



BURLEITH CELEBRATES ITS FIFTIETH

The Burleith 50th Anniversary Committee met on January 17th. Chairmen of the various activities scheduled for the Birthday Year reported the plans they have been developing. In March there will be two alley Sweep-ups in anticipation of the Garden Tour: the Campaign will include a bulky item pick-up as well as a leaf, cuttings, prunings pick-up. Watch your local tree for signs announcing exact date and kind of pick-up. Or read your Newsletter. On the Saturday after Easter, April 28th (rain date April 29th), from 2 to 5 P.M. when All the Alleys are Beautiful, the Garden Club will sponsor a Garden Tour. This promises to be the event that more can enjoy for less (less work, less money, less sweat than any other event), because all you have to do is tie a bow on your garden gate or put up a sign (or something) that indicates that you have a backyard, garden or patio you would like others to see and enjoy. The Tour is most informal; no prizes will be given. The object is to promote an interest in gardening and beautification, to provide neighbors with an excuse to walk through the bright and shining alleys of Burleith; and JUST FOR FUN. Mrs. Hoelman and Mrs. Gibson will serve a gracious Tasty Tea in the alley of the 1900 block of 38th Street, home of the famous HANGING GARDENS OF BURLEITH, particularly lovely in springtime. Would you like to help? How about making some of your favorite cookies, brownies or divinity fudge for the occasion?

The Art Show, scheduled for May 13th under the direction of

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BURLEITH'S ENEMIES

In a number of respects, Burleith is a planner's ideal small, residential community. There is a population of mixed ages and types: young and older couples, the aged, young professionals, families, and graduate students. The area is gaining a sprinkling of non-Caucasians. Cosmopolitan in character, it is accessible to universities, theaters, art galleries, and Federal buildings. A person living in Burleith is within 10 or 15 minutes of major ceremonial and political events of his country, and some of the nation's best museums; yet if he lives in the wooded upper reaches of "S", "T" and 38th Streets, his house could be mistaken for one far out in Maryland and Virginia. Here all the advantages of the capital co-exist with an environment of

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REGULAR ASSOCIATION MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1973

The regular monthly meeting of the Burleith Citizens Association will be held on Monday, February 12, 1973 in the library of Gordon Junior High, 35th and T Streets, NW.

The program for the February meeting will be presented by Steve Burks, Chairman of the Traffic Committee.

On the agenda for the business meeting are: 1) review of the proposed By-law changes, 2) proposal regarding the closing of #7 police precinct, and 3) requests for appropriations from the picnic committee, golden anniversary committee, and Fillmore PTA.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With a combination of extremely cold weather, flu, and late delivery of the newsletter, we lacked a quorum at the January meeting of the Association...

Many issues of utmost importance are facing us: the problems in the schools, the Georgetown expansion and McLean Garden development programs, and the redistricting of our local police. Important too is the incorporation of the Association to provide tax relief and liability limitation for its officers. With issues as significant as these, attendance at our meetings should be overflowing.

For those of you who may not know, our Charter provides for regular monthly meetings, October to May, on the 2nd Monday of every month (if not a legal holiday). The meeting dates for the first half of 1973 are: February 12, March 12, April 9, and May 14, and the programs tentatively scheduled for these meetings are listed below.

This year is our community's 50th birthday and there's much to be done. Let's revitalize our energies and enthusiasm and see what we can do to improve our community this year--and let's also make a special effort to attend the rest of the meetings.

L. K. Lee

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Feb. 12 - BCA monthly meeting,
8 p.m., Gordon Jr. High
(library)
- Feb. 26 - Executive Committee
meeting, 7:45 p.m.,
3546 T St., N.W.

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Bernie Haskell and assistants, is being planned to fill the entire playground--both inside and out of the Anchor fence--at Gordon Junior High. The plan includes food, concessions, craftsmen of all kinds, artists to draw you on-the-spot, maybe even folk dancers and madrigal singers for your entertainment. Children of the neighborhood, by the way, are welcome to exhibit their work--how about drawing your idea of what it means to be Burleith and 50 years old? Once again and always, volunteers are most welcome--to suggest ideas or do something.

David and Bente Longfellow, Judy and Bill Jeffrees, Co-chairmen of the Third Annual Burleith Picnic, plan to make it extra special this year. It will be held in the Green Lot with all the trimmings. Plans are being made to make it really a picnic, that is, potluck supper for everyone. There may even be a booth with some tasty items for sale. If you know anyone who is an antique car buff, please put him in touch with the Chairmen. A parade featuring cars from the Roaring Twenties, with costumes from the same period, would be most appropriate. It is hoped that some guests will be invited who have special associations with Burleith. In honor of the community's 50th Birthday, there will be a tree planting, perhaps a dogwood or an evergreen, to commemorate the event.

Mr. Edgar F. Russell's booklet, "A Short History of Burleith", is going to be reprinted in honor of the 50th Anniversary. An archive of photographs of Burleith and taped interviews with longtime residents is a goal worth working for; a kind of Birthday present from Burleith to Burleith. We would be delighted to recruit some part-time interviewers who know the area and the people who have lived here for a long time.

REORGANIZATION
FOR 7th PRECINCT PLANNED

Burleith citizens are in the center of a growing controversy over the suggested revision of duties at the 2nd Metropolitan Police Substation in Georgetown on Volta Place (7th Precinct).

The proposed reorganization will be discussed at the February meeting of the police staff. The intent is to reduce administrative overlap of station duties and eliminate duplication. More policemen will be free for street duty. Lt. T. B. Webb reiterated that there would be no reduction in force. Patrol cars would simply report to the stations on 42nd & Albemarle Street or 23rd & L, N.W. The plan, suggested by the International Association of the Chiefs of Police--a highly respected police organization--reflects a trend toward making city police duties parallel state police practices, where units and men stay in the field. For example, field reports are picked up from patrol cars on the street, eliminating the need for them to leave the assigned area.

The Volta Place Substation would be used for tactical units such as the "old clothes" squad, the canine corps, and scooter patrols (which are replacing foot patrolmen).

Lt. Webb stressed that the amount of patrol hours or personnel assigned to Georgetown would not diminish. After reporting in to their station, patrol units would be dispatched to their area for the duration of their shift. Lt. Webb pointed out that under the District plan instituted some time ago, men from the 3 stations can be assigned on an interchangeable basis, going to the areas of greatest need. Under the old precinct system, men worked only in their precinct. Patrol cars, squad cars and wagons are all considered part of a pool regardless of where they are parked. This would not change.

Presently, a number of Citizens Associations are on record opposing the plan, including Georgetown, Glover Park and Foxhall. The BCA will decide on Monday, February 12, whether to join in that opposition. During the 1968 and 1969 hearings, they had protested.

The primary objection is to the loss of Volta Place as a command post. Residents fear this will lead to delayed response time. Yet, at present, all emergency calls must be routed through the 911 number at 300 Indiana Avenue even if the station is directly dialed. In the 2nd District, all other calls requiring action go through the 23rd and L station, again regardless of whether the caller has called the station directly. Patrol units are already in the area.

There are those who maintain that if a revision is effected, Georgetown is the most logical place to retain a command post because of businesses. It is felt that crime statistics bear this out and that loss of a personal presence of the police could lead to an increase in crime.

The other question is the division of the Georgetown area. Under the plan, residents East of Wisconsin and south of Whitehaven Street would report to 23rd & L St., N.W. West of Wisconsin Avenue and the northwest area would report to Albemarle Street. It is unclear what will happen when a new comprehensive facility is completed sometime next spring. It will be located near McLean Gardens. At present, the 2nd District is the only one with two substations.

Glenda Bowling

SUMMARY OF MAJOR PROPOSED CHANGES
IN CHARTER AND BY-LAWS

1. Regular Association meetings: September thru May instead of October thru May.
2. The Association would be incorporated.
3. Notice of regular meetings (except Annual meeting in May) is not required, instead of 2 days notice before all regular meetings.
4. Notice of Annual meeting (May) and special Association meetings, instead of 10 days for special meetings and 2 days for the May meeting.
5. Special meetings may be called by the President or majority of Board of Directors and must be called upon request of 1/3 of the members. Presently, only President may call a special meeting.
6. Quorum at Association meeting - 20 members instead of 15.
7. Amendment of By-laws: by a majority vote of the members at an Association meeting, with the recommendation of a majority of the Board of Directors, or, by a majority of the members at 2 successive Association meetings, when the Board has not recommended (with notice at least 5 days before the meeting). Amendments presently require notice of substance of proposed change before 2 meetings, discussion of the proposed amendments at those 2 meetings and approval by 2/3 vote of members at second meeting.
8. Major expenditure of funds requires majority vote at 2 consecutive meetings of the Association or the recommended approval of the Directors plus a majority vote at one Association meeting. Presently, expenditures for anything other than normal operations require only a majority vote at one Association meeting.
9. Amount of discussion and time for debate may be limited at President's discretion, rather than present limitation that no member can speak a 2nd time on a subject until all others have had an opportunity and no member can speak for more than 5 minutes without majority consent.
10. The Board of Directors, rather than the President, selects the Nominating Committee.
11. The Directors of the Association are elected by the members at the Annual (May) meeting and in turn, elect, from among their number, the Officers and Delegates. Presently, officers and delegates are elected directly by membership.
12. Board of Directors meet monthly, without notice. Under present By-laws, Executive Committee meets only upon the call of the President.
13. Removal of Officers and Directors requires the same notice and majority vote as By-law amendments and major expenditure of fund. No present provision for removal.

Copies of the full text of the proposed Articles of Incorporation and Association By-laws can be obtained by calling BCA President, L. Marie Van Hise, at 333-5305 (before 6 PM).

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relative peace, green plants, and trees.

Preserving Burleith is our community's prime interest, and qualified professionals see a number of threats to it. These threats are external to Burleith but adjacent to its boundaries; they are those forces which would increase the amount of traffic pouring through our streets. At least four proposals now in various stages could bring in great throngs of cars. Georgetown University's expansion would mean more student parking. Approval of the Three Sisters' Bridge plan, now in the courts would almost necessarily produce Glover Archbold Parkway, laying portions of our residential and park land under pavement. The McLean Gardens proposal will be resubmitted, and will lead to a concentration of apartment buildings on Wisconsin Avenue. One such development is not too destructive, but if others should occur they would be deadly to our area.

Perhaps the most important feature of our citizens' organization should be an alert and vital zoning committee which enables the Association to take every position it needs to protect Burleith. Active participation and the filing of resolutions is essential. The committee must give a great deal of time to watching the District government and local developers to make sure no danger to our area slips through. Watching what officials and developers are considering, examining records, attending zoning committee meetings and hearings should be of the Association's commitment to prevent these dangers from materializing. Zoning committee members must watch for these threats and mobilize the community against them, cooperating with other associations to use our weight most effectively.

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BCA MEETING PROGRAMS

Feb. 12th - traffic and parking
March 12th - environment & sanitation (guest: John Alexander)
April 9th - program on education (at Fillmore)
May 14th - Annual Assoc. meeting (election of officers)

ICE CAPADES FROZEN OUT

Although the response was enthusiastic not enough people were interested in attending the Ice Capades to permit the BCA to reserve a bus and seats at discount prices.

Thanks to all those who called --we'll try again next year.

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NOTICE OF BY-LAW CHANGES

Due to a lack of a quorum at the January meeting, the discussion of the revised BCA Charter and By-laws had to be postponed until the February meeting of the Association.

Notice is hereby given that the proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-laws will again be presented for discussion at the general meeting of the BCA on February 12th.

A summary of the more important changes are included with this Newsletter.

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WHY INCORPORATE?

Final steps are being taken to formally propose the incorporation of the Burleith Citizens' Association (BCA) as a non-profit association under the laws of the District of Columbia. Incorporation will provide several needed advantages.

First, BCA members will be immune from personal liability in the event of litigation.

Second, BCA needs to continue and expand its revenue-producing activities in order to continue its scope of community service. In so doing, it becomes essential that BCA obtain status as a tax-exempt organization. It is nearly impossible to obtain the desired IRS ruling without being incorporated, because incorporated associations can not provide the necessary assurances for non-profit status. In the absence of tax-exempt status, each of BCA's officers can be held personally liable for any unpaid income taxes. Why not incorporate, obtain the tax-exempt ruling, and protect BCA's working officers from such unnecessary risks?

Third, as an incorporated entity, BCA will be first governed by the corporate laws of the District of Columbia, and then by its own articles of incorporation and by-laws. BCA members may not amend or alter its own articles of incorporation or by-laws in a manner which is inconsistent with D.C. laws. The purpose of these laws is to insure and require a standard of fairness.

Fourth, The expanding scope of BCA's affairs demands a change to corporate form. As a corporation, BCA will be able to effectively operate during all periods of the year through its board of directors. There will be a far greater continuity in its action and there will be no doubt about the authority of the board to act.

WELCOME

BCA welcomes all new families moving into the neighborhood. If you know of any newcomers to Burleith, please let us know: Marcia Ebaugh 333-2542 evenings, or Ida Gibson 333-2614.