



Columbia Heights Civic Association Neighborhood Newsletter

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President's Message

Many of us are emerging out of our cabins hoping to see the sun and no snow in our favorite parking spots. CHCA will be hosting a table at the Annual Arlington Home Show & Expo in April. We will be displaying our close-to-final neighborhood signs, which will be placed throughout the neighborhood. We will be getting feedback from you about the final design and location.

This year, with the county and state facing dire financial times, we will start seeing cut-backs in programs. Limited resources to distribute to neighborhoods means that your voice and participation in the local civic association is needed now, more than ever. I hope that you join us. --Ron Haddox, President

Sign up for CHCA List Serve--

To join the CHCA mailing list go to the Web site below, then follow the instructions:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ColumbiaHeightsCA/join>

CHCA Meetings:

Meetings are held at the Walter Reed Community Center. The next meeting is scheduled on **May 10 at 7:00 p.m.**

CHCA Board Members: Ron Haddox, President; Sarah McKinley, Vice President; Allen Muchnick, Secretary; Ed Miltenberger, Treasurer; Linh Ong, Jennifer Bagnell Stuart and Tutu Phimviengkham.

Arlington Tree Give-Away

For information about Arlington's spring tree give-away program, contact Tutu at tphimvie@gmail.com.

Home Show & Expo on April 10 Walter Reed Community Center Vote on CHCA Neighborhood Sign!

Members of CHCA will vote on the color combination and locations for our neighborhood signs at the Annual Home Show & Expo, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 10.



The signs will be paid for by the Arlington Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC), which has also funded new entryways into the park (see story on next page). The logo on the sign coordinates with the park design. Linh Ong, a CHCA board member, developed the design for the neighborhood sign.



200 Year Birthday of Columbia Pike - April 12

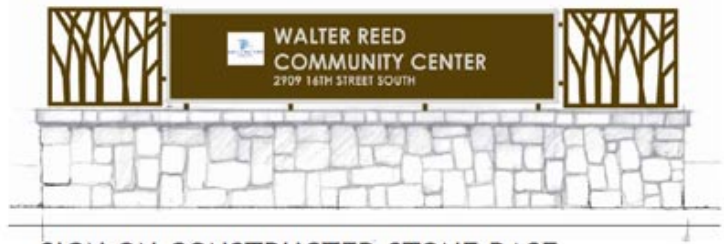
The community will celebrate the 200 year anniversary of the creation of Columbia Pike on Monday, April 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at The Salsa Room (formerly Cecelia's Restaurant) at 2619 Columbia Pike. This event is for the whole family. Sara Collins will be presenting the history of the Pike.

Construction Being Scheduled for Walter Reed Entrances & Fence

The design work has now been completed on new entryways into the Walter Reed Park on 16th Street and Walter Reed Drive, as well as a new solid steel, six-foot high fence separating the park from the neighborhood communities of the Commons of Arlington and Arlington Village.

Construction is expected to begin in late August on the project, projected to cost over \$350,000. The project is one of two major upgrades in Columbia Heights Civic Association being funded by the Neighborhood Conservation Action Committee (NCAC). Sarah McKinley is the block captain for this project, and CHCA representative to NCAC.

The second project, which will replace street lights on Barton Street from Columbia Pike to 16th Street, along with a small section of 16th and Edgewood, will also cost over \$350,000. Ed Miltenberger is the block captain for this project.



SIGN ON CONSTRUCTED STONE BASE

Developments Along the Pike Already in Progress...

Major new developments along Columbia Pike, years in the development stage, are now being completed with the prospect of bringing new retail opportunities, as well as housing units, into the area.

Halstead at Arlington, on the corner of Columbia Pike and Walter Reed, already has over 80 percent occupancy for its 269 apartments. Its 40,000 sq. ft. of retail space includes the Lost Dog Cafe and Free Clinic. An Irish Pub is on the way.

Sienna Park, on the site of the old Safeway, has been completed with 32,000 sq. ft. of retail space, 14,000 sq. ft. of office space and 188 rental units.

Penrose Square, which replaces the old Giant, is being built now. The new Giant, with 57,000 sq. ft. of space, is expected to open in the second half of 2012. It includes 325 apartments and a total of 97,000 sq. ft. of retail space.

Other projects include Axumite Village, sponsored by the Ethiopian Community Development Council, Columbia Place, and the Arlington Mill Community Center.



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