



# Shepherd Park News

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Colonial Village and North Portal Estates

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Tuesday, December 12, 7 pm  
**SPCA Community Meeting**  
at Shepherd Elementary School.  
DPW Director W. Howland will speak!

## SPCA Annual Potluck

■ By Alexandra Kincannon.

Mark your calendars and open those cookbooks! SPCA is planning the Third Annual New Year's Potluck and we hope to see all of you there.

We have reserved the Lowell School dining room for Sunday, January 14 from 5 to 7 pm. Last time, close to 200 neighbors came together to welcome the new year and we hope to get 2007 off to a great start as well. Come share your favorite recipes, catch up with your neighbors, and enjoy live jazz courtesy of the

Key Bridge Trio, headed up by our very own Dan Nathan. There will be activities for the kids too, so be sure to bring the entire family.

To get a balanced selection of food, we are asking that attendees bring a dish according to the first letter of their last name.

### **New Year's Potluck Sunday, January 14, 5-7 pm Lowell School**

If your last name starts with:

**A-L** bring a main dish

**M-R** bring a salad or side dish

**S-Z** bring a dessert

If you don't feel like cooking, you can always bring drinks or make a small donation.

SPCA will be providing beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. We need many volunteers to help with setting up, managing the food and drink tables, and of course cleaning up. If you would like to help or if



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you have questions, please contact Alex Kincannon at 202-541-9440 or [alexandra.kincannon@verizon.net](mailto:alexandra.kincannon@verizon.net). Check your mail next month for a formal invitation with all the details, along with your SPCA membership renewal form.

## 10,000 Tons of Leaves!

■ By Pat Bailey.

DPW spends two months each year picking up 10,000 tons of leaves in "The City of Trees." It's a monumental task and it doesn't help when we have heavy rainstorms, tornados and early snowstorms. The remaining leaf pick-ups for Shepherd Park are December 4-16 and January 2-6. DPW has just launched a new website where you can check the status of the leaf collection schedule. Go to <http://leaf.dcgis.dc.gov/search.aspx>

What other services does DPW provide?

**Bulk Trash Collection.** You may request pick-up of up to seven items at one time. Put the items out at the same location where you put your trash (usually the alleys in Shepherd Park).

**Recycling Collection.** Recycling is collected on the same day as your trash. Place all recyclables—glass, plastic bottles, metal cans and mixed

paper—in the blue recycling container. It's OK to include junk mail, cereal boxes, shoeboxes, wrapping paper, shredded paper/mail, catalogs, paperbacks and phone books. Don't worry about metal staples, clips, glue, labels, or plastic windows on envelopes.

**Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and E-cycling.** Some household products contain strong chemicals that can be flammable, corrosive, or toxic. These household hazards should not be discarded in the regular trash, poured down the drain, or onto the ground. In addition, some electronics,

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## A Change at the Holly House

■ By Baruti Jahi, SPCA President.



For ten years, Holly House operated at 7426 13th Street, NW (facing Holly Street) as a supported independent living facility for mentally-ill persons transitioning from 24-hour care to independent living. Many Holly House residents lived there for years and neighbors have and continue to commend the overall management of the Holly House.

Last spring, Debra Young, Executive Director of Woodley House Inc., the company that manages Holly House, appeared before the Advisory Neighborhood Commission for our area to ask support for a loan to renovate the Holly House, which the ANC voted to support.

Over the summer, questions arose about whether Holly House would continue as a supported independent living facility with 24-hour supervision.

In the fall, Ms. Young indicated that funding for the type of supported independent living program at Holly House was being discontinued by the DC Department of Mental Health (DMH) and that Holly House had asked to be funded under a new DMH pilot program.

Under the pilot program, individuals transitioning from institutions such as St. Elizabeth's Hospital, the Foster Care Program, and other unspecified facilities would be housed for a temporary period of approximately 45 days while they acclimate to returning to a normal life in the community.

Unbeknownst to neighbors, as part of the change to the pilot program, Holly House received a board-

ing house license from the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). Unlike certain residential group homes, boarding houses are not permitted in R-1 zones such as Shepherd Park without a special exception.

The R-1 district is designed to protect quiet residential areas now developed with single-family detached dwellings and adjoining vacant areas. A special exception requires consultation with the community to address any concerns pertaining to this issue, which did not happen.

In addition, Shepherd Park residents expressed concern that Holly House would become a transient facility without proper supervision.

Ms. Young, who has since apologized, agreed to work with Shepherd Park residents to make sure the proper steps are taken to address community concerns. Ms. Young has agreed to provide 24-hour supervision as opposed to the 4-6 hours that had been proposed, and to regularly update the community about Holly House operations.

Mr. Bill Crews, Zoning Administrator for DCRA, acknowledged that issuing a boarding house license to Holly House was a unique situation, because he felt the Holly House was and still is operating as a boarding house. Mr. Crews has agreed to work with our community to address any concerns pertaining to the ambiguity of the Holly House licensing situation.

ANC Commissioner Jourdinia Brown and representatives of the Shepherd Park Citizens Association continue to monitor the changes at Holly House.

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# Meet Your SPCA Board

■ By Pat Bailey. Photos by Beth Allaben.

**This is the first in an occasional series of profiles of this year's SPCA board members.**

**Alex Kincannon** is in her second term as an At-Large Member of the SPCA Board of Directors.



Alex lives on Jonquil Street with her husband Paul and two young children, Aidan, 4 and Patrick, 2. You may see Alex and her young children about in the neighborhood with other members of Shepherd Park's toddler group. Parents and children in the group meet regularly for outdoor activity or playtime at a designated house.

With Aidan busy learning French this fall in one of Shepherd Elementary's pre-k classes, Alex wants to focus on building the relationship with the school and the Shepherd Park

community. She has also been instrumental in keeping the Block Captain network alive. Last year Alex helped with the annual SPCA community picnic and with this experience under her belt, she will be organizing the January Pot Luck Dinner next month. She hopes for a great turnout by neighbors for an exciting event, with plenty of live music, entertainment and an abundance of food.

**Marilyn Sniderman** serves on the SPCA Board as one of three Delegates to the Federation of Citizens Associations. She is serving her



second term on the Board. Marilyn lives on 12th Street with her husband Stephen Lerner and two of her three sons. Jeffrey, her eldest, age 29, has left Shepherd Park for Manhattan,

where he works full time. Her two teenage boys, Zach, 17, and Jake, 15, attend Wilson High School and School Without Walls, respectively. All three boys are graduates of Shepherd Elementary.

Marilyn was attracted to the Shepherd Park neighborhood some 20 years ago because of its integrated and active community.

She has dedicated her work life to building a strong, active and diverse labor movement. At home, her backyard basketball court is constantly filled with teenagers from the neighborhood.

As a board member, Marilyn wants to focus on developing more activities and support for the teenagers in the neighborhood, expanding events that help neighbors get to know each other better, and keeping the Block Captain network alive.

In addition to serving on the SPCA Board, Marilyn has been working on Adrian Fenty's Transition Team for Economic Development.

**You want to know what's going on in Shepherd Park? Join the email group** by sending a blank email to [shepherdpark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:shepherdpark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or contact Beth Allaben at [beth.dc@verizon.net](mailto:beth.dc@verizon.net).



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# The Washington Humane Society Needs You!

■ By Pamela Satterfield. Photos by Raj Choudhury.

Did you know that the Washington Humane Society is one of our Shepherd Park neighbors?

Founded in 1870, the WHS is the oldest animal protection agency in Washington, D.C. WHS operates two shelters – in our neighborhood at 7319 Georgia Avenue (between Fern and Geranium) and on New York Avenue.

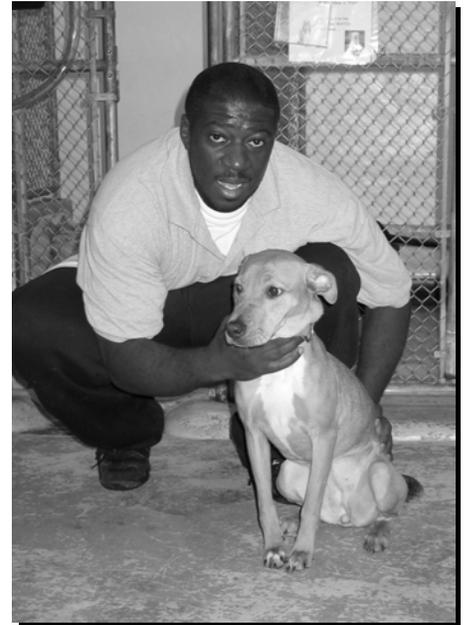
Both shelters are open access shelters – no animal is turned away. In 2005, WHS took in 12,000 unwanted animals – an average of 33 a day.

Recently, WHS announced an ambitious long-term program called the Good Home Guarantee.

The program has three essential building blocks: increase adoptions, decrease the number of animals in need and teach responsible pet care.

In May of 2006, WHS made a pledge to guarantee a good home for every adoptable dog. The program also focuses on providing medical treatment and behavioral correction to help dogs overcome obstacles to adoption. The Good Home Guarantee will be extended to cats in 2010.

How can you help? Consider adopting a pet from the shelter. Visit one of the shelters or view profiles of pets available for adoption at [www.washhumane.org](http://www.washhumane.org).



WHS staffer, Kevin Brunson, cuddles one of the shelter's residents. ►

This lovely chocolate Lab, Juda, is waiting for a new home. ▼



WHS also needs dog walkers (Georgia Avenue shelter), outreach volunteers (bringing animals to adoption events) and office help (preparing mailings). Please also consider donating pet food, toys and clean towels and blankets.

**For more information about volunteering, call Rebecca at 723-5730, ext. 208.**

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# New Programs at Shepherd Elementary

■ By Noreen Conway and Alex Kincannon.

## International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Teachers and staff are making great progress at Shepherd Elementary as it begins its transformation into an IB World School. Shepherd was one of only four elementary schools in the District selected to adopt the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme.

The PYP, which is designed for children in pre-kindergarten all the way up to 6th grade, encourages students to be actively engaged in their own learning as they grow into well-rounded citizens of the world.

An important element of the PYP is the Learner Profile, which describes the qualities a student should acquire. Jaye Jones Muhammad, a pre-k parent, notes that her daughter, Aja, has taken one element of the Learner Profile to heart and talks about how to be caring and whether her classmates have acted in a caring way.

Principal Dan Robinson says the IB Programme is unique in providing international and cross-disciplinary content while responding to local interests and requirements. Anita Lee, Shepherd's IB Coordinator, is working closely with teachers to match the PYP Units of Inquiry with the latest academic standards from DCPS.

## Dual-Language Immersion

Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and 1st grade now feature French and Spanish dual-language immersion classes, where Shepherd students are thriving. Charisse Brossard, kindergarten parent, notes that her daughter, Chandler, has "grown exponentially in her ability to read, write and sing in Spanish." Research reveals the immersion model to be a very effective tool for language instruction, especially for children in the early years. Leo Saun-

ders, kindergarten, exemplifies this when he enthusiastically demonstrates that he is teaching his little sister to recognize shapes in Spanish, "el circulo, el triangulo, el cuadrado, and el rectangulo!"

A visit to Madame Blay's class creates similar enthusiasm for French Immersion. Regional Assistant Superintendent, Dr. William Johnson, was

dren in pre-k and 1st grade at Shepherd Elementary, says, "I love all the songs the kids are learning!" When asked about his favorite part of school, Xavier Scott, kindergarten, replied enthusiastically, "Singing 'Sur le pont d'Avignon' in Mr. Giles's music class!" In addition to singing, students can also learn to play the violin or guitar.



Pre-k students David, Elijah and Aidan forming the letter "H."

Photo: Alex Kincannon

impressed with the interactions that he observed, committing support from DCPS so that the program will continue moving forward.

Students like Sari Finn, kindergarten, are reaping the benefits of Blay's rich language instruction. One of Sari's favorite parts of the day is "speaking and reading French with Madame Blay and Madame Agousi!"

## Music at Shepherd

Although not new this year, the music program is expanding to incorporate the other curriculum changes and continues to be popular with students and parents alike. Dual-language students have music class twice a week, once in English and once in Spanish or French.

Rhonda Davis Smith, who has chil-

## Robotics Team

The newly established Robotics Program seeks to expand children's knowledge and interest in science and technology through hands-on experience. Teams of students age 6-9 are challenged to design a model made with LEGO bricks. Children are introduced to basic design skills as well as the concept of teamwork through the familiarity and fun of LEGO building. Youngsters such as Amalia Grobbel, 1st grade, are exposed to the possibilities of improving the world around them through acknowledgment, thought, planning and technology. Parent Kristen Wells Yates, who initiated the program this fall, wishes to thank the generous donors who have made this program possible for 16 children this fall.



# HALLO 20

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## AND THE WINNERS ARE:

Below right: Funkiest house  
decorations — Boldin family  
on Jonquil Street.

Below left: Best  
house decorations —  
Chambers family on  
Jonquil Street —  
Ben and Anne with  
their grim reaper.  
Photos: Beth Allaben



Right: Best pumpkins — Grobbel family  
on Holly Street — Amalia and Xavier  
with their pumpkins.  
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especially computers, contain significant amounts of potentially dangerous materials, including lead and mercury. Every year, DPW holds two events to collect household hazardous wastes and consumer electronics for e-cycling.

**Holiday Tree Pick-Up.** Put your tree in the treebox out front between January 1-7 for pick-up between January 2-13.

**Alley Cleaning.** Alleys are cleaned on a rotating schedule; you may also request cleaning when necessary.

**Sanitation Enforcement.** DPW's Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP) educates the public about the benefits of proper sanitation practices. Report illegal dumping, overflowing dumpsters and unmaintained public spaces abutting private property by calling the Mayor's Citywide Call Center at

727-1000. DPW investigates and determines the type of enforcement action to take, such as a warning, a fine, or a seizure, in the case of a vehicle used in illegal dumping.

**Did You Know?????** You should return your trash cans or recycling containers back to your property before 8 pm on the day of pick-up or you could be fined. Does this sound extreme? Well, maybe for some of us, but think about residents who live in areas such as Capitol Hill, Georgetown, or Dupont Circle who must battle with rodent infestation on a daily basis. There is a reason for these rules.

For more information about the services provided by DPW, plan to attend the **next SPCA Community Meeting on Tuesday, December 12.** DPW Director and fellow Shepherd Park neighbor, William Howland, will speak to residents

about DPW services. The meeting will be at 7 pm at Shepherd Elementary.

### DPW Contact Info

- To request bulk trash collection or alley cleaning or to report dumping, call 727-1000 or make a request online at [www.dc.gov](http://www.dc.gov) under "Service Request Center"
- For details on what can be put in your recycling or dropped off at hazardous waste/e-cycling events, go to [www.dpw.dc.gov](http://www.dpw.dc.gov)
- The Ward 4 Solid Waste Inspector is Terrie Briscoe, [terrie.briscoe@dc.gov](mailto:terrie.briscoe@dc.gov), 645-7190
- Vera Jackson handles DPW Community Outreach, 671-1594



## Soil And Water Conservation District

■ By Pat Bailey.

The DC Soil and Water Conservation District was established by the District to provide resources to activities relating to the conservation of renewable natural resources. A Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has been established and includes members from every ward in the city.

What has the CAC been doing? The CAC has been promoting the Storm Drain Marker Program to science teachers, environmental educators and community leaders. This allows students and citizens to get involved in identifying/marketing storm drains to help raise awareness about the impact of storm water and help prevent non-point source pollution from entering our waterways.

The CAC has organized volunteer groups to survey neighborhood trees

so that the maintenance and replanting of trees can be completed in an organized fashion.

The CAC has identified schools that have received funding from the District Department of the Environment to install schoolyard conservation sites and integrate them into the school curriculum.

The CAC has worked with District agencies to restore various parks in the District.

These are a few of the activities that the CAC has helped to implement in the city. Do you have a concern about the green space around

you? Do you want to help raise awareness about conserving the green spaces in our City? Do you want to help establish an outdoor Science Room in your local school?

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SPCA acknowledges with sympathy the passing of **Charles N. Mason, Jr.**, Shepherd Park resident and husband to former City Councilmember Hilda Mason. Charles, working with Hilda, was a longtime advocate for social justice and DC Statehood and was one of the original members of the DC Statehood Party founded in 1970.

His quiet support and guidance helped to keep the party focused on the prize of equal status for DC citizens. In addition, together they helped to create the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, the city's public law school. He was 95. SPCA extends its sincere sympathy to Hilda and her family.

## What About Ward 4?

■ By Paula Edwards.

I attended a Ward 4 Democrats meeting recently at which the issue was raised as to the impending lack of representation for Wards 4 and 7 on the DC City Council from January 2007 until the special elections are held in the Spring of 2007.

It was explained to us that there really is no remedy for this situation because the DC Charter does not allow for interim replacements of Ward Councilmembers until the special elections are held. In contrast, there is a mechanism for the interim replacement of At-Large Councilmembers. (See Vacancies at [www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/organization.html](http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/organization.html))

It was pointed out that, unfortunately, before either ward elects a replacement, several important issues will come before the Council, e.g., the Comprehensive Plan, the Budget, DCPS reform, etc.

I am concerned that Wards 4 and 7 will have no representation on the Council while these urgent issues are decided.

Even though Ward 4's former Councilmember is now Mayor, and Ward 7's former Councilmember is

Council Chair, they will not be representing their former Wards.

Is it time (or even possible) to amend the Home Rule Charter to allow for interim appointments until the special elections?

Should sitting Councilmembers who run for other offices before their terms expire be required to resign their positions effective December 31 following the election to allow others to run during the regular election cycle to fill the unexpired portions of the Councilmembers' terms?

In this way, we could avoid the expense and trouble of special elections. Or we could follow the example of many states and have the chief executive appoint a successor to a victorious candidate to fill out the unexpired portion of the term; an unsuccessful candidate could then retain his seat.

A special election could be held in the event of the death of a sitting Councilmember, but, as far as I know, that is a rare occurrence, while several special elections have been held to fill the seats of successful contenders for other jobs. Is it too late to do anything to help Wards 4 and 7?

## Orange Hat Patrol Update

■ By Cynthia Lee.

We wish to thank the many volunteers who have been walking our neighborhood streets since March of this year. We wish to give special thanks to the neighbors who have served as patrol leaders.

Most of the patrols are taking a break for the winter and will resume walking in March or April (when the weather warms up). Please note that Cynthia Lee (who has been serving as Vice President of SPCA for the past year) is handing over the Orange Hat Patrol torch to current SPCA board member Cynthia Prather.

If you have any interest in joining a patrol, please contact Cynthia Prather at [cynthiap@caii.com](mailto:cynthiap@caii.com) or 572-1305.

Volunteers sign up to walk once a month with a given patrol that walks on the same day of the month at the same times every month. Some patrols walk for an hour at a time; others walk for two hours. You get the benefit of exercise and good company and you help our community by being out at night. We encourage everyone to help make our neighborhood safer by walking our neighborhood streets at night.

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# Georgia Avenue Updates

■ By Marc Loud.

## High end rug retailer relocates to Georgia Avenue.

Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs has made it official! Paul and Dona Manoukian, owners of the 80 year old family business are now calling the Gateway home (7814 Georgia)! Manoukian Brothers offers a wide selection of finely crafted Persian, Turkish, and other middle eastern rugs. Can you say "shopping spree"? Gateway Georgia Avenue is the new place to be!

## Fire Engine #22 looking to Gateway for new home?

Fire Engine #22 is currently located near Georgia and Madison in the Brightwood neighborhood. But studies suggest that the DC/EMS response rate for service in Shepherd Park, Colonial Village, and Takoma DC will improve dramatically if the station is relocated north of Georgia/Piney Branch. As a result, District government leaders are looking at sites in Walter Reed Hospital, Gateway, and elsewhere in Brightwood as relocation options. Locations under consideration in the Gateway include the DC Auto Line at Georgia/Eastern and Royce's Video at Georgia/Hemlock. The best and highest use for both

Gateway sites would probably be mixed use (commercial or housing AND retail). And that is according to the DC Government's own experts.

## "Great Streets And You."

This initiative proposes a major new mixed use project on the block that is home to Ledo Pizza, McDonalds Restaurant, Royce's Video, Cork 'N Bottle, and Walter Reed Exxon. The DC Office of Planning has identified studies showing strong market support for a mixed use commercial or housing retail project on that block. Brewing in the background is a spirited debate over whether concurrent zoning proposals to increase building heights from 50 feet (5 stories) to 70 feet (7 stories) on that same block will supported by Shepherd Park and North Takoma DC residents.

## Pure Bliss celebrates one year of success in the Gateway!

The Gateway area's first truly upscale day spa is turning 1! Owners Alice, Rochelle, and Roscoe Love opened Pure Bliss in November 2005. Now several thousand pedicures, Swedish massages, and facials later, the family-owned business is poised for a second year of success. Day Spa

guests have included Shepherd Park residents, District government officials, news media personalities, ANC leaders, and the fine feet of several Gateway leaders. Contact them at 545-3810 and say happy birthday!

## Just in time for winter.

Ledo Pizza and Pasta has added three new homemade soup recipes to its menu just as Old Man Winter descends on the area. Shepherd Park neighbors and Ledo owners Tim and Kelly Shuy note that the recipes have been in their family for generations. Gateway salutes these guys for working overtime at making Ledo a genuine neighborhood "feel good" place.

## Gateway beautification efforts synergize each other.

Several longstanding Georgia Avenue beautification initiatives converge this fall: new treebox guards will be installed for Georgia Avenue's 38 treeboxes courtesy of the District government and "Great Streets"; 37 new lamppost banners will be installed from Fern to Eastern courtesy of a cast of hundreds (Gateway Main Street, Mayor Elect Fenty, the SPCA, Concerned Neighbors, community leaders, and dozens of area businesses); installation of public art along Georgia Avenue between Fern and Eastern takes center stage as a team of Gateway volunteers, SPCA leaders, ANC leaders, and District officials tour other communities for ideas, and

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Gateway's new Business Directory hits the community during the first week in December 2006! Ain't that beautiful?

**Looking ahead to 2007.**

Gateway plans to work simultaneously on business recruitment, safety awareness, and e-business applications for small businesses in 2007. Recruitment of retail businesses for expected vacancies at Royce's Video and Eddie's (both 2008) and 7300 block storefronts are top priorities. Promotion of safety awareness "best practices" among merchants, and select technology upgrades to merchants fill out the Gateway agenda for '07. Surveying area residents and businesses on issues of concern will occur through a partnership with Howard University's School of Information Science. As always, Gateway values the tremendous support given by community volunteers, ANC leaders, businesses, and elected/appointed officials.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about Gateway, contact Marc Loud at gatewaycdc@aol.com or 291-2400.

Gateway Georgia Avenue Revitalization Corporation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit community development corporation and National Main Street designee.

Gateway accomplishments to date include:

- Gateway has finished 29 storefront upgrades
- been designated a National Main Street commercial corridor
- exhibited the works of over 390 artists (Gateway Heliport Gallery and ArtsWalk)
- won the American Institute of Architects' "Catalyst" award for storefront improvement
- won the Shepherd Park Citizens' Association Business Advocate of the Year award
- been nominated by the Federal City Council/Committee of 100 for storefront improvement
- successfully advocated for Georgia Avenue land-use and parking studies
- implemented a zero-tolerance graffiti policy
- provided year-round landscaping to area treeboxes
- recruited over 12 new businesses to the Gateway commercial corridor

- \* Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs and Tiramisu Bakery open in November 2006!
- \* Ledo Pizza and Pasta And Postal Connection are officially open for business!
- \* New Georgia Avenue Boulevard banners will be installed In December 2006!
- \* Gateway's New Business Directory of Georgia Avenue Businesses between Fern and Eastern Avenue will be distributed to Shepherd Park homes as an insert in the Northwest Current in early December — and if miss your copy in the Current, look for copies in the Shepherd Park Library and other Georgia Avenue locales.
- \* Don't Miss Gateway's ArtsWalk and the Weekly Alchemy Artists Markets between September and December 2006!

It takes a village, and Gateway salutes the many neighbors, ANC leaders, civic associations, businesses, and government leaders that have made these changes possible. **Georgia Avenue: Good Things Are Happening!**

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Under "About SPCA" you will find everything you need to know about the benefits for your business, contact information and a membership application for quick and convenient download.

**SPCA is looking forward to hearing from you!**

**Neighbors, Inc. News:**

Please save the date: Feb. 10, Sat, 10 pm-1 am for Neighbors, Inc.'s annual Valentine Dance fundraiser at Tifereth Israel, 16th & Juniper Streets, NW. NI needs volunteers to help with: decorations, bartending, greeters, and door help. They also need talkers and dancers. Call, tell friends! Plan to come!



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## Shepherd Park Calendar of Events

### Continuing

- ▶ **Tuesdays, 10 am**  
Storytime for 3-5 year olds and  
11 am, Tales for 2s, ShPk Library
- ▶ **Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm**  
Gateway's Georgia Avenue  
Aspiring Author's Writing  
Program, ShPk Library,  
gatewaycdc@aol.com, 291-2400
- ▶ **Thursdays, 10:30 am**  
Preschool Films, ShPk Library

### December

- ▶ **Sat, Dec 9, 11 am**  
PSA 401 Mtg, ShPk Library
- ▶ **Sun, Dec 10, 2-4 pm**  
Gateway's Progressive Annual  
"under \$300" ArtsWalk and  
opening "Age of Discovery,"  
featuring 3 senior artists,

Gateway's Heliport Gallery,  
8001 Kennett St., Silver Spring

- ▶ **Mon, Dec 11, 6-8 pm**  
Discussion on "Art from a  
Senior's Point of View";  
Gateway's Heliport Gallery,  
8001 Kennett St., Silver Spring
- ▶ **Tues, Dec 12, 7 pm**  
SPCA Community Mtg,  
Shepherd Elem.
- ▶ **Wed, Dec 13, 4 pm**  
Arts and crafts, ShPk Library
- ▶ **Mon, Dec 18, 7 pm**  
Friends of ShPk Library Mtg,  
ShPk Library

### January

- ▶ **Tues, Jan 2, 7:15 pm**  
ANC 4A Mtg,  
Ft. Stevens Rec Center

- ▶ **Wed, Jan 3, 4 pm**  
Arts and crafts, ShPk Library
- ▶ **Tues, Jan 9, 6:30-8:30 pm**  
Discussion on "The Disappearance  
of the Social Safety Net,"  
Gateway's Heliport Gallery,  
8001 Kennett St., Silver Spring
- ▶ **Sat, Jan 13, 11 am**  
PSA 401 Mtg, ShPk Library
- ▶ **Sun, Jan 14, 5-7 pm**  
SPCA New Years Potluck,  
Lowell School Dining Room
- ▶ **Mon, Jan 22, 7 pm**  
Friends of ShPk Library Mtg,  
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- ▶ **Fri, Jan 26, 6-7:30 pm**  
Poetry about Art,  
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