



President Lenore Rubino 's closing message from the BCA's special meeting on Georgetown University's campus plan held on April 21, 2010.

GU's campus plan is bad for Burleith and now you know why!

At risk is not only our quality of life but the value of one of our biggest investments our homes! Do you think potential purchasers will want to live in our community if they know they may live next door to a group rental house that may keep them up at night with vulgarity, noise and destructive behavior?

The Burleith community has been fighting that sort of behavior for years and we managed to make some progress. Still many real estate agents and buyers see Burleith as a student party town. There are people in our community that tell me they are going to move because of the noise situation and there are those that tell me they would never buy here because of the destructive behavior and intrusiveness on our quality of life.

An increase in student population without an increase of on campus housing will create a boon for the Burleith rental market. It will become more attractive for investors to rent group houses than for homebuyers to purchase!

Landlords can make up to \$6000 per month on a rental as the law allows for 6 unrelated people to live in a home. An increase in group rental homes equates to an increase in noise, trash and decrease in parking for you. It won't take much to turn the tide of your block. If 10 additional

houses turn rental that equates to 60 people with 60 cars looking for parking

The BCA stands ready to defend our community on your behalf and we need your financial support as well as your commitment to this cause.

GU will present their Campus Plan to Office of Planning. A hearing will be held before DC's Zoning Commission where GU will have hired the best attorneys and experts their money can buy. The BCA and Citizens Association of Georgetown are working together and we need to be prepared as well and we will be with your support.

Your donation will be used to hire a zoning expert as well as an urban planner. Much of the detailed work that is going to be presented to the Zoning Commission is being done by your neighbors but we need the experts to fine tune our evidence and presentation.

The BCA works closely with MPD and GU to manage its student population in our community. The BCA and MPD spend many, many, many hours each month managing the noise, parking and trash issues associated with GU's student population. We are out there at night, patrolling the streets, breaking up late night parties, dealing with retribution, trash and debris with the associated vermin that accompanies it. To increase the burden on the Burleith community and the Burleith Citizens Associations is unconscionable, irresponsible and neither fair nor acceptable.

Margaret Mead has said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does."

I hope you will sign up tonight to become a member and also donate to the cause. If you have your checkbook and credit card with you please see Candith and Gerri. If you don't then please go home and donate without

delay. We have the forms in the back and you can also donate online at [Burleith.org](http://Burleith.org)

We want you to write to us about your issues and we want you to send your thoughts regarding tonight's presentation.

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