



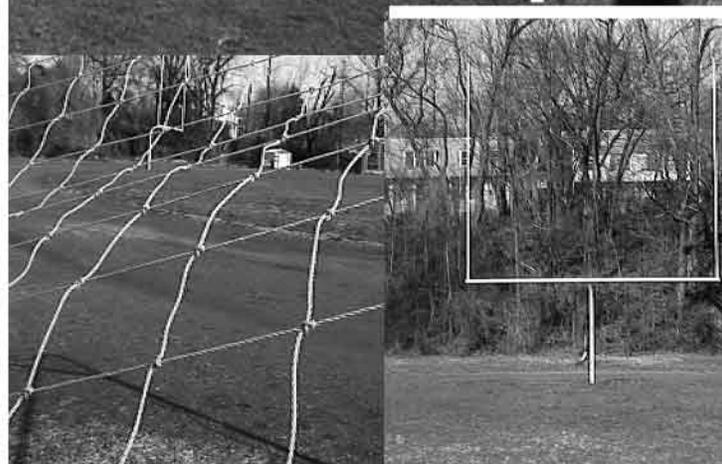
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Duke Ellington Field



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RALLY to save Ellington Field, Sunday, March 22nd, 1 p.m.

For details, see pg. 4

President's Message

The next few months are going to be extremely busy ones in Burleith, and I hope that all residents will pay close attention.

Our Ellington Field (some refer to it as "the lungs of Burleith") is in jeopardy. The Office of the Director of Facilities of the D.C. Schools, which owns the field, has assured us that they will only entertain a lease with "a public/private partnership." We hope that this is the case, and that the children of the city will remain the *only* users. To show our support of this concept, the BCA is sponsoring a rally at Ellington Field on March 22 (see related article in this Newsletter). Please come and show your support for one of Burleith's greatest assets. If you are able to help out, please call Pat Scolaro (338-5321), who is heading up this very important event. The D.C. Schools administration is watching closely for community support of the field.

The bidding process will be over on April 3, so we have scheduled a special BCA meeting for April 15, where all bidders can present their proposals before the community. We welcome this opportunity for community input, which Suzanne Conrad, the school system Director of Facilities, is anxious to provide. Full details of this meeting will be in the April Newsletter.

As probably most of you know by now, Georgetown University has announced a commitment by their Board of Directors to build a new dormitory large enough to house 800 students. This is certainly a step in the right direction for Burleith, severely impacted as we are by student renters. I know that I for one have many questions for the University about this proposal, and I'm sure many of you do, too. To answer these questions, University representatives will attend our March 11 meeting. Please plan to be there to learn about the University's plans first-hand.

Lastly, we urgently need feedback about how you feel about the Georgetown Flea Market which has been held on Sundays for many years in the Rosario Center

parking lot. Michael Sussman, manager of the Flea Market, came to our February BCA meeting to discuss the impact on the Flea Market of the Hardy School plans to eliminate most of the parking lot and restore playing fields there. One of the options he discussed was to spread the Flea Market out over Saturday and Sunday, with approximately 50 vendors each day. Please let me know if you feel strongly about the Flea Market one way or the other.

Before I end, congratulations are in order to Margaret and Peter Pulsifer for the arrival of their son Brendan, born on February 21. If you see a few mistakes in this Newsletter, don't be too hard on Peter – only this month does he have a good excuse! God bless the Pulsifer family.

See you Wednesday!

Bunny Helpers Sought

Anybody want to help the Easter Bunny hide eggs for our little Burleithians on Easter morning? If interested, call Bonnie at 338-6470.

Bulk Trash Collection Exists!

Yes, it's true, there is now a bulk trash collection in the District. Call 727-4600 for details. Up to 5 items may be collected in a single call. The service can be used for your own items or for a neighbor who is slow in calling.

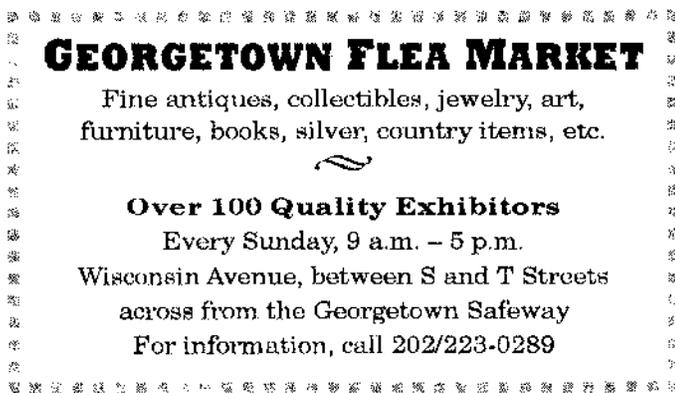


New Burleithian Arrives

Announcing the birth of Brendan Harold Pulsifer, February 21, 1998, 8 lb, 14 oz, first child of Margaret and Peter Pulsifer. Mother and father particularly wish to thank the many warm and generous Burleithians who have extended their hearts and their *kitchens* in helping us with this delightful disruption in our lives. This truly is a Village in the City!

Related Announcement

This is a good time to reaffirm that the Burleith Newsletter welcomes announcements of births, deaths, marriage, or moves of residents into or out of the community. Please send such news to the Editor!


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Good Times Roll Again at Burleith Winter Picnic

Some revelers said that it was the guests who were rolling, out the door, after Burleith's big potluck winter picnic on Saturday, February 28. As usual, the affair was held at the Georgetown Visitation Lodge, equipped with a huge fireplace and a conveniently located nursery wing off the main gathering room. Much in evidence and adding a youthful bounce were Burleith's youngest element.

Also as usual in this slightly hokey but fun event, were great prizes for various categories (resident longest in Burleith, newest Burleithian, etc). It was nice to see a crowd of Burleith's newest families, as well. Of no consequence was the sudden rain shower right at opening time; everyone braved it cheerfully and settled indoors for a great time.

The always fabulous groaning picnic board had a gourmet air about it this year. Main courses of great shrimp, salmon straight from the oven, gussied-up ham – you name it! – were arrayed on picnic tables, while the separate dessert tables were packed with a variety of goodies. Overheard in the dessert area:

–"The blueberry pie looks good; do you want to try it?"
 –"I think I'll try a little of *everything*."

Special thanks go to chief organizers Pat Scolaro, Ann Gallagher and Bonnie Hardy. As usual, a number of attendees pitched in at closing time and left the Lodge in immaculate shape. Special thanks go to Georgetown Visitation for making its Lodge available to us year after year (for a fee), for our community's main winter activity.

Auto Inspection Change

Don't take your car to the Southwest inspection station when its inspection sticker expires. That station, on Half St, SW, is closed for renovation. There is now only one D.C. inspection station, located at 1827 West Virginia Avenue, NE. The inspection station is near the northeast corner of Gallaudet College, and is not far from the main D.C. Post Office, just off New York Avenue. Station hours are 6 a.m.–8 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m.–3 p.m. Saturdays.



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Tree Plant-In at Rosario

by Bonnie Hardy

Saturday, February 21 started out brisk and clear, but as the morning wore on at the Rosario Center most of us were in shirt sleeves. It's amazing what the planting of over 25 good-size trees will do for you!

The Friends of Fillmore had \$6,000 available to spend on landscaping the Rosario Center property, now home of the Fillmore and Hardy schools, so the hired Rupperts Landscaping Company, who supplied rakes, shovels and know-how, while we volunteers supplied the manpower and enthusiasm.

Burleith was represented by a contingent of about 30, to which was added a group from the service fraternity of Georgetown University, and many good parents from both Hardy and Fillmore.

Thanks to their efforts, you will now see a new bed of junipers, plus cherry trees that are just now beginning to show their color. Cherry trees were also planted on the 34th Street side. Two large maples are at either end of the parking lot, two dogwoods on either side of the long steps, and the row of trees along the building consists of a lovely crimson hawthorn. And if you notice any yellow iris pop up amongst the plantings, please thank the Fleming family.

A good time was had by all, made all the sweeter by the knowledge of the enduring beauty being added to the Rosario Center.



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NEXT BCA MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 7:30 P.M.

At the Rosario Center/Hardy School, 35th and T Streets, in the teacher's lounge (follow signs).

Special guest: *Linda Greenan*, Georgetown University's Assistant to the President for Community Relations. Come hear about the University's recently-announced plans for a new, expanded dormitory project by year 2002.

The meeting will begin, as always, with a brief business session, with police report and discussion of local issues. Refreshments served!

Rally to Save Ellington Field !

by Patricia Scolaro, BCA Board

Word has spread quickly through Burleith and adjacent neighborhoods that the Ellington Field at 38th and R Streets is in jeopardy. The D.C. Public Schools system is seriously considering selling or leasing the field and is **currently accepting bids and proposals** for this heavily used neighborhood field.

We can't let this happen. The Burleith Citizens Association is taking an immediate and active role in ensuring that the field not be sold. That it remain a beautiful asset to this community and for the kids of the city. The BCA is taking the lead and is sponsoring a **rally at the Ellington field on Sunday, March 22, at 1:00 p.m.**

There was an immediate outcry of opposition from all areas at the news of the impending disposal of the field, which is the only multi-purpose public sports field in this part of the city. Jack Evans and Kathy Patterson immediately dispatched a letter to Connie Newman opposing the move, citing the need for our children, not less. The Councilmembers also sought to ensure "that the citizens are kept completely informed and have input before any action is taken in this matter." They stand strongly committed that under no circumstances should this field be sold.

Opposition to the D.C. Schools action is coming from the schools who currently use the field for practice and home games; from the surrounding communities; and even the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park ANC called on the school system "to reject the unsolicited proposal already received and terminate the process of soliciting competing proposals."

The Ellington field has a long history in Burleith, dating from 1927, when the D.C. Government purchased the land from Shannon & Luchs for use as an athletic field by Western High School (now Ellington). Most residents at one time or another have had occasion to enjoy the field, running or walking the track, walking a dog, watching an event, participating in a pick-up game,

enjoying the open space, or just hearing the pleasant sound of children playing.

Residents are asked to send letters of opposition to:

Suzanne Conrad, Facilities Officer
D.C. Public Schools
415 12th Street, NW, Room 903
Washington, D.C. 20004

FAX number: 724-5580

Your help and support is important. We need volunteers to help both in the planning of the event and, of course, on the day of the rally. To volunteer, call Pat Scolaro at 338-5321; Guy Gwynne, at 338-5164; or Bonnie Hardy, at 338-6470.

Help us preserve the field, for our children and for our future community!

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BCA Letters to "Slum Landlords"

The BCA Property Maintenance Committee has sent out letters to landlords who fail to maintain their properties in an acceptable manner. The committee takes photographs of the houses and yards and describes the objectionable characteristics to the owner. Piled-up garbage, wrecked furniture, unsightly weeds, accumulated leaves, beds and mattresses anywhere are just some of the unsightly disarray the committee addresses.

If anyone has a special property nearby that should be reported to a delinquent landlord, please contact Marilyn Reis at 342-1463. It would be helpful if a photo of the property could be included with the report. Upon receipt of a report, the committee will obtain the owner's name and address from the Lusk list of D.C. properties, and will send a letter out with a picture of the unkempt premises.

Letters to landlords are the first step, before reporting objectionable properties and delinquent landlords to the city for due attention. Rather than waste their money paying hefty fines, the more economical course for absentee landlords would be to invest their money directly into property upkeep and landscaping. We request the cooperation of all landlords and ask owners to maintain their property as if they were living next door.



Automobile Laws, Part II

An article in the February Newsletter attempted to clarify the legal status of out-of-state vehicles, by citing from the D.C. law. The rules there were taken from the D.C. Code, §40, not, as was mistakenly stated, the D.C. Municipal Regulations (DCMR). Generally, the D.C. Code represents the laws, as passed by the Council; the DCMR represents the detailed regulations developed to enforce the laws. (But there are exceptions).

The present article reports on the DCMR provisions pertaining to out-of-state vehicles, found in DCMR Title 18, which may be separately purchased for \$20 from the DC Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances, at 441 4th St, NW, telephone 727-5090. A copy is also on file at the Georgetown Library. This title is useful because it contains all the regulations and procedures pertaining to traffic and parking. It may help you avoid your next parking ticket.

Auto registration requirements are in Title 18, §411; they are essentially the same as in the D.C. Code, described here last month. Essentially, all out-of-state residents have a 30 day grace period each year with no registration requirements; if they stay longer, anyone may obtain a 180-day reciprocity sticker each year for a nominal fee. Longer stays without D.C. registration are difficult.

Here is how Title 18, §429, enforces the registration requirements (abridged from DCMR):

(a) First sighting: When an issuing officer observes a motor vehicle housed within the District that does not display District registration tags or a current reciprocity sticker, the officer shall record the following: Date; Time; Place; and Registration tag number and jurisdiction of the vehicle.

(b) Second sighting: If within 30 days of the first sighting, an issuing officer observes the same vehicle housed within the District, the officer shall record the same information.

(c) Third sighting: If between 31 and 60 days of the first

sighting, an issuing officer observes the same vehicle housed within the District, the officer shall attach a warning notice that the vehicle may be in violation; the notice shall instruct the owner or operator that within 15 days of the notice the motor vehicle shall be brought in compliance with District laws, and that failure to do so will result in further enforcement actions including, but not limited to, impoundment.

At this point the owner or operator can (a) obtain D.C. registration; (b) Obtain a reciprocity sticker; or (c) Demonstrate that the vehicle is not in violation of D.C. laws.

Any further observation of the non-complying vehicle after the 15-day warning period shall result in a notice of infraction being issued. Each separate daily observation shall constitute a separate violation.

These provisions date from 1983. Note that they do not distinguish between vehicles housed on public or private property.

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Supercans

by Sara Revis

WARNING: If the lid on your supercan becomes detached (a distinct possibility, it seems), chances are that it won't be there when you next visit your alley after traah pick-up. Taping it back on will help only temporarily. Mine disappeared in the collection of January 29. A walk through five alleys east of 37th Street showed some 15-30 supercans, in otherwise reasonable repair, sitting open to the sky – and to the squirrels – while only four had the detached lids still resting in the vicinity. The only solution offered by the D.C. DPW, naturally, is the purchase of a new supercan at \$70 apiece. Any other suggested solutions are welcome! [To have a new supercan delivered to your home, call DPW at 645-7041 - Ed.].

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Georgetown University's New Southwest Quadrangle

New 800-bed dorm approved

Based on G.U. press release

On February 26, the Georgetown University Board of Directors approved a four-year, \$120 million project that includes on-campus housing for an additional 800 undergraduates. This is an increase in capacity over previous University plans, the most recent of which had been for a 500 bed dormitory.

More than just student housing, however, the Southwest Quadrangle project will be a building complex including a 1,200-person dining hall, a new home for Georgetown's Jesuit Community, multipurpose space for academic and educational activities, seminar and study rooms, library and quiet space. There will also be an underground parking facility, to replace parking spaces eliminated by the new buildings.

Georgetown Dean of Students Jim Donahue is working to plan the new facility to increase the quality and attractiveness of on-campus life, to "provide the facilities that will allow the [campus] community to grow and learn in every way – academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically." Local residents hope that a better on-campus community will decrease the urge of students to seek less healthy diversions in nearby neighborhoods. Students have been and continue to be involved in residence hall planning, through focus groups and consultation with elected student representatives.

The new residence hall will consist of three connected buildings, each holding 250 to 300 students. It will include both single and double occupancy rooms, and will feature kitchens, seminar space and classrooms, recreational and multipurpose rooms, laundry facilities, and chaplain- and faculty-in-residence apartments. The hall is planned for sophomores, freeing existing University apartments for third and fourth-year students. Georgetown says it currently houses 76% of its undergraduate students on campus, the highest percentage of any D.C. university; the new dorm will raise this to 90% of undergraduates in on-campus housing.

The underground parking garage will accommodate at least 800 vehicles – the same number of cars now parked on the lot where the project will be built. No cars currently parked on campus will be moved off-campus either during construction or upon completion of the facility. The garage will also house a bus maintenance facility.

Georgetown's Jesuit Community, currently housed in the Gervase, Mulledy and Ryan buildings, will have a new home in the Southwest Quadrangle, capable of housing

about 50 residents. The building will also include public welcoming and meeting space, special capabilities to handle the needs of older Jesuits, and a public chapel. The three buildings vacated by the Jesuits will be renovated for academic and other uses.

The University expects the new residence hall will be open by the fall of 2002, "barring unforeseen delays in construction, or community and District approval and permit processes." They expect the review process to take 18 months, and actual construction to take 26 months.

For more information on this important project, come to the BCA meeting on March 11, where University representatives will be speaking!

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Book Review: The Life and Death of Pretty Boy Floyd

by Guy Gwynne

Burleith author Jeffrey S. King has come out with a new biographical work on 1920s-era bank robber "Pretty Boy" Floyd (1904-1934), one of the last of the outlaws in the tradition of Jesse James, Billy the Kid, and John Dillinger. Floyd perpetuated numerous bank-robbing exploits across the Midwest, until federal agents and local police shot him down near East Liverpool, Ohio, in 1934 – a feat that helped to build the image of the modern FBI.

During the Depression, many people saw banks as enemies and Floyd as a hero, and helped screen him from the police. One he left a large contribution at an Oklahoma church – and no one reported his visit. He was known to drop in at country dances, dance with the prettiest girls, and pay the fiddler well. One story goes that he kept a rural school in fuel one winter.

In his biography, Jeffrey King explores many of the questions still surrounding Floyd. He also links Floyd to the infamous Kansas City Massacre. Particularly notable are King's assessments of the effectiveness of the FBI and of J. Edgar Hoover's talent for self-promotion.

Jeffrey King is a freelance writer and retired reference librarian. Copies of his book may be ordered from Kent State University Press, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242, tel: (330) 672-7913, fax (330) 672-3104 for an introductory price of \$22.40.

Burleith Tree Survey

by Bonnie Hardy

We understand that the D.C. Tree Department now, at last, has a budget to expend on planting much-needed street trees and caring for existing ones. In response to this news, we have done an informal survey of tree spaces in our neighborhood, which is printed below. If the tree space mentioned is near you, please confirm that the information listed is correct, and let us know if it is not. Call as well to inform us if your tree space has been left out. Remember, this survey was done quickly, so there could be a fair number of corrections to make!

Information from the survey will be used to request service from the District. Several years ago, we were successful in obtaining many new trees for empty tree spaces, and we hope that the renewed availability of money may permit further revitalization of the trees that are such an important part of our "Village in the City." We plan to send the results of this survey to the Tree Department by March 13, so please let me hear from you by then. Call Bonnie Hardy, at 338-6470.

1813 37th	Replant
1900 37th	Replant
1901 37th (at T St bus stop)	Replant
1911 37th	Replant
1928 37th	Remove
3511 R (Ellington side)	Replant
3517 R	Destump
3611 R	Replant
3627 R	Remove
3641 R	Replant
3700 R	Replant
3724 R	Replant
3725 R	Remove
3600 S (on 36th St)	Replant, both sides
3619 S	Replant
3626 S	Replant
3709 S	Prune
3716 S	Remove
3720 S	Replant
3528 T	Replant
3531 T	Destump
3554 T (36th St side)	Replant
3600 T (36th St side)	Replant
3612 T	Replant
3735 T (38th St side)	Replant
3735 T (front)	Destump
3803 T	Remove
3815 T	Destump
3822 T	Prune or Replant
3618 Whitehaven	Prune
3626 Whitehaven	Prune

ADDRESS	ACTION
1724 35th	Replant
1800 35th (S St side)	Replant (2)
1812 35th	Prune
1900 35th	Replant
1914 35th	Replant
1706 37th	Replant
1713 37th	Remove
1807 37th	Remove
1812 37th	Replant

Save Our Trees!

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PEPCO Power Outages

Recently there have been power outages in Burleith. PEPCO has assured us in writing that a malfunctioning electrical transformer is not to blame. They have checked out the transformer thoroughly and found it to be "in proper working condition." The most recent outages were caused by tree limbs falling on some power lines.

Dates to Remember

March 6 (Fri)	University Spring Break starts
March 7 (Sat)	WIS meeting at constr trailer
March 11 (Wed)	BCA General meeting, 7:30
March 16 (Mon)	GU classes resume
March 20 (Fri)	Ellington Concert Band: "The Full Spectrum", 7:30
March 22 (Sun)	RALLY: Save Ellington Field, 1:00
March 24 (Tues)	PSA 205 Police Meeting, St. Luke's Church (282-0053)
March 27 (Fri)	Newsletter Deadline

Enrollment Planning Keeps Pace with Construction at WIS

WIS Advancement Office

With construction of its new facilities well underway, Washington International School is focusing ever-more on enrollment planning and admissions. Applications are accepted for every grade except twelfth, and WIS typically enrolls 120-150 new students annually. This year has been particularly busy, with applications running nearly 20% above last year's levels and 30% above the previous year. Primary enrollment for September, 1998 is expected to be 350-360 students; current enrollment in those grades is 330.

There are no language requirements for admission to most grades; the combination of immersion, bilingual, and intensive language options allows for the admission of students with a variety of language backgrounds. Because of these offerings, WIS is often perceived primarily as a language school. However, on average over 75% of all students take two years of calculus, and all graduates complete the equivalent of at least five full-year laboratory science courses.

Further information is available from the Admissions Office at 243-1815.

WIS Language Immersion Camp

WIS Advancement Office

This year the Washington International School Language Immersion Summer Camp will be held at its brand new facilities in Burleith. This multicultural, hands-on experience allows children to develop a positive attitude towards learning a new language and gives them an opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the cultures of countries around the world. Other programs will also be offered at the Cleveland Park campus, with a bus service available between both locations.

Day Care (3 – 6 p.m.) during the summer, as well as the extensive and varied after-school classes, weekend programs, and day care during the school year, are open to all children.

For more information, contact Michelle Broadie, Auxiliary Programs Director, at 364-1827 or e-mail to broadie@mail.wis.edu.



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BCA Membership Report

by Charles Mallett, Membership Chair

A note of apology: In the previous issue of the Newsletter, a member list was displayed. As is true in any reporting process, there can be mistakes and OMISSIONS...and we made a few! Our sincerest apologies for any omissions. Listed below are the members who have joined for this current year and were inadvertently left off the previous list:

BASIC: Peggy Breckenridge and Jeanette Murphy

PATRON: Bernadette Eichelberger, Ann Gallagher, Dennis Ray, Joe and Pat Scolaro, and Liz and Allen Raymond

ROYAL BURLEITHIAN: Richard Schmidt

Since our last report we have received memberships from the following residents:

BASIC: Ellen Gavrishoff, Virginia Warren, Thomas & Virginia Bryant, Frances Fort, Carolyn A. Warren, The Van Weddingens, and Jacqueline Hughes

PATRON: Barbara Stevens, William J. Hines, Meg & Christian Clerc, and Barbara A. Stearns

ROYAL BURLEITHIAN: Muriel O'Conner Lee

Special Mention

Alfred Bigelow, already a Royal Burleithian and a donor of a significant contribution, has sent an additional \$100. He offered the following comment: "An additional contribution to the BCA to be used as the BCA wishes - hope a few others might do likewise...Thanks."

One other comment was sent along with a new membership: "Sorry this membership was so late in coming; we are finally settling in properly. We also have a belated 'thank you' to express to all of you who welcomed us so warmly!"

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAVE HELPED ON THIS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Memberships can still be accepted for the current year, which ends June 30, 1998.

Note: Only paid members can participate in the June elections.



Washington International School construction, viewed from the newly-paved 36th St at R St