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## Talk About Parking at the WPCA Spring Meeting

What are DC's three biggest issues? Taxes, the Washington Capitals' current record and....parking! Parking has always been an important (and contentious) issue for DC residents, but even more so over the past year when the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) held a series of "Parking Think Tank" meetings for District residents to express their opinions on parking issues prior to DDOT's revision of certain parking regulations. These were a series of community conversations to gauge the state of parking and to solicit public input on the future of parking in the District. DDOT will use this information in the development of a comprehensive curbside parking management plan.

In the ten years since DDOT's establishment, both the District and the role of transportation have changed dramatically. The population has grown; vehicle ownership has declined; transportation options and choices have greatly expanded; and more people are taking advantage of these new options. DDOT has asked for citizen input to develop strategies and recommendations to better balance the parking needs of everyone—employees, residents, and visitors—who competes for a share of the limited curb space. The goal of parking management in the District is to improve mobility and convenience by: (1) Preserving access to parking in residential areas for residents; (2) Promoting and

facilitating commerce by prioritizing customer and commercial vehicle access in commercial areas; and (3) Ensuring the safety of all transportation users including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists.

The issues vary across the District by neighborhood (and even by block), but some of these issues include: how to revise the residential and visitor parking permit systems (for example, whether to increase the price of permits or limit the number of permits per household); whether parking zones should be reduced in size (for example, smaller parking zones around metro stations); and

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## The Future of the Oyster-Adams School

DC Public Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson has announced plans to re-evaluate school boundaries throughout the city. Many schools have closed in recent years, and some other schools, such as Deal and Wilson, are overcrowded despite recent renovations. In preparation for the citywide effort, the Oyster-Adams Local School Advisory Team, a group of teachers, parents, and staff charged with providing guidance to the Principal, is conducting an engagement process for the school community to gather a range of views on what, if any, changes should be considered for Oyster-Adams. The school is facing overcrowding at both campuses, difficulty maintaining the language balance of Spanish and English speakers and other issues related to the boundaries. Several ideas have been raised. While all decisions will be made by DC Public Schools and the Chancellor, Oyster-Adams would like to have a voice in the process by sharing the range of views and ideas held by the school community. Details of the Chancellor's citywide process have not yet been announced. All of the ideas

that have been discussed so far involve keeping the Oyster campus at 29<sup>th</sup> and Calvert Streets, NW a neighborhood elementary school. The idea of moving the PK-8 dual language immersion program to a single location has also been discussed.

WPCA and the Kalorama Citizens Association are sponsoring a community forum regarding the Oyster-Adams boundaries on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 pm at the Oyster campus. We hope you can come to the event and hear from the Oyster-Adams Principal, Monica Liang-Aguirre.

*Anne-Marie Bairstow*

### Coming Events

- April 9 - Oyster-Adams Forum
- April 13 - Earth Day Neighborhood Clean-up (see page 7)
- May 1 - WPCA Spring Meeting
- June 1 - Hazardous Waste Pick-up & Shredding (see page 6)
- June 22 - Woodley Park Picnic (see page 3)



## 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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## Woodley Park's Orphan Alley - Homestead?

"Orphan Alley" is the alley between the apartment building at 3000 Connecticut Avenue, NW and the houses on the east side of the 2900 block of 28th Street, NW, between Cathedral Avenue and Cortland Place. It is an alley for which no one claims ownership or responsibility, and which might be available to the first person or first group willing to take it on.

The apartment building, houses, and alley were all built by Harry Wardman in the 1920s. In the 1960s, the City of Washington realized that it had lost the alley's plats, which have not been found since. At one point, by the early 1970's, surveyors employed by the apartment building owners, The Bernstein Companies (Bernstein), were tracking and spray-painting, with green paint circles, all of the metal ground studs that mark the property lines between the 28th Street houses and the alley. The surveyors showed me the studs, some of which are still visible today, that illustrate how each homeowner's property extends into the alley only about a foot from their back step.

The fact that Bernstein was surveying the alley property up to the residents' houses, led people to believe then that Bernstein owned that property. For this reason, over the years, residents have asked Bernstein to make necessary repairs. In response, Bernstein replied that it does not own the alley and since the city owns the alley, it should make repairs instead. However, years ago, when the city repaved the adjoining alley, behind 3100 Connecticut Avenue, it purposefully omitted the alley behind 3000 Connecticut, as that section of the alley was claimed not to be owned by the city! At one point, a frustrated resident took matters into his own hands and filled a large pothole with mattresses.

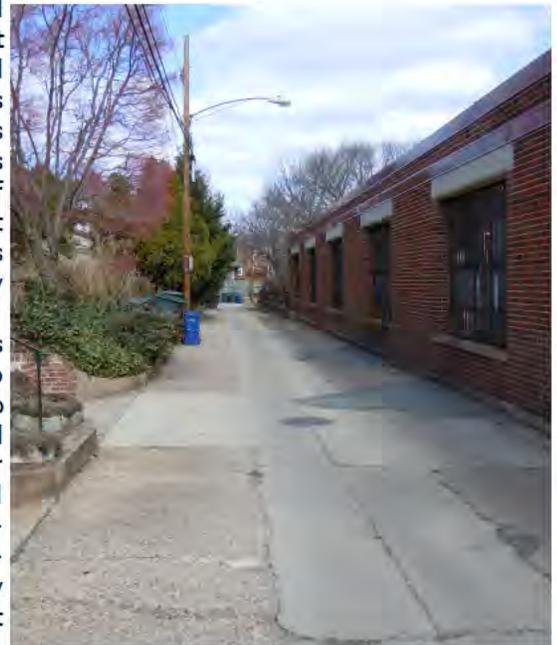
Bernstein has been of some help to residents, at times filling pot holes with tar for basic repairs, or clearing deep piles of snow, perhaps also of help to their own tenants, as they use the alley to enter the building's parking garage behind 3000 Connecticut Avenue. In each case, Bernstein made it clear that it was doing so as a "good neighbor", while not assuming ownership.

Under Mayor Adrian Fenty, after yet another extensive investigation regarding

the alley's ownership, the District Department of Transportation told the residents that, while the city does not own the alley, if repairs are urgently needed, the city has the equipment to do so, if only to help prevent accidents. Again, this is with the understanding that by doing so, the city is not claiming ownership.

After decades of questions and confusion with few answers, residents have speculated about what might be done about the alley. Some have suggested planting a flag, and declaring the area independent!

Is this really free, unclaimed land in the middle of Woodley Park, and in one of the world's great cities? Is this avail-



able to anyone who might make a claim to it, and take responsibility, like homesteaded land out West a hundred years ago? Whoever claims it would be responsible for and liable for repairs or incidents. They would also have to grant right-of-access to homeowners, city trash, and DC emergency vehicles.

Here is another idea: the alley, a favorite cut-through for Maryland drivers eager to avoid the traffic lights by the National Zoological Park, could be made a toll alley, charging drivers to cover its own operating costs or to even to make a profit.

There are said to be other orphan alleys in Cleveland Park and more around the city! Homesteads anyone?

*Sally MacDonald*



## Meet Your Neighbors — Matt Wuerker

Last month, I touched base with our neighbors, 2012 Pulitzer Prize-winning Politico editorial cartoonist Matt Wuerker, his wife Sarah Stephens, executive director for a non-profit fostering change in the Americas, and son Owen, a local musician. The family provided some local and global insights from Woodley Park to Havana.

On deciding to move to Washington DC, Matt said, "Potomac fever" got them. Both Matt and Sarah found that beyond all the political buzz of DC, you get to know so many people here doing so many interesting things. "We're both political animals and DC drew us in like moths to a flame. We moved in ten years ago. When it came to picking a neighborhood it was clear Woodley was the coolest" they said. Owen, now in his mid-20's, stated that they moved to Woodley Park before he started high school. Woodley Park won out over two other Northwest DC neighborhoods in which they had lived.

Although Woodley Park was an undisputed choice as *The Neighborhood*, the family remains divided on favorite Woodley Park hotspots. Matt declared his love in conflict: "Open City for the beer and great staff, but the new hardware store might be my new favorite hot spot... for the caulk." Sarah, thinking beyond caulk and beer, acknowledged "New Heights bar---because there's always an interesting conversation and the perfect glass of wine". Owen found that Woodley Cafe is underrated. "You never have to wait and they've got a good

eggs benedict."

The entire family has found creative ways to make an impact. Sarah runs the Center for Democracy in the Americas (CDA). When it comes to Cuba, seeing is truly believing. Sarah stays busy taking members of the House of Representatives to Cuba to see the impact of U.S. policy first-hand. The CDA also just completed a two-year study on gender equality in Cuba, which was based on interviews of women throughout the island. Sarah noted one thing that Cuba has that Woodley Park lacks: "Every neighborhood has a Committee in Defense of the Revolution. Sort of like Neighborhood Watch, but more so". Now that's vigilance!

Owen makes his local mark by playing guitar in two rock bands, Big Hush and Sad Bones. "[Musically], both are soft and pretty sometimes, but not usually. As I'm sure some of my neighbors have noticed, both bands practice in our basement. Sorry." He added that the DC music scene is rolling out a lot of great new music and there are other good musicians in the neighborhood, some of whom he has heard and not seen. As have their neighbors, I imagine.

I asked Matt if he has come down from the Pulitzer high yet and if he is prepared to pass on the tiara, sash, and flowers. "Giving up the tiara will be tough but Owen will be happy he doesn't have to polish it up every morning before I go out". Thankfully, he reinvested all of his winnings into the Woodley Park economy---"at the hardware store".

Early in Matt's career, he dabbled in claymation, but left it behind for folks with longer attention spans. "Political cartooning is way more fun... and a lot easier", he proclaimed. Gradually, Matt left doodling behind as well. "I used to be an insane doodler but these days, Politico has got me drawing so much I think I'm running low on doodle juice". If we could only bottle it, I'd take a shot. See what you can do, Matt.

Weekends keep the family busy, especially for Matt who spends his time "foraging for food around the 'hood. Could be drinks at the great bar at New Heights, or dinner at home with a late night run for Ben and Jerry's to 7-11. Gyming, napping, Sunday papers and TV chat fests. More foraging." Sarah enjoys patio dining with neighbors and friends, while Owen is usually out working at Comet Ping Pong to support his life as a musician.

The entire family cherishes living in the Woodley Park community. Sarah noted that while there are "more potholes in Havana [than in Woodley] and more delivery trucks blocking the streets in Woodley Park [than in Havana], both places have a neighborly, friendly feeling". Matt observed that Woodley Park is "the sanest part of Washington". When I asked the Wuerker guys how they would describe Woodley Park's personality in a word, Owen chose "Friendly" while Matt chimed in with "Dandy!" Now that is my kind of neighborhood...and my kind of neighbors!

*Annie Glenn*

## See You at the Picnic!

Mark your calendars now for the Sixth Annual WPCA Picnic, Saturday June 22, from 4 to 7 pm, at the Woodley Park Playground on Cortland Place. This event is always sure to please, with entertainment for the children, food and friends for the adults, and an all around pleasant way to start off your summer. There will be plenty of delicious picnic-style food, including freshly grilled beef and vegetable burgers and hot dogs, and a cold lemonade and cookies to finish the meal. Plans for this yearly event are already underway. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Sarah Taber ([destge@yahoo.com](mailto:destge@yahoo.com)) to learn more about the volunteer opportunities available. Keep an eye out in your neighborhood for reminders for the picnic and RSVP on the WPCA website. Looking forward to seeing you there! (photo by David Ensign)

*Sarah Taber*



# Alternative Automobile Acquisition

Believe it or not, it is possible to get along just fine without owning a automobile in Woodley Park. There are almost 200,000 households in the District that do not own automobiles. If you find that, on occasion, you absolutely need a car, then there are at least three alternatives available to you – Zip Car, Car2Go, and Hertz on Demand. I will discuss each of these three – the pros and cons, and compare the prices. You decide which one works best for you under the circumstances that find you in need of a temporary motor vehicle.

## Concept

The business plans and rental approach for all 3 services are very similar. Cars are located in various neighborhoods for access by members. Members receive electronic access cards to open the doors and access keys and gas cards. Rates, minimums, and application or membership fees vary by company. All rentals include gas, insurance, and maintenance in the price, and only Car2Go provides free parking in the home area. Each reservation entitles members up to 180 miles for each 24 hour period, except Car2Go, which provides only 150 miles. All have the same 45 cent per mile charge for additional miles over this limit.



vehicles from hybrids to pickups to SUVs to EVs are available from both Zip Car and Hertz; Car2Go only offers Smart Fortwo vehicles.

Zip Car offers the following vehicles: Audi A3; BMW 328 xi; Cooper Mini; Ford cargo van, Escape, Focus Hatch & Sedan; Honda Civic, CR-V, Insight Hybrid; Kia Soul; Mazda 3 & Hatch; Mercedes C250 & C300; Nissan Altima Hybrid, Frontier, Sentra; Toyota Prius, Sienna, & Tacoma pickup; VW Golf; and Volvo S40.

Hertz offers Toyota Camry & Prius; Ford Escape & Impala; Smart EV; Jeep Liberty & Patriot; Nissan Altima, Hybrid, & Leaf; Mercedes C300; Chevy Cruse & Malibu; Mazda 2 & 3; Mitsubishi Endeavor; and Cadillac CTS.

Zip Car has at least 8 available vehicles within the Woodley Park boundaries. Car2Go always has several vehicles parked throughout the area. Hertz has only one designated parking location in Woodley Park – 2762 Woodley Place, although they have 50 vehicles throughout DC.

## Cost Comparison

Below is a chart comparing all of the costs of these 3 services. The hourly and daily rates shown are the lowest among a range, depending on the actual model vehicle selected (except Car2Go).

	Zip Car Occasional Plan	Zip Car Extra Value Plan*	Car2Go	Hertz on Demand
Membership	\$60 \$25 application fee	\$0 annual \$25 app fee	\$35 registration	None
Pickup/dropoff	Must be in same location at the reserved space	Same	Anywhere in home area	Must be in same location
Minimum rental	1 hour	1 hour	No minimum	1 hour
Reservation system	Phone or online	Phone or online	On demand	Phone or online
Weekday hourly minimum	\$8	\$7.20	\$14**	\$6.50
Weekday daily minimum	\$74	\$66.60	\$73	\$70
Weekend hourly minimum	\$11.50	\$10.35	\$14**	\$8
Weekend daily minimum	\$83	\$74.70	\$73	\$80
Miles Included	180	180	150	180
Cost for additional miles	45 cents	45 cents	45 cents	45 cents
Parking included	No	No	Yes	No
Collision deductible	\$750 if no insurance selected; \$9 per month or \$75 year	Same	\$1000	\$250

Zip Car and Hertz require the vehicles be returned to the same place where they were first accessed. Zip Car has designated parking spots on streets, in private parking lots, and at Metrorail locations. Car2Go allows renters to return the vehicles anywhere in the home area (legal parking spaces). They pay the District several hundreds of thousands of dollars for parking rights throughout DC. A wide variety of



\* "Extra value" renters must spend at least \$50 per month for these reduced rates to apply.

\*\*Car2Go charges 38 cents per minute or a \$14 per hour.

## Which is Best for You?

It all depends on why you need an automobile, what type of car you need (pickup, SUV, hatchback, sedan, etc), when you

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## Living in Woodley Park in the 1960s-1990s – An Interview with June Ensign

June and Bill Ensign lived in a house on Cortland Place, NW from 1961 to 1998 where they brought up their two sons, David and Evan. David and his wife Sarah now own the house. I interviewed June about her experiences living in Woodley Park and what has changed. Here is what she said.

### **What brought you to Woodley Park in the 1960s and how did you choose this as your new home?**

My husband and I were living in Pine Springs in Arlington and we were looking for a house in either Capitol Hill or Georgetown. We decided that we could not live in Capitol Hill since my husband was travelling all the time and it would not be a good idea for me alone to take our dogs out at night for walks. The house we liked in Georgetown fell through, so we had just about run out of options. However, my husband's mother and step father had owned a house on Cortland Place for 5 years and decided to move to Barbados for health reasons. They asked if we were interested in it, and our first reaction was "absolutely not." However, after we came back and took a serious look at the house, we decided that it had everything we wanted – a park across the street, being on a one way street, and located in a small community. It was a magnificent decision and we loved it. The house is now owned by the third generation of Ensigns, my son David and daughter-in-law Sarah.

### **What was it like living in Woodley Park in the 1960s?**

When we first came in 1961, there were very few children living on the street; only two at the end of the block by Klinge Road. That was because this was an older neighborhood where the children had grown up and moved out. A few years later, the demographics changed drastically as many of the retired people sold their homes. Younger couples moved in and all of a sudden, the neighborhood was filled with children. It was just marvelous. Everyone got to know each other as new couples moved in. Everyone was very cordial. We often had dinner parties up and down the street with nothing particularly organized since everyone was a good cook, and there were not many restaurants available to us. Anyone who needed help got it from the neighbors. During snow storms, everyone would

plow each others' sidewalks and we all had a good time. It was a very comfortable community to be in where we had our privacy and also had people upon whom we could rely when help was needed. In 1967, my son David rode all over city by himself or with friends on the bus.

Another great draw to Woodley Park was that all of the children were free. They were always out of their house, across the street playing in park, hop scotching in the alley, with no worrying by their parents as to where they were or what they were doing. They were free

and DC had become a destination city. Hotel guests all parked in the street which quickly became an issue. The community pushed for residential parking restrictions which helped us preserve our right to park in our neighborhood.

### **What about crime?**

Crime was something with which we were not concerned. We never locked up our house. We never closed our windows, whether we were home or not. Everyone's house was always open. In the early years, we never locked our cars either. That is not to say there was no crime whatsoever. Many years later,



as the breeze. The world has changed rather dramatically since then; parents never leave their children unattended anymore.

We had a few celebrities living on our street. David Scott, the director of the National Gallery of Art was a wonderful neighbor and a great raconteur who never was short of entertaining stories. David Brinkley, although he often kept to himself, loved to stop and play with my beautiful white dog. Tom Brokaw lived just a few blocks away, and Dan Schorr lived across the alley on Woodley Road.

In the early days, we had no problems with traffic. It was not until the early 1980s when we could no longer find easy parking within two blocks. More 2 car families were now living here

around 1985, on New Year's Eve, my husband and I had just returned from having dinner out and were going to host a party at our home. My husband Bill dropped me off at the house and parked the car a few houses away. As he was walking back, a man approached him from behind and put a choke hold on him. The assailant sliced open Bill's pocket and removed his money. He then released him. When Bill got home, he was a bit scratched up and his pants were slit. Since Bill was wearing his tuxedo, he did not have much money with him and decided not to bother the police with a report. He changed his clothes and the party went on as planned.

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**You lived here during the 1968 Riots. What did you experience during that time?**

Bill was out of town at the time and city officials would not let him back in the city. My father in law was visiting and we went up on our rear flat roof and could see the city burning. We also saw a staging area in Maret's driveway filled with tanks, military equipment, and personnel. Police were everywhere. I remember seeing the red sky and distant smoke. I had no fear for our safety since we were far enough away from the destruction. About 2 or 3 weeks later, we drove through some of the areas that were hit. They looked just like a war zone – both devastating and heart breaking to see. Sixteenth Street, Fourteenth Street, Shaw - houses destroyed, debris everywhere, and all of the stores looted.

**Deer in the park have become a contentious issue among some neighbors. What was the wildlife situation when you lived here.**

We never saw any deer in our park. We had a raccoon that every night would come up to the back of our house, hang himself over the window from the gutter, and hit it to get our attention. He did this every night for several weeks. Since we never fed him, he finally gave up and sought better feeding grounds elsewhere. In the early days, we could actually hear the zoo animals early in the evening. Also, early in the morning we would see red foxes a few times a year in the Woodley Playground across from our house. Another time, an animal escaped from the zoo and was holed up in a tree near Klinge. The whole neighborhood turned out for the spectacle and the authorities recaptured it for safe return to its "home" off Connecticut Avenue.

**What is the story about the four-way stop sign in the alley behind Cortland Place?**

Shortly after moved in around 1964, our son David was riding his bike in the alley and was hit by a car at the intersection of

the two alleys behind our home. He broke his collar bone. The woman who hit him was not speeding and as far as we were concerned, no one was at fault. David's godmother at that time worked for U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond and she decided to look into the situation. She noticed that the alley had no stop signs anywhere, and certainly not at the intersection. She decided that there would be one and succeeded, through an Act of Congress (this being prior to DC Home Rule) in getting signs installed in short order, thus becoming the first stop signs in a District alley. A few years later, an MPD officer asked me about the stop signs and indicated to his knowledge, that this is the only alley in DC with a 4-way stop.

**I understand that the alley was once covered by a tree canopy. What happened?**

Everyone did his/her own gardening in our neighborhood. Without coordination or prompting, homeowners let their tree branches grow over the alley so that an overhead tree branch canopy was created. It kept the alley cool, nice, and beautiful. However, not everyone who shared the alley agreed with this development. In the middle of one night, a neighbor cut off ALL of the branches that overhung the alley. We all knew who it was but since the damage was done, there was nothing we could do. Not surprisingly, this person was never really part of our community; certainly not in spirit. It was a shame.

**Do you miss living in Woodley Park?**

I do miss the neighborhood and the ease of being in DC and getting on the subway. Since I visit my son David and his wife Sarah, and my grandson Gregory often, I see that Woodley Park has not changed much since I moved away. Living here was truly a delight. It has maintained the same ambience and the properties are still beautifully kept. It probably shows the same pride of the neighborhood as when I was here. We were all pretty proud of this and liked it.

*Bill Menczer*

**Woodley Park Clean-Out Day**

Bring us your hazardous waste and recyclable electronics, and we will cart them away. We will also have a shredder, and you can watch your old records being turned into confetti.

Hazardous household waste includes many things that shouldn't be thrown in the regular trash, like old electronics, florescent light bulbs, batteries, oil paint and household chemicals. Unfortunately, we cannot take latex paint, medicines, tires, asbestos, items over 3' tall, wide or deep, roofing tar, air conditioners, microwave ovens or small kitchen appliances.

If you want to help out or have questions, contact Anne-Marie Bairstow at bairstow@pailtonroad.com.

Saturday June 1st from 9 to 11 am in the Maret School parking lot.

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whether "performance parking" zones should be increased.

Mr. Angelo Rao, the new City-wide Program Support Manager at DDOT will be the featured speaker at the WPCA's Spring general membership meeting to be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 1 at Stanford in Washington, 2661 Connecticut Avenue. After his remarks, he will answer questions and receive feedback and comments from meeting attendees. Everyone is invited, both members and non-members alike.

Mr. Rao is responsible for managing DDOT's parking and street-light programs. He is also the lead on implementing new strategies and technology to make DDOT's operations more sustainable. Mr. Rao came to DDOT with more than 32 years of experience providing plan-

ning, design and project management services for transportation planning; on-street parking management services; traffic calming planning and design; complete streets design; and multi-modal transportation projects. He has served as Transportation Director for the City of St. Petersburg, Florida; Transportation Operations Manager for the City of Toronto; and Project Engineer for the Ministry of Transportation in Ontario. Most recently he served as the Culpeper Area Traffic Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation. Mr. Rao earned his Civil Engineering degree in 1980 from the University of Toronto and is a registered professional engineer in Ontario, Michigan, and Florida and a continuing member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

*Emily Harris Mauney  
and Bill Menczer*



## Meet Our Newest Neighbor, Woodley Park Ace

The Woodley Park Community recently welcomed the new Ace Hardware to the neighborhood. Located on Connecticut Avenue just south of the Metrorail escalators, the Woodley Park Ace has been a wonderful addition to our business district. Owned and operated by wife and husband team, Gina Schaefer and Marc Friedman, this store joins four others in Washington, DC.

When CVS moved across the street, the store space opened up. It was ideal given the strong identity of the neighborhood, as well as the proximity of the Woodley Park Metrorail station. The renovation of the space was tremendous! All the old carpet was removed, along with the fixtures and cabinets. New wooden floors were added, brand new light fixtures, as well as renovated and refurbished restroom and office space.

Ace carries many of the regular items that you would expect to have at a hardware store. Ace also sells plenty of unusual items that you may not get from other retailers. This includes things like gaskets for blenders, unusual fasteners, and different sizes of air filters. The store also features audio-visual supplies and travel adapters. What is the number one selling item in the store? Keys. The other Ace loca-

tions make copies of tens of thousands of keys. For many of us who live in apartments and do not have a place to store tools, Ace rents them for our use. If there is an item that you need, Woodley Ace will make special orders. If the item is out of stock at the Woodley location, but in stock at one of the other DC locations, our friends at Woodley Ace can often get the item for you in the same day.

When asked what are the "must haves" from the store, Gina, the co-owner, recommended owning a tape measure and a level, since those two tools can make a break any project. Brian Stauber, the store manager recommended purchasing a plunger (for obvious reasons) and a drill because of how it speeds up the construction of Ikea furniture.

The Woodley Park Ace is open Monday – Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm and on Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm. Neighbors should go over and welcome our newest addition to the community and find out why they really are "the helpful hardware place!" You should also visit their website and sign up for their emails to see their upcoming events!

*Peter Brusoe*

## Earth Day Clean-up

The Woodley Park Earth Day Clean up is set for April 13th beginning at 8 am. We will have coffee, donuts and other goodies to start the day off. Neighbors should meet at the triangle park at 29th St. and Woodley Rd. for trash bags, rubber gloves and other resources. To RSVP, please email Peter Brusoe at [pwbrusoe@gmail.com](mailto:pwbrusoe@gmail.com).

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need it (weekday or weekend), rental frequency (one time or recurring), predictability of the need for a car (ability to reserve in advance or can only do an on demand rental), how far you plan to drive (more than 150 or 180 miles in a day), where you need to go (whether you can return the car to the same place you found it or not), and for how long (several minutes, hours, or days). Combined, these 3 companies should meet the needs of every possible customer who does not own a car and needs one on a short-term basis.



*Bill Menczer*

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

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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# A MODEST PROPOSAL

IT'S TIME TO REPLACE THE GREAT LIONS ON THE TAFT BRIDGE WITH THE GREAT DOGS OF WOODLEY PARK



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