

## City and Pepco Officials to Speak at WPCA Spring Meeting

The WPCA's Spring general meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 2 at Stanford, 2661 Connecticut Avenue. Everyone is invited, both members and non-members alike. Sam Zimbabwe, the Associate Director for the Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration of the District Department of Transportation will be one of the featured speakers. His office,



DDOT's Sam Zimbabwe

among other things, develops policies that govern the use of public space; implements safety, pedestrian and bicycle programs; prepares strategic goals and plans for the entire city, while also focusing on specific neighborhood needs; issues permits to developers, vendors and utilities; and has responsibility for the overall management of DC public space.

He will address management of on-street parking near the Zoo, Metro and the hotels; quality control for street paving; pedestrian-friendly improvements to Connecticut Avenue; rush-hour congestion and blocked cross streets along Connecticut Avenue; speeding on our three bridges; pedestrian and bicycle safety; street signage; the alley repaving schedule for the east

side of the 2600 block of Connecticut Avenue; restriping of the Taft Bridge; and DDOT notification of the community regarding future street and sidewalk improvements.

Mr. Zimbabwe will be available for questions after his presentation. He was previously the Director of the Center for Transit Oriented Development at Reconnecting America. He and his center helped local transportation and planning agencies think about designing their communities around making good use of their transit systems and maximizing choices.

Zimbabwe holds a Master of City Planning degree in Urban Design from the University of California, Berkeley and a Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Studies from Cornell. Before Reconnecting America, Zimbabwe worked as an urban designer for Community Design + Architecture Firm and Van Meter Williams Pollack, and was a planning associate with the Port of San Francisco.

Following Mr. Zimbabwe, we will hear from Chris Taylor, Public Affairs Manager for the DC Region of Pepco. He will discuss Pepco's smart grid initiative which includes the replacement



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## Woodley Park Neighborhood Art Show

We all know that Woodley Park has more than its fair share of lawyers, doctors, consultants and those involved in the federal government. But what might be less obvious is that the neighborhood is home to many artists as well. Some practice their arts after returning home from their day jobs, others have been able to devote time to them after they retired, while still others are able to do so professionally, full time.

Starting in late April (exact date yet to be set), the Stanford art gallery will host an exhibition of the works of some of these neighbor-



hood artists. The show, organized with the help of the Woodley Park Community Association, is expected to include drawings, water colors, oils, sculpture, photographs, glass, pottery, assemblages and jewelry.

The art works displayed at the show will not be for sale through the gallery, but many of the participating artists do sell their work and would be delighted to talk to prospective buyers. (The gallery will provide contact information.)

The Stanford gallery is at 2661 Connecticut Avenue.

*John Goodman*

## WPCA'S MISSION

To maintain and advance the quality of Woodley Park as an in-town, generally residential community; to preserve and enhance the social, physical and historic characteristics of the neighborhood and historic places within and adjacent to it; to provide a forum for exchange of information and discussion of issues relevant to the area; and to represent residents before governmental and other entities.

Any resident of the neighborhood may join WPCA, as may the operator of any neighborhood business that provides goods or services to Woodley Park residents.

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## The Woodley Park Connoisseur: Medaterra

*This new Acorn column features reviews of Woodley Park Area restaurants. For this issue, our traveling connoisseur visited Medaterra.*

2614 Connecticut Ave. NW

Open Daily from 10:30 am to 11pm.

Appetizers: \$4-\$8; Entrees: \$10-\$25;

Menu: [http://527728.sites-](http://527728.sites-myregisteredsite.com/menu.html)

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One of the truly great things about living in Woodley Park is the amazing ability to be virtually transported continents away with delectable food from far off lands. Medaterra evokes a sense of being in

Morocco with its pleasant desert colored walls and paintings. The French music in the background sets the perfect tone.

The first thing that you notice upon entering the restaurant is the very friendly staff. I visited the restaurant on a Saturday afternoon

and was quickly shown to my seat and offered a glass of cold water. The server informed me that they had \$1 Margaritas and I quickly took her up on the offer. She returned in short order with the beverage. While some restaurants offer specials and then reduce the size of the bev-

erage, Medaterra served a full sized margarita.

For my appetizer, I selected the chicken wings, which were well prepared and served with bleu cheese and ketchup. The wings were tender, juicy and not messy. The weakness was in its presentation. Where most places serve wings and a side of celery or carrots, Medaterra serves an artistic rendering of carrots.

For lunch, the house special was a cheese burger. It arrived shortly after I finished my appetizer. The meat was cooked as specified.

The tomato was garden fresh and its flavor complimented the beef patty perfectly. The lettuce was well done. The cottage fries were properly prepared. If one is looking for an all-American burger, it's here in Woodley Park at Medaterra.

I splurged and ordered an exceptional baklava for dessert. I have not tasted baklava this good since the last St Sophia's Greek festival. The honey and the nuts formed a perfect confection that simply melts in your mouth.

*Peter Brusoe*



## Some Important DC Phone Numbers

Booted cars	311	Motor Vehicle Services	727-5000
Bulk Trash collection	311	Noise Violations	311
Car Tags	727-5000	Parking enforcement	311
Consumer Fraud	727-5173	Parking tickets	727-5000
DC Water	787-2000	Permits – construction	442-4589
Dog Waste	311	Pothole repairs	311
Driver's license	727-5000	Rats and rodent control	311
Emergency	911	Residential parking permits	727-5000
Energy Conservation	673-7797	Sidewalk repair	311
Fire hydrant – open	612-3400	Street name signs	311
Gas leak	750-1000	Street repairs	311
Hazardous materials	727-6161	Supercans	311
Historic preservation	442-8800	Tax Assistance	727-4829
Illegal construction	442-STOP	Traffic signals and signs	311
Income taxes	727-4829	Trash collection	311
Juror's office	879-4604	Utility Bill complaints	727-3071
Landlord tenant court	879-4879	Vehicle inspections	727-5000
Leaf collection	311	Voter information	727-2525
Litter control	311	Water/sewer emergency	612-3400
Metro srnior ID cards	637-7000	Zoning office	727-6311
Metro Transit Police	962-2121	Zoning inspections	442-4684
Metro Access	562-5360	Many of the non-emergency services can also be reached at <a href="http://311.dc.gov/">http://311.dc.gov/</a> .	
MPD District 2	715-7300		

# Protecting Your Wi-Fi

It is common these days for homeowners to set up their own wireless networks. With the portability of laptops and tablets, wireless is far easier and more practical than running wires throughout the house. Once you've created your wireless network, you can work anywhere you want at home, perhaps to your spouse's chagrin. But the convenience of wireless comes at a cost. Not only can *you* connect to your system, but your wireless radio signal can also be seen and, if not protected, used by *others*, conceivably in ways that you do not approve. For example, someone could use up your allowed data transfer amount, increasing your Internet bill. Or someone could view inappropriate (and perhaps illegal) material, and authorities might attribute it to you. The bottom line is that letting others use your wireless network, and by extension your Internet connection, can lead to undesirable consequences.

As I sit and write this article on my own computer, I can see eleven different wireless networks, in varying states of security. The fact that I can see them allows me to check their status and even try to connect to one or more of them. So if you're going to set up a wi-fi network, here are some tips to doing it securely to protect yourself. The key is your wi-fi router.

- Change your passwords -- First, change the default administration

password. Default passwords are easily found on the Internet. I notice that one of our local networks actually has the word "Belkin" in its name, and that router uses a blank default password.

- Turn off remote administration -- Assuming you have at least one computer wired in, the best option is to disallow remote administrative access. You should have an option to turn remote management off, so check that (or uncheck if it is to turn on).
- Select a good network name -- Which brings us to our next point. Select a good name, meaning one that doesn't provide too much information (like your router name). Change it from the default, and do NOT use anything that contains personal information (like your family name).
- Hide your network -- Even better would be to hide your network name (or SSID). Your router wireless settings should have a setting to "Enable SSID broadcast". Uncheck it. A sophisticated user can still find your signal, but it will deter casual users. That would make you NOT one of the eleven networks I can see.
- Set up strong security -- If you follow only one of my recommendations, do activate strong security.

Today, you should choose WPA2 (with AES-only encryption). Unless you have old equipment that doesn't support WPA2, you should no longer use WEP. And no matter what, **don't** fail to use some form of security. (One of the networks I see has no security and is labeled as "guest". While I understand the convenience, exposing an unsecure network can have bad consequences.) And note that, without encryption, anyone else on your network can see what you are transmitting from your computer.

- Select a strong network password -- Once you activate your security, choose a strong password, not the same as your administration password. It should have at least 20 mixed characters.
- Allow only specific systems to connect -- Another great idea is to control who is allowed to attach to your network. Your router will allow you to set up an access list. You will need to know the MAC address for each device (this can be tricky to find, so you may have to query how), but only the systems you add will be allowed to use your network.

Whether or not you are aware of it, be assured that wireless networks are constantly under attack. You must protect yours. These steps will help.

*David Ensign*

## Come to the Woodley Park Picnic on June 16th!

Join us Saturday June 16th, from 4 to 8 pm, for the annual Woodley Park Community Association picnic, a fun-filled community event featuring delicious grilled food with tempting summer sides and beverages. Sit comfortably at tables in the breezy shade of Woodley Playground opposite the 2900 block of Cortland Place, visiting with friends, neighbors, our neighborhood police and some of our local government officials. (In the past, both Jim Graham and Mary Cheh have attended, but for the first time this year Woodley Park is united under one councilmember.) Children's activities will include face painting and balloon figures.

WPCA membership registration will be available if you are not already a member, and there will be signature WPCA apparel for sale, including baseball caps and T-shirts.

They are great gifts, or you can wear neighborhood apparel proudly to celebrate our wonderful community.

If you can join us, please let us know by June 12th at [WP.Picnic.Man@gmail.com](mailto:WP.Picnic.Man@gmail.com) (so we can make sure we have enough food and drink). And if you would like to volunteer to help with grilling, set-up, break-down or sign-in, just note that with your RSVP.

We hope you will be able to attend the Woodley Park Community Association picnic. Join the fun with old friends and make new ones as well!

(The Rain Date is Sunday June 17th, from 4pm to 8pm.)

*Sarah Taber*



# Proposed WPCA Bylaws Changes

Last year, the DC Council completely rewrote the DC Non-profit Corporation Law as part of its revision of DC's business entity laws generally. As a DC nonprofit, WPCA is subject to the revised law. The changes in the law require some changes to WPCA's Bylaws, mainly to permit the Association to continue some of its existing practices. At the same time as it was considering these changes, the WPCA Executive Committee also reviewed the Bylaws generally to see if there were any provisions that should be changed. The Board will ask Association members to vote on the proposed changes at the general membership meeting on Wednesday May 2nd.

The Executive Committee recommends that we continue these existing practices, which now have to be specifically stated in the Bylaws:

That WPCA not allow voting by proxy at general membership meetings (sec. VII.A) and

That WPCA allow all current members to vote at membership meetings (sec. VII.A).

The new law precludes the existing Executive Committee

email voting procedures (sec. IV.D), and that provision has been changed to conform to the current law.

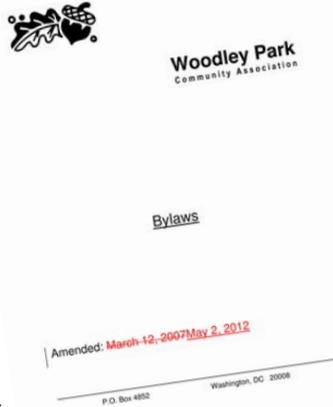
Other proposed changes not resulting from the new law include:

- Restating the limits on WPCA's political activities to mirror to the limitations on 501(c)(3) organizations (sec. II.D),
- Modifying certain provisions to recognize current operating practices (secs. IV.A, IV.B, IV.C, V.B),
- Requiring calendar year budgets (sec. V.E),
- Eliminating unnecessary provisions (secs. VI.A, VII.B) and
- Making various editorial changes (secs. V.E, VI.D, VII.D, VII.E).

Finally, there are three blocks just to the west of the current WPCA territory that are not in the area of any neighborhood association. This triangle bounded by Cleveland Avenue, Garfield Street and 34th Street includes less than three dozen homes. Residents of those blocks have been, and are, members of WPCA. The proposed Bylaws would formally change the area of the Association (sec. II.E) to include these blocks.

The proposed new Bylaws are on the WPCA website at [www.wpcaonline.org/docs/ProposedBylaws.pdf](http://www.wpcaonline.org/docs/ProposedBylaws.pdf).

*John Goodman*



## Capital Bikeshare in Woodley Park

Have you noticed the neat row of red bikes in racks located at Calvert Street and Woodley Place, as well as at 3000 Connecticut Avenue, across from the National Zoo? They are all part of the District Department of Transportation's bikesharing program, in partnership with Arlington County, called Capital Bikeshare. This program has been so popular that many stations, including the one on Calvert Street, have already been expanded.

With Capital Bikeshare, a bicyclist can get a bike from over 120 stations across Washington and Arlington and return it to any station near his or her destination. Anyone can check out a bike for a trip to work, to run errands, to go shopping or to visit friends and family. Smartphone apps can tell you what stations have bikes available.

The bikes are designed to fit everyone. They have step-thru frames, 3 speeds, front and rear flashing LED lights and a handy front rack. The internal hub gears, chain guard and fenders keep you riding clean and confidently. Capital Bikeshare bikes can be used

comfortably by people of a wide range of heights, simply by adjusting the seat height.

You can join Capital Bikeshare for 24 hours (\$7), 3 days (\$15), 30 days (\$25) or a full year (\$75). The first 30 minutes of each trip is free, and you can make as many trips as you want during your



membership period. Trips longer than 30 minutes incur additional fees, based on time and your level of membership. For example, if you have up to a 3-day membership, then 1 hour costs \$2 and 1.5 hours costs \$6. If you have at least a 30-day membership, then the same du-

rations cost \$1.50 and \$4.50, respectively. The program is designed to encourage short-term use, so if you go over 1.5 hours, then it can get a bit pricey. Since there are so many stations located throughout the District, it is easy and economical to make short trips.

The stations are solar powered and use wireless technology to allow for easy installation and adjustments. Capital Bikeshare is the successor to DDOT's first bikesharing system called Smartbike DC which launched in August 2008 with 10 stations and 100 bikes. SmartBike DC was the first bike sharing program of its kind in the US.

Short term memberships can be obtained at the kiosk at any Bike-share station, and longer term memberships can be applied for on the web or by phone. Within a week of your application for the longer term memberships, you will receive your key which will unlock a bike at any location. See [capitalbikeshare.com](http://capitalbikeshare.com) for further information and Safe Biking!

*Bill Menczer*

## Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners: Friends or Foes?

There are many misconceptions regarding the role and responsibilities of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. Many residents are not aware of what Commissioners do, how they advise and assist, the problems they solve, or the number of hours they expend each week. Commissioners champion the Executive and Legislative branches of government on behalf of the community and ensure community input is heard before decisions that impact the neighborhood are made. The next time you are at the polls, remember—your Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner is the *last* person you vote for, but the *most* important person on the ballot.

### The ABCs of the ANC

The District of Columbia is divided into eight wards and 37 Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) within these wards. Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, while representing and maintaining community interests, consider a wide range of policies and programs affecting their neighborhoods, including traffic, parking, recreation, street improvements, liquor licenses, zoning, economic development, police protection, sanitation and trash collection, and the District's annual budget. In each of these areas, the intent of the ANC enabling legislation is to ensure input from an advisory board that is made up of the residents of the neighborhoods that are directly affected by governmental action. The ANCs are the body of government with the closest official and personal ties to the residents and businesses in the

neighborhood.

The ANCs present their positions as well as recommendations on issues to the Executive Branch, City Council, and government agencies. ANCs can also present testimony to independent agencies, boards, commissions, as well as to Federal agencies. DC law states that comments and recommendations made by the ANC "shall be given great weight [D.C. Code, Section 1-261(d)] by government agencies as they deliberate on matters that affect the residents of the ANC area."

Commissioners are non-partisan, serve two-year terms and receive no salary. Many Commissioners hold full-time jobs in addition to their Commission seat. Each Commissioner represents approximately 2,000 residents in his / her Single Member District. Advisory Neighborhood Commissions are independent bodies and do not necessarily represent the Mayor's or Council's point of view.

### Friend or Foe?

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners are your friends. Residents, property owners, businesses and ANC Commissioners, as well as the Woodley Park Community Association, must all work together in order to protect, preserve and support the community at large. Commissioners are in place to advise, assist and direct residents and businesses accordingly. While being a Commissioner is a part-time position, most Commissioners are available to their neighborhood 24/7. Over the years,

Woodley Park Commissioners have addressed, heard and acted upon various issues, including but not limited to: redistricting and unifying Woodley Park / East of Connecticut Avenue to Ward 3; pedestrian safety along Connecticut Avenue; saving Cathedral CARE Pharmacy; grants to non-profits serving the community; ZipCar / FlexCar parking spaces; problems and noise at the National Zoo; subdivision of 2910 Garfield Street; JBG Companies' Marriott Wardman Park Hotel development; traffic congestion at Maret School; idling buses in front of residential property; tree trimming and preservation; street repaving and remarking; rat abatement; crosswalk signage at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Connecticut Avenue; and a range of historic preservation remodeling projects.

The talented and dedicated citizens who serve as your Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners protect and preserve your community. No matter the issue, large or small, we are here to serve - and it is our pleasure to be your eyes, ears and most importantly, your voice. We are your FRIENDS!

Woodley Park is represented by four Commissioners: myself, Lee Brian Reba, 3C01; Bill Kummings, 3C02; and Anne-Marie Bairstow, 3C03; and Catherine May, 3C08 - who has other neighborhoods as well. To find and learn more about your Woodley Park Commissioner and ANC boundaries, visit [www.anc3c.org](http://www.anc3c.org).

*Lee Brian Reba, Commissioner 3C01  
Woodley Park East of Connecticut*

## Construction at the Marriott Update

You might be wondering what's going on that big hole at the foot of 28th Street on the grounds of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Or you might think you know, because you remember reading something about it a few years ago. But JBG, the owner of the property (and the Hotel), has changed its plans for the new building.

It was originally billed as a very high-end condominium development, with only about 120 units. JBG says now that it will be a rental building with 212 apartments. Previously called *Wardman West*, it will now be known as *2700 Woodley*. The design of the façade is a little more traditional than the one we

originally saw. Some things haven't changed, of course. It will still be eight stories above ground and two levels of parking below.

The excavation is nearing completion. Concrete operations are next, ending in January 2013. The means that cement mixers will be replacing trucks hauling dirt on Woodley Road. JBG expects to start leasing the building by year end 2013 with the first tenants moving in during the first quarter of 2014.

You can read a history of this development on the WPCA

website, <http://www.wpcaonline.org/issuesmarriott.htm>.



# Woodley Park Trivia Contest

Be one of the first three with the most correct answers and receive a fashionable Woodley Park T-shirt.

1. What's the source of the "Woodley" in the neighborhood's name?
2. The Woodley Park Metro stop name refers to the National Zoo. The Cleveland Park stop, which is actually closer to the Zoo entrance, does not. Why?
3. According to the 2010 census, roughly how many people live in Woodley Park?
4. True or false. There is a secret way to exit the Metro on the east side of Connecticut Avenue.
5. In the 1920's, Harry Wardman, who built many of the neighborhood's homes, lived in a large house at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Woodley Road. What did he do when his family left for a vacation in France one Summer?
6. Name the Presidents of the United States who lived in the

1801 mansion that's now the main building of the Maret School).

7. Where is this frieze located (no, it's not the National Zoo)?



8. There's a limit on the number of eating establishments that may operate in the Woodley Park business district around the Metro station. What is it?
9. The mother of what member of British nobility used to live on Woodley Road?
10. You probably know *Twin Oaks*, the 19th century estate at 3225 Woodley Road owned by the Taiwanese government, but what was *Single Oak*?

Send your responses to [wpcadc@aol.com](mailto:wpcadc@aol.com). Answers available on the WPCA website ([www.wpcaonline.org](http://www.wpcaonline.org)) after May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Third Annual Woodley Park Clean Out Day - A Success

On Saturday, March 3, 2012, more than two hundred Woodley Park households participated in the WPCA's Third Annual Woodley Park Clean Out Day, held at the All Souls Church parking lot. Residents brought old computers, cell phones, DVDs and other electronic equipment to be e-cycled, as well as hazardous household waste, such as fertilizer, pesticides and motor oil, to be safely disposed of. All material was taken to the DC Department of Public Works, Fort Totten Transfer Station where it was separated and sent out for processing. By the time the truck left the Church lot, it was full,

mostly with electronic equipment, even though computers, monitors and printers have all gotten smaller since the WPCA first started holding Clean Out Day in 2010. Not only does this event help the environment, but judging from the number of people who said "my wife/husband/partner is SO glad to be getting rid of this," it contributes to domestic tranquility as well. Many thanks to the All Souls Church for allowing the use of the parking lot and to all the volunteers who helped collect and sort all of the material.

*Anne-Marie Bairstow*

## Welcome New Businesses!

*Tangerine* specialty shop just opened next to *Allan Woods Florist*, in the space previously known as *Carbon*. *Tangerine* has beautiful colorful women's clothes at reasonable prices and lots of pretty jewelry, as well as specialty chocolates and soaps. Check it out!

*District Kitchen* opened next to *Baskin-Robbins*. It features good cocktails and appetizers, and special entrees of the day.

*Azad's Oriental Rug Emporium* has opened at 2625 Connecticut Ave. They sell fantastic Persian carpets as well as lovely rugs from other countries. Azad's also cleans and repairs rugs

## :: MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM ::

NAME:: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS:: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL:: (Including your e-mail address will allow us to send you meeting notices and periodic updates.) \_\_\_\_\_

AREAS OF INTEREST/CONCERN:: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE:: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE:: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribution ::**  \$15  \$25  \$50  \$100  Other

**WPCA membership is free of charge**, but we seek contributions to cover expenses.

WPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please mail your completed **Membership Registration Form** to:

**WPCA MEMBERSHIP DESK, P.O. Box 4852, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008**

Checks should be made to Woodley Park Community Association.

**You can also join, renew and contribute online: [www.wpcaonline.org/join](http://www.wpcaonline.org/join)**

# “Pizza Four Hands” Recipe

Before I share my own pizza recipe, I would like to offer some historical information on the origins of the dish itself. According to *Wikipedia*, the term “pizza” first appeared in a Latin text from Gaeta, a town in southern Italy, in 997 AD, which claims that a tenant of certain property “is to give the bishop of Gaeta ‘duodecim pizze’, (twelve pizzas), every Christmas day, and another twelve every Easter Sunday.” In 16th century Naples, a Galette flatbread was referred to as a pizza. A dish of the poor people, it was sold in the street and was not considered something made in a person’s kitchen. Prior to the 17th century, pizza was covered with red sauce. This was later replaced by oil, tomatoes, (after Europeans came into contact with the Americas) or fish. In June 1889, to honor the Queen consort of Italy, Margherita of Savoy, the Neapolitan chef Raffaele Esposito created the “Pizza Margherita,” a pizza garnished with tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, and basil, to represent the colors of the Italian flag. Esposito was the first to add cheese. More than 100 years later and after numerous styles of pizza were developed, on November 17, 2011, the U.S. Congress declared a serving of pizza to be an adequate serving of vegetables.

My recipe (“Pizza Four Hands”) which follows, is the product of experimentation over many years and the incorporation of ideas from numerous recipes. It is more fun for “four hands” to make it and also, a lot quicker. However, one person (“two hands”) can do the job as well, but it will take somewhat longer to complete.

Ingredients needed to make two 12” pizzas:

- 4 cups of all purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons of baking powder
- 2 teaspoons of table salt

- 1 1/3 cups of skim milk
- 2/3 cup of vegetable oil
- Toppings:
  - 2 medium yellow onions
  - 2 large red or yellow bell peppers
  - 1/2 cup of tomato sauce
  - 1 pound of grated mozzarella cheese
  - 1 pound of hamburger or ground turkey meat
  - 1 cup of mushrooms
  - 4 cloves of diced garlic
  - Oregano, thyme, basil

Assuming two people will be making the pizza, then one should complete this part. In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, salt, milk, and oil. Mix well and remove onto a flat surface that has been dusted with flour. Knead the dough for only 2 or 3 minutes, until the dough has a good strong consistency. Separate the dough into 2 even parts and hand roll each into balls. Using a rolling pin, roll each of the two dough balls out into a rough circle of about 10” in diameter. Grease 2-12” pizza pans and place the dough into the pans, stretching the dough to cover the entire pan and up the lip.

At the same time that your partner is prepping the pizza, the other chef should complete the toppings. Cut up the onions into fairly small pieces and quickly cook them in a skillet with a cover (add a bit of water). Use high heat for about 3-4 minutes to reach a rapid boil; drain and remove the onions from the pan. Cut up the bell peppers into about 1”

squares and put them aside. Cook the hamburger or ground turkey in a skillet, using a quick stir fry technique. Remove, drain, and put aside when finished. Layer the ingredients in this order on each pizza: brush tomato sauce to completely cover each pizza (but not so much to make it wet), sprinkle the cheese to cover each pizza (8 ounces each), spread the cooked hamburger or ground turkey (1/2 pound each), top with half the cooked onions, a liberal application of oregano, thyme, and basil, and half of the garlic, bell peppers, and finally the mushrooms on the top layer.

Place both completed pizzas in a pre-



heated convection oven set to 450 degrees. After 11 minutes, switch the pizza positions in the oven to ensure even cooking. Remove after a total of 22 minutes, check the crust, and if done to your liking, then cut each pizza into sixths and serve.

Approximate nutritional information per slice (hamburger version) is as follows: Calories: 477 ; Fat: 24g; Sodium: 533mg; Carbohydrates: 40g; Protein: 27g; Sugar: 4g

*Bill Menczer*

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of existing meters with smart meters that allow two-way communication between a home or business and Pepco. This will facilitate more accurate billing, more information for customers on daily usage, and the ability for Pepco to better and more quickly respond when customers need them, such as during power outages. Mr. Taylor will also be available to answer questions after his presentation.

The meeting will open with elections. Resignations created vacancies, which the Executive Committee filled on an interim basis until this meeting. The two individuals appointed by the

Executive Committee are running for the posts to which they were appointed. They are:

- Secretary Peter Brusoe
- At-Large Member John Goodman

Additional nominations may be made at the meeting.

Following the elections will be vote on revised WPCA By-laws which reflect changes needed to comply with the new DC Nonprofit Corporation law that took effect in January, as well as other changes reflecting current best practices. A description of the proposed changes in on page 5.

*Bill Menczer and Barbara Ioanes*

# Come to the Woodley Park Picnic

Saturday June 16th from 4 to 8 pm

Join your neighbors to celebrate the last days of Spring.  
Picnic food and soft drinks provided by WPCA.

At the park adjacent to the Woodley Playground  
(3000 block of Cortland Place).

RSVP by June 12th (so we can get enough food for everyone)  
to [WP.Picnic.Man@gmail.com](mailto:WP.Picnic.Man@gmail.com).



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