Shepherd Field, the proposed tot lot would be on the Jonquil Street end of the field and enclosed by a 3 foot high fence; no additional

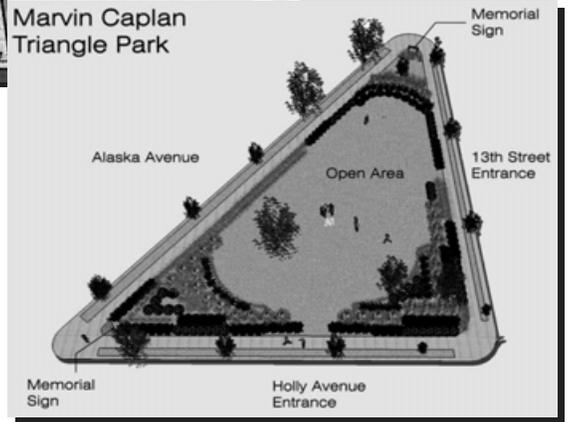


Shepherd Field

lighting would be installed; exercise stations for adults and a small, open-air shelter would be added; the entrances would be landscaped to reduce or eliminate the accumulation of mud; the Jonquil Street entrance would be relocated closer to the school, with a handicap-accessible ramp; and a “youth hill” with an obstacle course or climbing equipment would be located on the northeast corner of the field. As with the earlier plans, in order to accommodate the other improvements, the soccer field and track would be reduced somewhat in size and the hill would remain available for sledding.

At Caplan Park, several varieties of hardy plants, bushes, and trees would be installed along its borders, along with three small climbing boulders, and an entrance gate. You can view the proposed plans for both projects at www.dpr.dc.gov under the “planning and capital projects” heading; printed copies are available at the Shepherd Park Library. We are in the process of establishing a *Friends of Shepherd Field*

group and a *Friends of Caplan Park* group. Each group will participate in refining the proposals and working with DPR and the DC Government with respect to funding, maintenance, public safety, use, and nuisance issues. Pete



Marvin Caplan Triangle Park

Ford is spearheading the formation of the *Friends of Shepherd Field*. Carl Bergman, Herb Scott, and Jack Thomas are leading the formation of the *Friends of Caplan Park*. If you are interested in joining either group, send me your contact information, and I will forward it to those working on the *Friends* groups.

DPR's next step is to hire an architect to prepare drawings and then a contractor for the improvements. Construction is estimated to take eight months. Special thanks go to Councilmember Muriel Bowser, who has obtained FY 2010 funding of \$1.5M for the development of Caplan Park and Shepherd Field. You can reach me at dwaynetoliver@gmail.com or (202) 360-3334.



Calendar of SPCA Events

- **New Years Potluck:**
Sun, Jan 24, 5-7 pm, Lowell School
- **SPCA Community Meeting:**
Tues, Mar 9, 7 pm, Shepherd Elem.
- **SPCA Annual Meeting & Election:**
Tues, May 11, 7 pm, Shepherd Elem.
- **Garden Tour:**
Sun, May 23
- **Yard Sale:**
June 5-6, 9 am-3 pm
- **Picnic:**
June, Lowell field



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Preparing for the Future of Walter Reed

■ Article by Sekou Biddle. Photo from www.wramc.amedd.army.mil.

The *Shepherd Park News* asked some members of the DC Council for their thoughts about the redevelopment of Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

What is important in the planning process for the redevelopment of Walter Reed Army Medical Center to succeed?

At-Large Councilmember David Catania: I look forward to getting additional community input on the development of the Walter Reed campus. I would like to see a successful collaboration between the federal government, the District government, and the surrounding community. This ought to be possible.

In a perfect world, what benefits do you hope the District can gain from developing a portion of the Walter Reed campus?

Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser: The redevelopment of the Walter Reed campus will catalyze economic development in all of Ward 4. And its redevelopment is the first of many pivotal projects for the area.

How would you like to see this site developed?

At-Large Councilmember Kwame Brown: The project needs to maximize benefits to neighborhood residents, like those in Shepherd Park, including retail

shops and restaurants, affordable living, and green space that residents can enjoy with their families.



Oldest Known Photograph of Walter Reed General Hospital, 1909.

In what ways do you believe residents can best support the planning process?

Councilmember Bowser: I encourage residents to visit the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development website at www.dcbiz.dc.gov for updates. Also, I will host community meetings throughout the year to keep the public informed.

What will the role of the Council be in the development of the Walter Reed campus?

Councilmember Kwame Brown: As Chair of the Committee on Economic Development, I will work with Councilmember Muriel Bowser to convene oversight roundtables to provide resi-

dents with an opportunity to articulate their priorities. I will also work with the Mayor's team to participate in the roundtables and help keep residents informed.

How would you suggest residents stay abreast of the planning process for Walter Reed?

Councilmember Bowser: To stay updated, I urge residents to attend ANC and civic association meetings.

Councilmember Kwame Brown: Residents should also share their ideas with the Mayor and his economic development team.

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We think that using photos of members of our community in our print and web publications fosters a greater sense of community. Unless we are notified in writing that you object, photos taken at public events may be used in our publications, including the *Shepherd Park News* and our website, www.shepherdpark.org. Opt-out forms are available at www.shepherdpark.org or from the board president. We do not identify persons under 18 by name without express permission from a parent or legal guardian.

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Meet First United Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic

■ Responses by Co-Pastor Rev. Charles E. Dunn, Jr. Photo by Robert Raymond.

This is the eighth in a series of profiles of our local houses of worship.

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Who is the leadership? Bishop Charlie B. Burroughs, Sr. is the Senior Pastor and Rev. Charles E. Dunn, Jr. is the Co-Pastor.

When are the regularly scheduled services held? We have weekly worship services on Sundays beginning at 9:30 am with our Sunday school hour for all ages, our corporate worship from 11:45 am-2 pm, and our evening worship service from 5-6 pm. Tuesday is corporate prayer from 7-9 pm and Thursday is Bible teaching from 8 pm-9 pm.

Describe your House of Worship. In 1975, *Rehoboth Church* moved from 8th & L Streets, NW to our cur-

rent location under the leadership of Bishop Burroughs. With this move, the church name was changed to *First United Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic*. Our purpose is to worship Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to



the Holy Scriptures. We serve to produce healthy Christian families and quality citizens in their various communities. We strive to impact our communities with reasonable service where we can be of assistance.

What special programs do you offer? We offer a very successful sewing class out of our church, taught by our First Lady, Annie B. Burroughs. We have in-house photography services by Deacon Allen Johnson, Jr. We are in the process of building our

own recording studio designed for live gospel recordings.

Do you sponsor any activities that are open to the community (classes, scouts, etc.)? There is an open invitation to the community to attend any worship service or our outdoor activities. We have annual *Family & Friends Day* and a *Community Day* where we open the doors of the church for the community to come and join in fellowship with us (food, games, health screenings, career seminars, and plenty of fun). Check our website for class and activities schedules.

Neighbor Harold Confer Publishes Fourth Book

Harold Confer, Geranium Street neighbor, has just published his fourth book, *Finding and Creating Saints: Fifty Years of Workcamping*. In paperback, the book describes his experiences in workcamping from his first high school week of digging out after the flood and mudslides of the Marysville Flood in California to his latest home renovation in South Carolina. Along the way he has found many people whose lives have been transformed by offering help and a presence to those who suffered from human and natural disasters. Contact him at hjconfer@att.net for books and further information.

Save the date!

- What:** Annual Shepherd Elementary PTA Auction
- When:** Friday, April 30, 2010, 7-11:30 pm
- Where:** Washington Ethical Society, 16th Street at Kalmia Road
- Who:** YOU!
- Why:** Great time, great fun, and a great cause
- How:** To make a donation of goods or services, to place an ad, or to buy a ticket, email Bianca Bostic at shepherdauktion@live.com.



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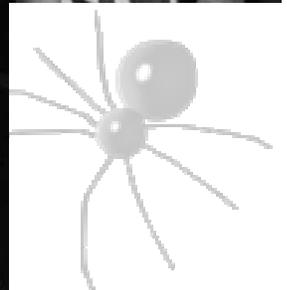
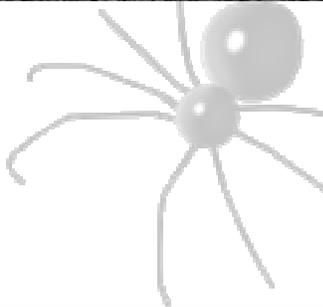
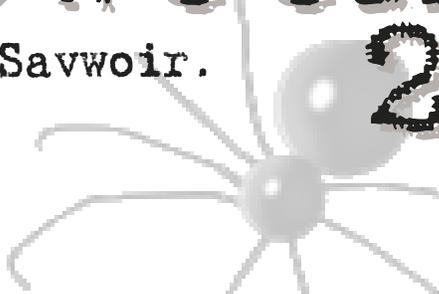
Halloween

■ Photos by Ed Savvoir.

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See more photos at www.shepherdpark.org and at www.VBphoto.shutterfly.com by using the link to: Shepherd Elementary School Activities (password "Mustang" (case sensitive)); proceeds from prints will be donated to Shepherd Elementary).



On the Route with Tony Laws

■ Interview and Photo by Robert Raymond.

Despite overcast skies, the children and parents just kept coming and coming and coming to the **6th Annual Halloween Parade!**

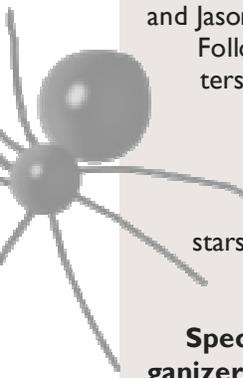
Three hundred glow sticks disappeared like magic. The parade was led by Grand Marshals Shaft (Barry Hudson), Princess Leia, and Luke Skywalker (Sherry and Jason Keene).

Following them were characters of every size and taste – from traditional witches, ghosts and goblins to famous people from Black history, movie stars, an amazing array of animals, and even medical teams!

Special thanks to the organizers, Robert Raymond, Patrick Grobbel, and Mark Pattison, for their enthusiasm and efforts and to Ed Savvoir, the SPCA photographer, for capturing the moments.

Also part of the festivities was the house and pumpkin contest, judged by Cyntia ("ooh, this house looks scary") Pattison and Alix Myerson, a real estate agent who assures all that, despite the haunted nature of some of these domiciles, Shepherd Park is an eminently desirable place to live.

The winner for this year's best decorations and funkiest pumpkins was the Chambers family; the Imbroscios had the best pumpkins, and Tiffany Shannon had the funkiest house decorations.



This is the third in a series of interviews with neighborhood mail carriers.

Tell us a little about yourself. I'm a native Washingtonian. I attended Crummell Elementary, Paul Junior High, Roosevelt High School and UDC. I started with the Postal Service as a carrier in 1987. My entire career has been in "Zone 12," which is Shepherd Park and Colonial Village. My route was in Shepherd Park until two years ago when I moved to my route in Colonial Village.

What is your current route? My route consists of the 1700 block of Kalmia, 1700 block of Holly, 1600 and 1700 blocks of 17th Street, 1800 block of Primrose, 1800-2000 blocks of Parkside Drive, 7900-8200 of West Beach Drive, 1800-2000 blocks of Plymouth, and 1900-2100 blocks of Yorktown, Sudbury Road, Sudbury Lane and Sudbury Place.

What are your significant memories? The anthrax attack in 2001 was the most jarring and lasting event of my career. As you may

recall, two postal employees were killed at the former Brentwood facility, which has been renamed the Curseen-Morris facility after those two employees. I am the safety captain at our Zone 12 station, and the attack changed my role. The mail for us to sort by house came to us from the former Brentwood facility, so my role as safety captain accelerated.

What is your impression of Colonial Village? There is no nicer neighborhood in DC than where I am now. **So, neither snow, nor rain keeps you away?** Correct.

But the heat can get to me. Some people on my route are kind enough to give me cold water on hot days.

Is there anything else that you would like residents to know? My one pet peeve are mail slots that are too small. There are some that have large flaps but very small slots. To the degree that anyone looks to replace mail slots, I would suggest getting ones as large as possible so that we can fit larger pieces of mail through.



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Young Men on the Rise

■ Interview by Sekou Biddle. Photo courtesy of San Miguel School.

Shepherd Park News visited with Brother Francis Eells, principal of San Miguel School of Washington for a question and answer session to learn more about the unique school that moved to the neighborhood this summer.

Please tell us a little about San Miguel School. San Miguel is a sixth-eighth grade middle school for Latino males. The school is an outreach effort by Saint John's College High School and the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

We have 56 students with a goal to grow to about 85 students.



The renovated San Miguel School on Georgia Avenue.

Clean Green at Rex Cleaners

■ Article and Photo by Aziza Tichavakunda.

We are willing to pay to have dry cleaners clean our clothes, but are we also willing to have our environment pay the price as well? Well, if you frequent Mr. Soon Ho Kim's Rex Cleaners, you will never have to face this ethical decision. Mr. Kim, a certified environmental dry cleaner, uses environmentally-friendly solvents and ensures the quality because the dry cleaning is on the premises.



Mr. Kim at his store.

Rex Cleaners has been in Shepherd Park since 1983, offering dry cleaning, shoe repair, and alterations. Mr. Kim has demonstrated a commitment to this community. Mr. Kim noted that, "Times are really hard," as he explained that he dealt with two robberies this year. In response, Mr. Kim installed a buzzer system for entering the store. This buzzer system does not deter customers; three stopped by while I visited, all

of whom were friendly to Mr. Kim, who is an amiable man.

Mr. Kim, who is always looking out for his customers, notes that there is no parking directly in front of the store, but that customers can find parking elsewhere on Georgia Avenue and on side streets. In addition to the "green" dry cleaning, Mr. Kim also has a rack where customers can stack their used wire hangers in order to recycle them. So when you visit Rex Cleaners and walk under the store's green awning, you can rest assured that your choice to go there is an environmentally friendly decision.

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Why is the school focusing on serving Latino males? Research shows that Latino males are an at-risk population with very low high school graduation rate.

What is the goal San Miguel has for its students? We want them to succeed here, become strong students, go on to rigorous high schools and graduate ready and able to go to college. We want them to be prepared to succeed in whatever they choose to do after high school.

What are some of the ways

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Coffee with Marc Loud

■ Interview by Patrick Grobbel. Photo by Beth Allaben.

The *Shepherd Park News* recently had coffee with neighbor and Gateway Georgia Avenue Revitalization Corp. Executive Director Marc Loud.



Tell us about yourself. I was born in Oakland, California. I graduated from *Howard Law School* in 1985 and have lived in Shepherd Park since 1993 with my

wife, Jennifer. I was Deputy Chief of Staff, Legal Counsel to Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly. I have served with *Gateway* since 2000. I was appointed to the DC Board of Zoning Adjustments by Mayor Fenty in 2007.

What have been some of the accomplishments of Gateway you are most proud of? We were able to provide tax incentives to the property owners located on Upper Georgia Avenue from Eastern Avenue to Fern Street to upgrade their properties. As a result, 35 store fronts were upgraded with new doors, windows, signage and lighting. Crime reduction and the overall appeal of Upper Georgia Avenue have really improved during my time with *Gateway*. One of the most effective programs implemented by 4D has been the foot patrol. Other significant *Gateway* accomplishments include our work con-

vincing and partnering with *Montgomery College* to expand onto Georgia Avenue with its nursing campus and the opening of the *Gateway Heliport Art Gallery* in May 2005 in south Silver Spring featuring local artists. We've also worked with the ANC, championed by Jourdania Brown, to clean up the overall appeal of Upper Georgia Avenue by installing banners, tree and flower boxes, and new brick sidewalks.

Tell us about any future economic opportunities for Upper Georgian Avenue? Well, obviously the redevelopment of Walter Reed Hospital will be a catalyst for economic growth on Upper Georgia Avenue. This will be an amazing opportunity to transform the entire Upper Georgia Avenue corridor into the type of space many of the residents of Shepherd Park desire.

What are some of the major challenges with Upper Georgia Avenue? Attracting additional viable businesses is a major challenge. We've had interest from many national retail companies, but the depth of the store fronts and limited parking have caused some to decide that locating in Shepherd Park is not viable. Another major challenge to attracting new desirable business is that many existing businesses have long term lease agreements, some of which have another 15-20 years remaining. That being said, we are seeing improvements,

such as the reduction of crime and the opening of *San Miguel School*, and are receiving continuing interest from businesses to come to Upper Georgia Avenue due to the tremendous economic potential.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? Being a parent and raising my children, Jordan and Marc.

Tell us something people don't know about Marc Loud? I have written two songs which have been copyrighted, I love taking long bike rides on weekends with my family, I'm a big *Wizards* fan, and I'm an avid reader.

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San Miguel works to support this unique student population? We have longer school days. Students are in classes from 8:30 am-4:30pm. And we stay open until 5:30 pm for boys who want to stay at school to do their homework or want additional help. We also have school during the summer and spend more time focusing on math and reading.

How do you support your students' success in high school and beyond? We help them navigate the process of visiting schools and the application process. We also work with staff at the high schools our alumni attend to provide any support they need to make sure each boy succeeds.

What non-academic goals do you have for your students? We work with them to recognize that doing well can be cool. We want them to take pride in taking care of themselves, their school, and community and to watch out for their peers. Each week we recognize a **Man of the Week**, a student who is dependable, respectful and looks out for his classmates.

How can the residents of Shepherd Park learn more about the school? We would love to have anyone that is interested come by to visit. We are located on 7705 Georgia Avenue. Or they can visit our website at www.sanmigueldc.org



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Blair Mansion Restaurant Celebrates 50 Years

■ Article by Cynthia Prather. Photo courtesy of Blair Mansion Restaurant.

Blair Mansion Restaurant, winner of the 2009 Greater Silver Spring Business Beautification Award, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Mansion has long been known and recognized for gracious dining and live entertainment.

Deeply rooted in the Silver Spring/Shepherd Park community, the property was originally on an estate granted to George Pierce by King Charles II of England in 1685. Over the years, various family descendents built structures on the land and called it home. In 1880, the Mansion was designed by New York socialite and architect Stanford White, who is best known for designing the second Madison Square Garden in New York City. Typical of distinguished plantations of the Old South, this stone and wood structure has a carriage-type entrance and beautiful wrap-around porches on the first and second levels. In 1959, the mansion was purchased by DC restaurateur Gusti Buttinelli, renovated, and renamed the *Blair Mansion Restaurant*.

Stepping into the Mansion is like stepping back to a quieter, gentler time. The lobby is filled with antiques, from a Victorian settee to a full-size



Blair Mansion owners Ray and Robert Zeender with musician Chuck Brown (center).

grandfather clock from the 1915 *Panama Pacific International Exposition*. Various private period-style dining rooms are available for weddings, receptions, and other occasions.

The restaurant serves lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, with a hearty selection of comfort

foods. The Mansion offers a variety of entertainment including a *Mystery Dinner Theater* on weekends and live music – including a Jam Session every Monday, a vocalist jazz series, hosted by neighbor Barbara Walker, and concerts sponsored by renowned bassist Gary Grainger.

Owner Ray Zeender and his older brother Robert are descendants of the Buttinelli family. Ray notes, “My family has been part of this neighborhood for over 50 years and we want to make the Blair Mansion a venue for our neighbors to use – whether for a nice lunch, dinner, entertainment, or a private party up for to 350 people – now and for years to come.”

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Article by Marc Loud,
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Photo by Beth Allaben.

Gateway welcomes **El Tamarindo Restaurant** back to 7331 Georgia Avenue after a two-year hiatus. Owner Jose Reyes resumed operations beginning in November 2009 after former employee Glenda Salmeron's lease expired. Mr. Reyes and his daughter, Ana, intend to offer the same fine quality Mexican and Salvadorean food that has made El Tamarindo a household word at its Adams Morgan location. Please welcome them back by stopping at El Tama-

rindo or emailing well wishes to areyel001@yahoo.com.

Gateway businesses **Bryan Joseph Salon** and **El Tamarindo Restaurant** will be featured in metrobus ads during December and January as part of a citywide partnership between the DC Department of Small, Local, and Disadvantaged Businesses, WMATA, and *Gateway Georgia Avenue Revitalization Corporation/Main Street*. The campaign features neighborhood businesses around the city, and features businesses whose owners are also DC residents.

Gateway welcomes **Angelico**

Pizza to the *Gateway Georgia* corridor (7311 Georgia). **Angelico** opened its doors in November 2009 and offers pizza, pasta, salads, and other great foods at affordable prices. The *Gateway* area has an embarrassment of riches when it comes to eateries: there are 15 Georgia Avenue eateries between Fern Street and Eastern Avenue offering everything from soulful southern dishes (**Charlie's Bar and Grill**) to great pizza (**Ledo, Angelico**) to ethnic favorites (**Nile Kitchen, Tropicana Jamaican Restaurant, Teddy's Roti, Golden**

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Dragon). Please visit *Gateway* at www.gatewaycdc.com and click "directory" for a full color listing of *Gateway* merchants.

The *Gateway* Georgia Avenue corridor gained status as a **Tax Increment Financing district** in November 2009. The TIF designation will allow investors to secure bond financing for new mixed use projects located on Georgia Avenue between Aspen Street and Eastern Avenue through pledging taxes generated within the TIF district for bond repayment. TIF districts are used in several locations throughout the city to spur investment in traditionally neglected corridors.



Neighbors enjoy the Georgia Avenue Tree Lighting Ceremony in 2007.

Join *Gateway* for the **2nd Georgia Avenue Tree Lighting Ceremony** on Sunday, December 20. The festivities include Santa, music, photos, hot cider and chocolate, and mingling with old and new friends. We will convene near the El Tamarindo Restaurant (Georgia/Geranium) at 5:30 pm.



Spotlight Your Business!

Go to www.shepherdpark.org to view the full list of benefits and a membership form.

Visit www.shepherdpark.org for a list of all 11 business and community supporters for 2009. We encourage our neighbors to check out their goods and services.

Our newest Platinum Business Member:

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News from our Platinum Business Members:

If you are looking for a warm, inclusive community that will develop your child's confidence, creativity and critical thinking, consider us. **Lowell is currently welcoming applications for the 2010-2011 school year, age 3 through 6th grade.** Tours: Tuesdays, 9 am. For more information, email admissions@lowellschool.org or visit our website, www.lowellschool.org.

Wonders loves being a part of the Shepherd Park community! We currently have full and part time preschool openings at our Park Children's Center and have begun conducting tours for the 2010-2011 school year. Wonders preschoolers (2½-5 years) enjoy an environment that is designed to promote their learning through play.

Don't miss **Cork 'N Bottle DC's** "Holiday Champagne Portfolio Tasting" on Saturday, December 12, 3-6 pm, 7421 Georgia Ave NW, (202) 829-3400.

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2009 Georgia Avenue Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 20, 2009 ❖ 5:30-7:30pm

El Tamarindo Restaurant, 7331 Georgia Ave., NW (corner of Georgia & Geranium)

Tree Lighting • Photo-Ops with Santa • Pet Photos • Baked Goodies • Hot Cider • Hot Chocolate

To learn more about co-sponsoring this event, please contact Marc D. Loud at gatewaycdc@aol.com.

* the Gateway Business corridor is located between the 7300 to 7800 blocks of Georgia Avenue, NW & 7800 block of Eastern Ave., NW Receipts redeemed at event while supplies last

Shop Georgia Avenue!

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Free "Georgia Avenue & U" T-Shirt or shopping bag with receipt of \$5.00 or more from a GA Ave corridor merchant*

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Calendar

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- **First Mondays of the month, 7 pm**
All ages pajama storytime (ages 0-5), ShPk Library
- **Tuesdays, ShPk Library**
 - Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) at 10 am
 - Baby/Toddler Lap Time (ages 0-24 mos) at 11 am
 - African American Lives & History Seminar and Discussion (young adults-adults) at 12 pm
- **Second Tuesdays of the month, 1 pm**
Afternoon Book Club (adults), ShPk Library
- **Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30 pm**
Teen Gaming, hang out and play Wii and PlayStation 2, ShPk Library
- **First Wednesdays of the month, ShPk Library**
 - Afternoon book club (adult), 1 pm
 - Arts and crafts (ages 6-12), 4:30 pm
- **Thursdays, 10:30 am**
Preschool movies (ages 3-5), ShPk Library
- **Fridays, 10 am-12 pm**
Open playgroup, children of all ages and their caregivers, ShPk Library
- **Saturdays, 1 pm**
Scrabble (young adult-adult), ShPk Library
- **Saturdays, 10 am-4 pm**
Thrift & Consignment Shop, Northminster Presby. Church

ESL Classes @ ShPk Library

- Conversation Circles, Tues & Thurs, 10 am-12:30 pm
 - Intermediate English, Mon & Wed, 6-8:30 pm
 - English for Academic Purposes, Sat, 9:30 am-1:30 pm
- Call Chantal Ross, Catholic Charities, to register at (202)772-4320

Black Voices Book Club

- Mon, Jan 11 and Mon, Feb 8, 7:30 pm, ShPk Library

Workshops @ ShPk Library

- Empowerment Training Workshops, principles and skills for successful living (ages 15-adult), six sessions, 12/2, 12/9, 1/4, 1/6, 2/1, 2/3, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Public Speaking Seminar with Sarah Gershman, Wed, Jan 13, 7 pm
- Meditation Program Series: Mon, Jan 25, 7-9 pm, "Start the New Year With Meditation"; Wed, Jan 27, 7-9 pm, "Meditation for Everyday Living"; Sat, Jan 30, 1-3 pm, "Meditation and Making Sense Out of Life"

December

- **Tues, Dec 16, 6-8:30 pm**
National Children's Museum Eco-Crafts Workshop, ShPk Library
- **Sun, Dec 20, 11 am**
Winter Solstice Service, Wash. Ethical Soc'y
- **Sun, Dec 20, 5:30 pm**
2nd Georgia Avenue Tree Lighting Ceremony, corner Georgia & Geranium NW

Wed, Dec 23, 7 pm

Pre-Christmas Worship, St. Mary's Baptist Church

Thurs, Dec 24, 7 pm

Christmas Eve Services, Shepherd Park Christian Church

Thurs, Dec 31, 10 pm

New Year's Eve Watchnight Service, St. Mary's Baptist Church

January

Tues, Jan 5, 7:15 pm

ANC 4A mtg, Ft. Stevens Rec Center

Thurs, Jan 14, 7 pm

PSA 401 mtg. 4D Community Room, 6001 Georgia Ave

Wed, Jan 20, 6:45 pm

Shepherd Elem. PTA meeting

Sun, Jan 24, 5-7 pm

6th Annual SPCA New Year's Potluck Dinner, Lowell School

February

Tues, Feb 2, 7:15 pm

ANC 4A mtg, Ft. Stevens Rec Center

Thurs, Feb 11, 7 pm

PSA 401 mtg. 4D Community Room, 6001 Georgia Ave

Fri, Feb 26, 12 pm

"Ancient African Empires" lecture, C.R. Gibbs, ShPk Library

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