



GARFIELD PARK NEWS

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☞ PARK CLEANUP ☞

Monthly park cleanups continue on the last Saturday of each month! The next cleanup will be on August 28 starting at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

THANKS FOR DONATING

We wanted to extend gratitude to all those who have dug deep and given to our organization as of late. We really appreciate your support to help the park. We will continue to undertake projects to improve the park and keep you informed!

POST BUILDING RENOVATION

We recently became privy to information regarding the renovation of the old vacant *Washington Star/Post* building (225 Virginia Ave. SE). Work is scheduled to begin in November, and is expected to take 15 months with tenant occupancy estimated in the fall of 2012. The building was leased by the District some time ago. Once complete, the building will be LEED Silver certified and include a large first floor gallery to display art from the DC Commission on the Art & Humanities' collection. The building will also host the Child and Family Services Agency and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer. We are hoping that this construction finishes before the CSX Virginia Ave. tunnel project begins. We will keep you updated on any new developments!

MEETING WITH WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER TOMMY WELLS

On August 26, please come and meet and greet Tommy Wells to discuss issues with the District, Capitol Hill, our neighborhood, and the park. Please join us at 148 F. St. SE from 6-8 pm to hear him speak, and bring any questions you may have for Councilmember Wells!

PARK MURAL EFFORT UPDATE

Last month, we notified you all that we were partnering with the non-profit Albus Cavus to facilitate the painting of a mural to hopefully deter further graffiti. Since our last update, we have secured a letter of endorsement from Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells for this effort, which has been delivered to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). Because the mural would be painted on a wall touching the SW Freeway, DDOT must consent. We'll keep you all posted on this project to defeat the graffiti. Albus Cavus will ask the neighborhood for some input on what to put on the wall, when we are able begin the art work.

WEBSITE UPDATE

We alerted you all some months ago that we had purchased a domain to launch a website. Since the last newsletter, we have begun to build it. Some portions are not yet complete, but the site is up and running, and is being updated as quickly as we can. We plan to have an event calendar, an archive of old newsletters and dog features, and the ability to donate online. We really encourage everyone to take a look at it, and suggest any changes or edits. We appreciate any input we can get! Please visit the new site at www.garfieldparkwashingtondc.org.

DOG SPOTLIGHT!

Ginny is a three year old St. Bernard. She was rescued by Bill and Monica from West Virginia. Say hi to Ginny the next time you see her in Garfield Park!



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