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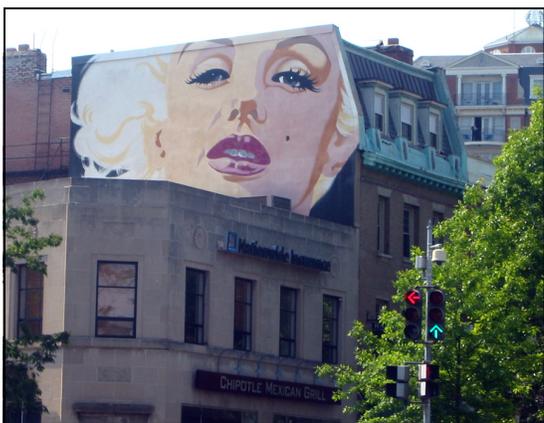
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## What's a "Zoning Overlay" (And Why You Might Care)

By John Goodman

The three ANC commissioners who represent Woodley Park and WPCA have organized a program on April 14th about the Woodley Park Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District "overlay." Before you say, "Why would I want to go to something like that?" read a little bit more.

Zoning rules determine what types of businesses may be operated in areas designated as "commercial." There are special zoning regulations for the Woodley Park commercial district and a few other neighborhood commercial areas throughout the city. These rules, which were adopted in 1989, are designed to preserve these areas as "local neighborhood centers," with businesses that serve the local community. Thus, they aim "to preserve and enhance neighborhood shopping areas, by providing the scale of development and range of uses that are appropriate for neighborhood shopping and services." The rules are also



concerned with what we'd now call the "streetscape" and favor a "continuous pattern" of shops "at ground level."

To accomplish these goals, the rules places

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## Changes at Library Provoke Debate

By Warren Gorlick

WPCA will discuss these issues with Cleveland Park branch manager, Debra Shumate, during the WPCA Executive Committee meeting on April 7 at 7:30pm. The public is invited.

Many issues confront the District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) system, and the Cleveland Park branch is not immune.

On January 30, Nancy Davenport, the DCPL Director of Library Services, met with the Friends of the Cleveland Park Library (FCPL). The branch has a new manager, Debra Shumate, who takes over for Brian Brown. Brian retired after 19 years as head librarian at the branch.

Several new centralized library policies have raised concern among FCPL members. Moreover, budget cuts may force further reductions in library services and hours. Of particular concern to the FCPL were new edicts from central headquarters that have reduced the space available for FCPL book sales (explained by Davenport as an attempt to make the library more appealing to thirty-something's), elimination of some children's programs, increased penalties for lost adult books, and the failure to renovate the Cleveland Park branch.

With respect to the budget, Ms. Davenport stated while the exact size of the reduction has

yet to be announced, the DCPL administration anticipates reduced funding in the next budget cycle. The DCPL also faces the challenge of staffing six new library branches in 2010 (including the Georgetown and Tenley-Friendship Interim libraries), and five more in 2011. Ms. Davenport pointed out that personnel costs account for more than 70% of the current library budget. Thus it appears that any shortfall in budget will result in reduced hours (beyond the current library closures of two mornings each week), and further reductions to the DCPL's book acquisition budget.

Ms. Davenport noted that "thirty-something's" won't even enter the Cleveland Park branch library, which she said they view as too cluttered.

Several FCPL members were skeptical as to this point. The library administrator noted that DCPL wants to make the entire Cleveland Park branch more user-friendly and orderly, and in order to do so it will be necessary to reduce the book collection.

Central DCPL staff are assisting Cleveland Park branch librarians in determining which books to eliminate. Davenport also defended her decision to undertake all book acquisitions through a centralized process, which pre-

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## From the WPCA President

### 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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*A special thanks to All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church, Stanford University and Saint Thomas Apostle Catholic Church for allowing WPCA to use their facilities for meetings and other activities in recent months.*

*By Jay Sushelsky*

Many of us are inclined to think of spring and summer as the seasons when we get to know our neighbors and build a sense of community spirit.

Warm weather generally brings people outdoors for activities such as painting and planting, barbecues and bicycle rides. As an established neighborhood with mature trees and beautifully landscaped lots, Woodley Park undeniably hums with energy when the cherry blossoms bust out in late March and early April, and bird songs abound May through September.

Yet one is moved to reconsider the image of winter as a time of interior refuge, when we and our neighbors go into hibernation to escape the dark December afternoons and the frigid February air.

Our recent winter weather demonstrated that extreme snow and cold, too, can turn people out in the spirit of community. I'm not simply referring to cabin-cloistered souls who ventured out for fun, such as snowball fights and snow creations, of which there were many outstanding examples in Woodley Park, after successive major snowfalls during the first and second weeks of February made roads impassable, triggering the closing of workplaces for a string of days.

I am speaking of the vast majority of Woodley Park's residents who themselves or through paid proxies saw to it that the sidewalks in front of their homes were cleared of snow and ice so as to permit easy passage on foot for those who wanted or needed to brave the conditions. I'd like to think that most of my neighbors cleared their sidewalks out of a sense of responsibility to the community

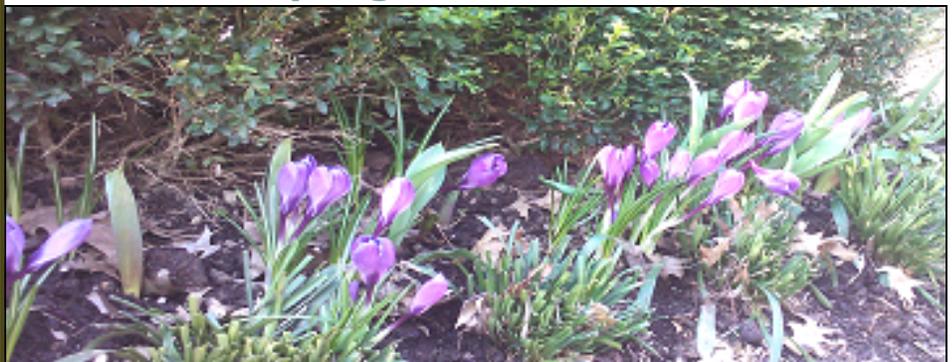
and concern for their neighbors and strangers who had reason to pass by their homes. I am content to believe that the District's laws (DC Code, 2001 Ed, § 9-601), requiring property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks and steps, had nothing to do with these neighborly gestures.

And to those Woodley Park neighbors who failed to do so, I can only ask that in the future you please make it a priority as a matter of community responsibility to do so, either yourself or by hiring someone.

I make that request not to spare you the consequences of a complaining neighbor at whose behest the District's ordinances (DC Code, 2001 Ed, §§ 9-605, 9-606) require the City to clear your sidewalk and through legal proceedings to seek from you recovery of the costs of doing so and a fine. I ask it of you in the spirit of Community, because it's about who we are and how we live together in Woodley Park.

In the coming months WPCA anticipates sponsoring several events for the benefit of the neighborhood. Just to mention a couple, I encourage you to take advantage of our planned Clean-Out day, scheduled for April 17, when we will kick off spring cleaning by accepting for safe and legal disposal many forms of electronic debris, hazardous wastes, and other materials that are excluded from weekly trash pickup. We will also have a shredding truck to destroy (on site and in view) personal household papers. See the notice printed in this Acorn issue for details. The Woodley Park Summer Picnic has been scheduled for June 12. At our April Board meeting, the new librarian at the Cleveland Park Branch will speak to us. Come join us.

### Spring Crocus Bloom



*Photo by Elaine Harvey*

# The Blizzard of 2010

By Tamora Ilasat

The snow started in the evening and came down steadily, falling throughout the night and into the morning.

We awakened to a white and silent world. The landscape and streets were hushed in marked contrast to the usual bustle and noise of our city. Snow covered everything. Woodley Park, and the rest of Washington, was snowbound.

The whiteness of the snow dazzled and invited us out to play. Some ventured out on cross country skis and snow shoes, others on foot. Neighbors came out to shovel trying to stay ahead of the snow which fell relentlessly for hours. Children's laughter rang out as they sledded, made snowballs and snow angels. The dogs loved it—they leapt and bounded through the deep drifts surfacing with muzzles dusted with snow. We stopped to talk to our friends and neighbors and met new ones.

Then it snowed again, longer and harder and with a strong wind leaving behind drifts of 3 to 5 feet. Snow mounded over parked cars looked otherworldly, like some massive creatures hibernating for the winter. Magnolia branches cracked and fell and the weight of the snow bent bushes and hedges low to the ground.

The world as we know it changed if only for a week or two. We slowed down and looked around at the beauty of our neighborhood. Families played together, took long walks, baked and made soup. Spontaneous pot luck suppers were organized where we shared our stories of the blizzard. Neighborliness and generosity surfaced. We were there for those who needed a helping hand shoveling their sidewalks and front steps. Nurses made it through the storm to their shifts at the hospital, while one neighbor with a 4-wheel drive vehicle drove medical personnel back and forth to their hospitals.

Once again adults and children alike came out to play and work together. The snow was perfect for making snowmen and snow sculptures. Around every corner there was something to smile at—a snowman with magnolia arms and hat and a carrot nose and buttons. An enormous dragon guarding the Marriott Hotel while down the street someone wishing for warmer climes built a reclining woman complete with beach towel, sunglasses and a drink in hand.

The snow is no longer white. Finding a parking spot isn't easy, getting around is difficult and we are all ready for warmer temperatures. But what we hope will remain is the good cheer and neighborliness that we experienced during the storm.

And that's the way it was, the winter of



**Oyster-Adams Seeks Volunteer Tutors:** Would you like to help a struggling student become a stellar one? Do you have time to volunteer in the afternoon? The Oyster-Adams Bilingual School is looking for tutors to help students in grades 1-8 after school. Tutoring for grades 1-3 is at 29<sup>th</sup> & Calvert Street and for grades 4-8 is at 2020 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Adams Morgan. Questions or to volunteer, contact Claire Taylor, [Claire\\_elin\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:Claire_elin_taylor@yahoo.com), or Benita Ward Jarrett, [benitawj@yahoo.com](mailto:benitawj@yahoo.com). Volunteers must get DCPS background clearance. More info. at <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Parents+and+Community/Volunteer+in+Our+Schools>.

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Checks should be payable to Woodley Park Community Association.

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

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vents FCPL from donating physical books to the Cleveland Park branch. It is Ms. Davenport's view that Cleveland Park branch library staff should not utilize their time in cataloguing new book acquisitions, which can be performed more efficiently by DCPL staff in conjunction with selected book vendors, with materials then distributed shelf-ready to the various library branches.

As a result of this new policy, Cleveland Park library patrons can no longer request books for purchase through FCPL, but must instead use the DCPL website to make recommendations on which books should be purchased.

Furthermore, FCPL will no longer be permitted to use its funds raised in the community to augment the Cleveland Park branch library collection.

In past years, the Cleveland Park branch library had an active summer program, including crafts classes. This summer, however, Ms. Davenport

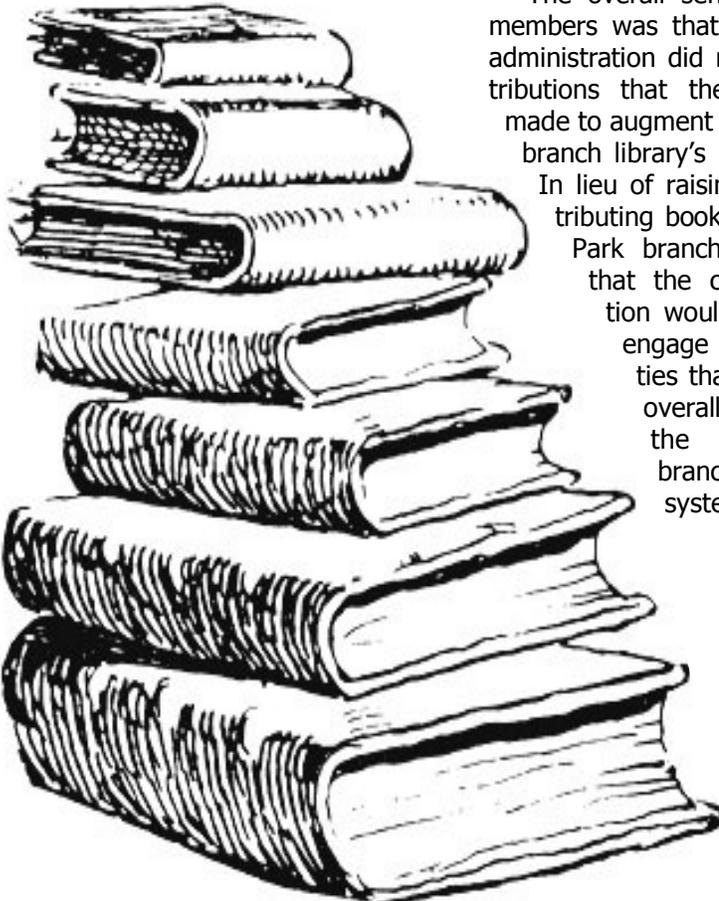
indicated that the program will be cut back, and will instead focus on literacy. Ms. Davenport suggested in response to an audience question that such crafts programs were more appropriate for the "Rec. Center up the street," an apparent reference to the Chevy Chase DC Recreation Center.

In response to other questions, Ms. Davenport defended new library policies that effectively raise the penalties to adult borrowers who lose books. Ms. Davenport stated that the funds from these additional penalties help subsidize other DCPL policies that have abolished fines on children's materials, and that library staff have discretion to waive adult fines in case of hardship.

Finally, Ms. Davenport noted that there is currently no funding allocated for renovating the Cleveland Park branch, but that the branch library's electrical system will be upgraded in the coming months to accommodate additional computers and other equipment.

The overall sense of many FCPL members was that the central DCPL administration did not value the contributions that the association had made to augment the Cleveland Park branch library's physical collection.

In lieu of raising funds and contributing books to the Cleveland Park branch, it now appears that the central administration would rather see FCPL engage in advocacy activities that will enhance the overall funds allocated to the Cleveland Park branch and the library system as a whole.



## Woodley Park Spring Clean-Out Day

Rid your garage of old electronics,  
paints, pesticides  
and financial papers!

The Woodley Park Community Association will transport the household hazardous waste and electronics to the Fort Totten Transfer Station.

Saturday, April 17, 10am – 1pm

All Souls Church Parking Lot

Corner of Woodley Place  
and Cathedral Ave

- There will be a shredding truck on-site to shred sensitive documents.
  - Max of 3 boxes per household.
  - Be sure to bring proof of Woodley Park residency (ID, utility bill, etc.)

### **Acceptable household hazardous waste items** (*must be in sealed, leak-proof containers*):

Acids, antifreeze, batteries, drain openers, pesticides, vanish/stains, lighter fluid, moth balls, oil-based paints (non-latex), poisons, aerosols, cleaning chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, fertilizer, motor oil/transmission fluids, solvents/thinners/furniture stripper, windshield wiper, brake fluids, wood preservatives, mercury thermometers, mercury containing devices.

### **Electronics Recycling Acceptable**

**Items:** Audio/visual equipment, camcorders, CD Rom drives, cell phones, pagers, computers, connectors, cords, wires, facsimiles, printers, floppy drives, hard drives, memory chips, scrap plastic, VCRs, VHS, DVDs, CDs, video games, software.

**For more information on items that WILL and WILL NOT be accepted at the Clean Out Day** (and information on how you can take it to the Fort Totten Transfer Station, 4900 John McCormack Rd NE), visit [www.wpcaonline.org](http://www.wpcaonline.org).

# THE CELEBRITIES OF WOODLEY PARK, PART III

BY BILL MENCZER

*This is the third part in a series on celebrities who have lived or still live in our community of Woodley Park.*

Over Woodley Park's more than 200 year-old history, it has been the home of presidents and their advisors, vice presidents, cabinet members, diplomats, WWII figures, Supreme Court justices, Watergate figures, socialites, news makers and reporters, US Senators and Representatives, Academy award winners, Pulitzer Prize winners, a Nobel laureate, spies, and many others. I can only cover some of these celebrities since so many interesting people have lived in Woodley Park over the many years. In Part III, I will profile celebrities on Woodley Road, not including the Wardman Tower which will be covered in Part IV.

Woodley Road is a discontinuous route that bobs and weaves through Woodley Park from 34<sup>th</sup> Street to its eventual end at Cathedral Avenue. It is another robust source of celebrities that include many journalists, a spy, and top government officials.

Beginning at the west end of the street, in the 3300 block is the home since 1986 of **Joan Claybrook** who was appointed the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by President Jimmy Carter and served from 1977-1981. In 1966 she teamed up with consumer advocate



Ralph Nader to successfully lobby for the passage of the nation's first auto safety laws: the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and the Highway Safety Act. These laws allowed the government to establish safety standards for new vehicles and issue recalls for defective vehicles and parts. She served as president of Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy organization, from 1982 until the end of 2008.

Also in the 3300 block lived **Paul Henry Nitze**, a high-ranking US government official who helped shape Cold War defense policy over the course of numerous presidential administrations. Nitze entered government service during World War II, serving first on the staff of James Forrestal when Forrestal became an administrative assistant to President Roosevelt. He also served in the Truman Administration as Director of Policy Planning for the State Department from 1950-1950. He co-founded the School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins Univer-



sity in 1943. In 1961 President Kennedy appointed Nitze Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs and in 1963 he became the Secretary of the Navy, serving until 1967. He also served as Deputy Secretary of Defense (1967-1969). Nitze was President Reagan's chief negotiator of the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (1981-1984). In 1984, Nitze was named Special Advisor to the President and Secretary of State on Arms Control. For more than forty years, Nitze was one of the chief architects of U.S. policy toward the Soviet Union. President Reagan awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1985. He died in 2004 in DC at the age of 97.

An infamous World War II spy, code named "Cynthia," often stayed at her sister's house located at 3218 Woodley Road. **Elizabeth Amy Thorpe Pack**, according to John Costello in his book *Love, Sex, and War*, became one of the most successful female undercover agents of the war. She



married the second secretary at the British Embassy and carried on affairs on the diplomatic circuit in Chile, Spain, and in Poland when her husband was posted in Warsaw in 1937. A trivial piece of intelligence gleaned during one of these liaisons started Pack on her new career. She was hired as a part-time spy for British intelligence and was told to develop a relationship with the confidential aide of Colonel Josef Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister. Through her affair with him she picked up vital clues that led to the unraveling of the German "Enigma" codes, which were to play such a crucial role in the Allies wartime intelligence effort. Accompanying Beck's aide on his official missions to Prague and Berlin, she was able to obtain information that confirmed the extent to which the Polish Secret Service had successfully penetrated the Wehrmacht's top secret cipher system.

At 3112 Woodley Road is the former home of **Elizabeth Drew**. She is a political journalist and author who served as a correspondent for the *Atlantic Monthly* from 1967-1973 and the *New Yorker* from 1973-1992. She made regular appearances on *Agronsky and Company* and hosted her own interview program for PBS from 1971-1973. She is a frequent contributor to *The New York Review of Books* and has written 13 books, including *Washington Journal: The Events of 1973-74* (1975), an account of the Watergate scandal; *Portrait of an Election: The 1980 Presidential Campaign* (1981); *On the Edge: The Clinton Presidency* (1994); *Citizen McCain* (2002); and



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*George W. Bush's Washington* (2004). Her most recent book is *Richard M. Nixon* (2007).

Also on the 3100 block of Woodley Road is the home since 1971 of **Daniel Schorr**. The last of the legendary Edward R. Murrow CBS team still fully active in journalism, Schorr is the senior news analyst for National Public Radio. He has contributed regularly to *All Things Considered*, *Weekend Edition Saturday*, *Weekend Edition Sunday*, and NPR live coverage of breaking news. He earned 3 Emmy awards his on-the-scene coverage of the Senate Watergate hearings and earned decorations from European heads of state. Nixon placed Schorr on his "enemies list" to be investigated by the FBI, an act that figured as one count in the Bill of Impeachment for "abuse of Federal agency." Schorr was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Society of Professional Journalists



and in 2002 was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is 93 years old.

At 3124 Woodley Road is a former home of the late television journalist and lawyer **Tim Russert**. He and his family lived here from 1993 to 2006 when he sold the house and moved to Spring Valley. His rooftop deck provided a stunning view of the National Cathedral and his eight telephone lines kept him in constant communications with his news sources. Shortly after moving in, he became an outspoken advocate of closing Klinger Road to traffic as his house sat opposite the road's west terminus. He was a founding member of the Klinger Valley Park Association and helped organize cleanups of the disintegrating road. Russert appeared for more than 16 years as the longest-serving moderator of NBC's *Meet the Press*. He was a frequent correspondent and guest on NBC's *The Today Show* and *Hardball*. *Time Magazine* included him in its list of 100 most influential people in the world in 2008, the year in which he died.

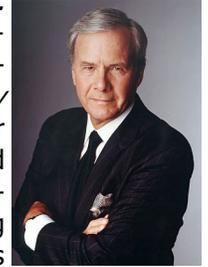


**Charlie Rose** was the previous owner of the Russert house and lived there from 1975 to 1993. Rose is a TV interviewer and journalist. He is an Emmy award winner who entered TV journalism fulltime in 1974 when he became the managing editor of the PBS series *Bill Moyers' International Report*. He later worked with Moyers on *Bill Moyers' Journal* and *USA: People and Politics*. From 1984-1990 he anchored



*Nightwatch*, the CBS TV network's late-night interview series.

Before Rose owned the house, **Tom Brokaw** lived there. Brokaw is best known as the former anchor and managing editor of *NBC Nightly News*. His last broadcast as anchor was on December 1, 2004, after which he was succeeded by Brian Williams. *NBC Nightly News* became the most watched cable or broadcast news program in the United States. He was recently the interim moderator of NBC's *Meet the Press*, taking over following the death of Russert. He is the only person in NBC's history to host all three major NBC News programs: *The Today Show* in the 1970s, *NBC Nightly News* from the 1980s to 2004 and, briefly, *Meet the Press* in 2008.



**James B. Reston**, a *Pulitzer Prize* winning journalist, bought this house in 1951. In 1945 he was the national correspondent for the *New York Times*. From 1948 to 1969 his positions with the *Times* included diplomatic correspondent, bureau chief, columnist, associate editor, and executive editor. He was vice president from 1969 to 1974 and wrote a nationally syndicated column from 1974 until 1987, when he became a senior columnist, and retired in 1989. Among others, he interviewed President Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev. His books include *Prelude to Victory* (1942), *The Artillery of the Press* (1967), *Sketches in the Sand* (1967), and a memoir, *Deadline* (1991). Reston won the *Pulitzer Prize* twice. The first was in 1945, for his coverage of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference in his series that detailed how the delegates planned to set up the United Nations. He received the second award in 1957 for his national correspondence, especially "his five-part analysis of the effect of President Eisenhower's illness on the functioning of the executive branch of the federal government." He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1986 and honorary degrees from 28 universities.



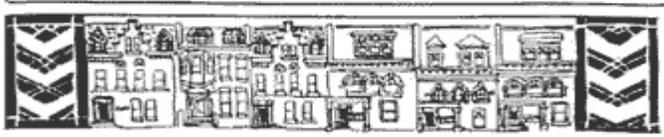
Next door at 3126 Woodley Road is where the well-known NBC TV journalist **John Chancellor** lived. He anchored *NBC Nightly News* from 1970-1982. When he retired from his head anchor duties, he continued to write (most notably *Peril and Promise* in 1991) and to give editorial commentaries on *Nightly News* before retiring from NBC in 1993 and moving to New Jersey. He died there of stomach cancer in 1996. He was also the voice of *Baseball*, an award-winning documentary produced by



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# Woodley Park Community Calendar



- **Thursday, April 1, 6:30pm, Cleveland Park Library Mystery Book Club.** Second floor of Barnes & Noble, 12th & G streets NW. Reoccurs on the first Thursday of every month. For more info, call (202) 282-3072.
- **Saturday, April 3, 9am: Birds & Butterfly Urban Garden.** Upshur Recreation Center, 4300 Arkansas Ave. NW. Work with District Department of Education & Department of Parks & Recreation on a typical DC forest under-story slope, removing non-native invasive plants & planting a native community to the slope. For more info, visit [fieldtoforknetwork.org](http://fieldtoforknetwork.org) or contact Kelly Anne Melsted, [Kelly.Melsted@dc.gov](mailto:Kelly.Melsted@dc.gov), (202) 671-0396.
- **Monday, April 5: Easter Monday.** A Washington-area multicultural tradition, this event features special family activities, live entertainment, talks with Smithsonian scientists, & more. Free & open to the public. For more info, visit [nationalzoo.si.edu](http://nationalzoo.si.edu) or call (202) 633-4470.
- **Wednesday, April 7, 7pm: WPCA's Executive Committee Meeting:** Stanford, 2661 Connecticut Ave NW. The WPCA Executive Committee meets eight or nine times per year. Its meetings are open to all WPCA members. At this meeting, we will have a speaker to address policy changes to the Public Library System at 7:30 p.m. For more info, visit [www.wpcaonline.org](http://www.wpcaonline.org), or contact WPCA President Jay Sushelsky at [jsushelsky@aol.com](mailto:jsushelsky@aol.com).
- **Saturday, April 17 10am-11am: Household Hazardous Waste/ Shredding Day.** All Souls Church parking lot. For more info, contact [mail4jmg@gmail.com](mailto:mail4jmg@gmail.com).
- **Saturday, April 24: Earth Day Celebration.** National Zoo, Free & open to the public. For more info, visit [nationalzoo.si.edu](http://nationalzoo.si.edu) or call (202) 633-4470.
- **Thursday, May 20: National ZooFari.** ZooFari brings together 100 of the area's finest restaurants & vintners from around the country for an evening of gourmet foods, fine wines, fabulous entertainment, a great auction & dancing under the stars. Tickets will go on sale as the event approaches. For more info, visit [nationalzoo.si.edu](http://nationalzoo.si.edu) or call (202) 633-4470.
- **Saturday, May 15, 9am: Native Gardens for Row Homes.** Francis Park, 2400 N St. NW. Design & plant a model front yard for the typical DC row home with plant expert Karen Mullen. Learn helpful info to develop your own native plant yard. For more info, visit [www.fieldtoforknetwork.org](http://www.fieldtoforknetwork.org), or contact Kelly Anne Melsted, [Kelly.Melsted@dc.gov](mailto:Kelly.Melsted@dc.gov), (202) 671-0396.
- **Saturday, June 12: WPCA Summer Solstice Picnic.** For more info, visit [wpcaonline.org](http://wpcaonline.org), or contact [wpcaonline@aol.com](mailto:wpcaonline@aol.com).

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD AN EVENT TO THIS CALENDAR?** Email the date, time and description to [Calendar\\_Guy@wpcaonline.org](mailto:Calendar_Guy@wpcaonline.org).

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Ken Burns.

At 2703 Woodley Road, **Alice Montague Warfield**, the mother of Wallis Warfield Spencer lived. Wallis married King Edward VIII in 1936 just 6 months after her scandalous relationship with him forced him to abdicate the British throne. Alice ran a boarding house here in the 1930s.



In the 2600 block of Woodley Road, since 1987, is the house of **Anthony (Tony) Podesta**, who served on President Clinton's transition team in 1992. He is the older brother of John Podesta, Clinton's former White House chief of staff. Podesta founded the national civil liberties organization, People for the American Way which has almost 300,000 members. He previously served as counsel to the late US Senator Edward M. Kennedy and as an Assistant US Attorney for DC. In 2006, he served as coordinator of Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell's successful re-election campaign. Podesta is co-chair of the PodestaMattoon firm and was named one of DC's top 20 lobbyists by the *Washingtonian Magazine*.

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limitations on certain kinds of businesses that are not typically found in zoning rules. One of these limits the number of restaurants in the district (a limitation that, historically, was not enforced by the City). Some property owners and residents would like to see these rules changed. There is a similar overlay district in the Cleveland Park commercial district along Connecticut Ave, which some have blamed for the vacant storefronts in the neighborhood.

These issues will be discussed by panel that will include a representative from the DC Office of Planning, the former chair of the Board of Zoning Adjustment and a Woodley Park business district property owner. Audience participation will be encouraged. The program will be on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, at Stanford in Washington, 2661 Connecticut Ave.

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that it is in our power to give. Far from "faking" it, Millan encourages us, this approach is part of a process that gradually will transform us into the calm, assertive pet owners we wish to become and it will help train our dogs to become the obedient, submissive pets that we wish them to be — in short, a mutually satisfying and healthy outcome.

*The points made in this piece are largely attributable to Cesar Millan, from Cesar's Way, written with Melissa Jo Peltier).*

## CANINE CORNER

By Noreen Marcus and Jay Sushelsky

Cesar Millan, star of the National Geographic Channel's popular show, *Dog Whisperer*, assures us that we all innately have the gift of the fictional Dr. Dolittle, author Hugh Lofting's creation, the man who could communicate with all animals, large and small.

According to Millan, the universal language that we all use 24-7, although at times unbeknownst to us, is "energy." He adds that, when it comes to perceiving the energy messages that we do send and receive, humans at times tend to be blind to what in the animal kingdom is the equivalent of a flashing red light. Millan contends that with dogs, as with most animals, their sense of energy vibrations exceeds even their sense of smell in intensity. In dogs, their "sixth" sense, energy, and scent are intertwined.

So what does all this mean for us who regularly interact with dogs as owners, admirers, neighbors, or occasional passersby? The bottom line is that we can't "bluff" when interacting with canines, at least not in the way we might attempt to do with friends sitting around a poker table. Once a dog picks up on "weak" energy, such as a tentative, unsure command or fear in the case of a potentially threatening animal, the dog has gained a power advantage. Because energy is a language of emotion to which dogs are so keenly attuned, they generally know when we are sad, tired, excited, or relaxed. And, we may be assured that our energy cannot and does not lie. It's no surprise, then, that as we come to know our dogs, no less do they come to know us. A French study concluded that dogs, upon sensing our energy, may actually use their sense of smell to help distinguish among human emotional states. Because dogs and other pets with which we share our lives are reading our energy every moment that we are with them, it behooves us to keep in mind that the rules we make for our animals are only as effective as our commitment to stand by them. Therefore consistency is everything in human-canine relations.

Then if we cannot "fake" our moods in attempting to be

## A spot of color in the squall



Photo by Elaine Harvey

assertive with our dog, what are we to do when we are just getting to know our pet, and we find it difficult to act with conviction? Cesar Millan instructs us first to visualize ourselves as the image we wish to project to our animal, much like an actor who mounts the stage to perform for an audience. Then he says we must put on the best performance

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