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Chief Lanier To Speak at WPCA Fall Meeting

MPD Chief Cathy Lanier will be one of the featured speakers at WPCA's fall meeting to be held at 7 pm on Wednesday November 2 at Stanford, 2661 Connecticut Avenue. Among other issues, she will talk



about pedestrian safety and traffic enforcement along Connecticut Avenue. Following Chief Lanier we will hear from Tara Morrison, Superintendent of the National Park Service's Rock Creek Park. She will discuss ongoing projects in the park, including the construction on Rock Creek Parkway, and Park wildlife.

The meeting will open with elections for officers and at-large members of the WPCA Executive Committee. Announced candidates are:

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| President | Bill Menczer |
| Vice-President | Paul Poe |
| Secretary | Kate Bertram |
| Treasurer | Warren Gorlick |
| At-Large #1 | Bruce Forrest |
| At-Large #2 | Sarah Taber |
| At-Large #3 | Zev Lewis |

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

Come to the Woodley Park Historical Talk & Walk on October 30th

You probably know that Woodley Park is an historic district. But how much of your neighborhood's history do you know? Join us on the afternoon of October 30th and learn more about the place you live. You'll hear a 30-minute talk and then take a 90 minute tour.

Here's a very quick overview of how Woodley Park came to be:

At the end of the 18th century, a wealthy British Loyalist, named Philip Barton Key, purchased 250 acres in what was called Washington County. He built a manor house modeled after a home he had admired in England and named the estate Woodley, the same name as the English estate. The only road in the area, called Woodley Lane, wound its way from Rock Creek up toward the Georgetown-Tenleytown road. For many years, the Key family had only a few neighbors, on other large estates, for miles around.

Fast-forward 100 years. The federal city is bursting at its seams and people are moving out past Boundary Road (now Florida Ave.). The largest concrete bridge in the world is built across Rock Creek at the turn of the 20th century allowing easy access to the county. Developers arrive and

Woodley Park is born. One builder, Harry Wardman, built a grand hotel and resort just past the bridge, called the Wardman Park Hotel. It was (and still is) the largest hotel in Washington and was quickly dubbed "Wardman's Folly" by its detractors, who thought Wardman's hotel was so large and so far out of town that it would fail. By the 1930's, most of Woodley Park was built as we see it today. Fast forward another 100 years. Woodley Park is a now vibrant "close-in" community within the District.

Join us on October 30th as we stroll the community's tree-lined streets. Learn about who has lived here, who



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built and designed the architecture, and how the business district developed — despite opposition from the residents of the time.

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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 Stanford University, All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church and the Maret School for allowing WPCA to use their facilities for meetings and other activities in recent months.

ANC Redistricting in Ward 3

Woodley Park is part of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, ANC 3C, that also includes Cleveland Park, Cathedral Heights, Massachusetts Avenue Heights and McLean Gardens. As a result of last year's national census, the ANCs in the District, and the districts that make them up (known as Single Member Districts or SMDs), had to be reconfigured.

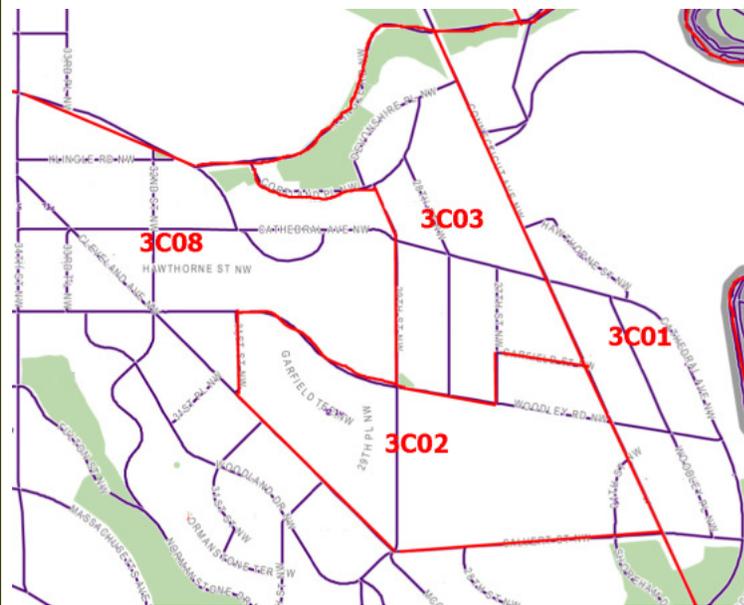
As the then-chair of ANC 3C wrote in the *Acorn* a couple of years ago, "Your ANC commissioner is the last person on the election ballot every 2 years, but the first person you should call if you are uncertain about anything regarding District government." In addition, the ANC gets an opportunity to comment — and bring the neighborhood's perspective — on applications for liquor licenses, zoning variances and special exceptions, and use of public space. The ANC can also challenge decisions made by the District's Zoning Administrator, as ANC 3C

est. The law requires that each SMD contain between 1900 and 2100 residents. In the ten years since the last census, one of the Woodley Park SMDs had grown so that it had 494 more residents than the 2100 limit. Other SMDs in 3C were well below the 1900 lower limit. So the challenge was to re-draw SMDs and then put them together into ANCs that met the legal requirements and maintained neighborhood cohesiveness.

For Ward 3, the job of doing this was given to a group of 40-some residents selected by Councilmember Mary Cheh. The group's recommendations were delivered to the Council on October 11th, and the Council will make the final decision on all the ANC and SMD boundaries in the District.

What does this mean for Woodley Park? At present, the SMDs of three of the nine commissioners on ANC 3 are within the neighborhood (3C01, 3C02

and 3C03). A fourth commissioner (3C08) represents 216 Woodley Park residents as part of a district that extends to the south and west. In the new arrangement, the three SMDs will continue to be within Woodley Park, though two of them have been reconfigured. However, 3C08 will include 582 neighborhood



residents. So, many of us will be in a new district and have a new commissioner, but that person will still be "the first person you should call if you are uncertain about anything regarding District government."

Because, as the name indicates, it is supposed to represent neighborhoods in giving its advice, it is important that a commission and its SMDs be based on neighborhoods and communities of inter-

More New Eateries

Lillies Restaurant is in the spot previously known as Pesto at 2915 Connecticut. Umi Japanese Restaurant opened at 2625 Connecticut, where ipoh used to be. Italian Pizza Kitchen opened at 2608 Connecticut. American-themed District Kitchen will open soon at the space which previously housed Jandara. Noodles and Company is still building out its space.

All Souls Church Centennial Celebration

A stroll down Cathedral Avenue east of Connecticut Avenue soon reveals one of Woodley Park's manifold treasures. On the south side of the street appears the old-world structure which is the home of All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church. All Souls Parish celebrates its centennial year in 2011, marking a century of service to the community under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, which traces back to the Church of England, from which it was formally separated in 1789.



The first church service and what was the genesis of All Souls was held on Sunday, March 5, 1911 in the home of Mrs. Caroline Arledge on Garfield St. Fifteen men and women attended. At the developed area in proximity to the present church site was one block of Garfield Street, two blocks of 27th Street and one side of Cathedral Avenue just east and west of Connecticut Avenue. This area was initially within the bounds of St. Albans Parish, but in 1913 the Diocesan Convention created a new parish to be carved out of St. Albans Parish, to be called "All Souls Parish." Early in 1914 "The Little Memorial Church," as it was then called, was constructed with a seating capacity of 230. Later that year the church was consecrated and named "All Souls Memorial Church." With the growth of the neighborhood that followed, the church expanded its facilities. The original little church, however, may be detected in the crossing of the current building.

The first Rector of All Souls in 1913 expressed what was then a vision for the parish and at this centennial has become a reality, "This is to be neither a broad church nor a narrow church, neither a high church nor a low church, but a church of All Souls." And in this spirit All Souls has fulfilled a mission for the diocese, for its congregation and for our community.

The Reverend John Beddingfield was called to serve as the Seventh Rector of All Souls Parish September 1, 2007. He previously served a church in New York City and as pastor of several Presbyterian churches. Father Beddingfield, who is a native of North Carolina, holds a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Master of Sacred Theology from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church. He is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program at Virginia Theological Seminary.

The church gardens are open to the community all the time for reading or just for sitting. All are welcome and encouraged to share the fruits of the herb garden, situated off of the parking lot adjacent to the kitchen. Snip and enjoy! In keeping with the church tradition to snip rosemary at funerals, for remembrance, the church puts the freshly cut herb on the table in the undercroft.

All Souls maintains a Christian education program for children and adults. Various subjects, including death, the role of science, are addressed and a wide diversity of views is common in these sessions. From October through early May, a hot breakfast is generally served after the 8:30 service prior to educational forums. A continental breakfast is served in the summer months.

The church hosts a "wise and mature" lunch for seniors on the last Wednesday every month from October to May. All from the community are invited to attend.

Many celebratory events are planned to mark All Souls Parish centennial. Much of the celebration was scheduled to take place during the weekend of

October 8. On that Saturday, beginning at 10:00 am, the farm market opened in the church parking lot as it does every Saturday from May through September. Flu shots were administered in the undercroft, the English word for basement. In the afternoon, the entire neighborhood was invited to the church parking lot for hot dogs, chips, drinks and homemade desserts and ice cream. Scheduled attractions included a face painter and a balloon artist for children, followed by the traditional Blessing of the Animals to coincide with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. All from the community were invited to attend with their animals.

Continuing the centennial celebration on Sunday October 9 at the 11:00 am service, previous All Souls Rector John David van Dooren was scheduled to preach. Then on Sunday October 16, Bishop John Bryson Chane, Episcopal



Bishop of Washington was expected to come to All Souls on a parish visit. Coffee hours were hosted by All Souls on the 9th and the 16th following the services. The church welcomed all members of the without any obligation.

Woodley Park salutes and congratulates All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church on one hundred years of service. Here's to the next hundred!

Jay Sushelsky

The Celebrities of Woodley Park, Part VI

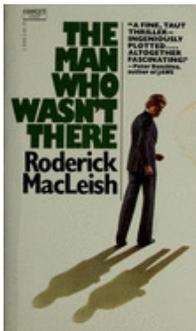
Over Woodley Park's more than 200 year history, it has been the home of presidents and their advisors, vice presidents, cabinet members, diplomats, World War II figures, Supreme Court justices, Watergate figures, socialites, news makers and reporters, US Senators and Representatives, Academy award winners, Pulitzer Prize winners, a Nobel laureate, spies and many others. This is Part VI of a multi-part series on celebrities who have lived or still live in our community.

Over Woodley Park's more than 200-year history, it has been the home of presidents and their advisors, vice presidents, cabinet members, diplomats, Supreme Court justices, socialites, news makers and reporters, US Senators and Representatives, Academy award winners, spies, and many other notable personalities. I can only profile some of the many interesting people who have lived in Woodley Park.

Connecticut Avenue

Roderick MacLeish, a filmmaker, an author of both true stories and wild science-fiction, and a journalist who covered the world, lived at 2727 Connecticut Avenue. MacLeish worked as a news director for WBZ radio in Boston in the early 1950s and later moved to London, where he established a foreign news department for Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. He also worked for CBS News in Washington in the early 1970s, doing political commentary, and was a commentator and news analyst for National Public Radio. He was the broadcast voice of the Philadelphia Orchestra and wrote several works of fiction. His documentary on the Hermitage in St. Petersburg was nominated for an Emmy. He died in DC in 2006.

Many well-known political figures lived at the Kennedy Warren apartments, a prestigious 1931 11-story Art Deco apartment complex, located at 3133 Connecticut Ave. Only six



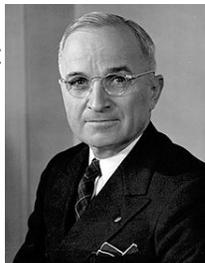
are highlighted here.

Lyndon B. Johnson and his wife **Lady Bird** lived at the Kennedy Warren from May to August, 1937 and during most of 1940. In 1937 he campaigned successfully for the House of Representatives on a New Deal platform. During World War II he served briefly in the Navy as a lieutenant commander, winning a Silver Star in the South Pacific. After six terms in the House, Johnson



was elected to the Senate in 1948. In 1953, he became the youngest Minority Leader in Senate history, and the following year, Senate Majority Leader. In the 1960 campaign, Johnson, as John F. Kennedy's running mate, was elected Vice President. On November 22, 1963, when Kennedy was assassinated, Johnson was sworn in as President. In 1964, Johnson won the Presidency with 61 percent of the vote and had the widest popular margin in American history—more than 15,000,000 votes. He served until January 1969. Johnson died after suffering his third heart attack on January 22, 1973 at age 64.

While still a Democratic US Senator from Missouri, **Harry S Truman** rented a \$150/month two-bedroom, two-bath apartment at the Kennedy-Warren in 1937. He was first elected to the Senate in 1934 and served until he was selected as Franklin Roosevelt's vice presidential candidate in 1944. He assumed the presidency upon Roosevelt's death in 1945. Truman had been vice president for only 82 days when President Roosevelt died on April 12, 1945. He



had had very little communication with Roosevelt about world affairs or domestic politics and was uninformed about major initiatives relating to the war and the top secret Manhattan Project which was about to test the world's first atomic bomb. In August 1945, after Japan turned down the Potsdam Declaration, Truman authorized use of atomic

weapons against Japan. Truman himself wrote later in life that, "I knew what I was doing when I stopped the war... I have no regrets and, under the same circumstances, I would do it again." While president, among many other things, he was a strong supporter of the creation of the United Nations, recognized the establishment of the State of Israel in May 1948, racially integrated the US Armed Services, supported government health care, opposed mandatory loyalty oaths for Federal employees, and supported the North American Treaty Organization. He died in Kansas City, MO on December 26, 1972 at the age of 88.

Harry Hopkins, one of President Roosevelt's closest advisers, was an architect of the New Deal and the relief programs of the Works Progress Administration, which he directed and built into the largest employer in the country. During WWII, he was Roosevelt's chief diplomatic adviser and troubleshooter, and was a key policy maker in the \$50 billion Lend Lease program that sent aid to the Allies. Hopkins, a chain smoker, died in New York City of stomach cancer in January 1946.



Watergate defendant, **H. R. Haldeman** served as White House chief of staff to President Nixon. During the Watergate scandal, he was found guilty of conspiracy and obstruction of justice, was imprisoned for 18 months for his crimes, and was released on parole in 1978. The unexplained 18.5 minute gap in Nixon's Oval Office recordings occurred during a discussion that included Nixon and Haldeman. On the eve of Nixon's resignation, Haldeman asked for a full pardon, which Nixon refused. Ironically Haldeman's fraternity brother W. Mark Felt ("Deep Throat") blew the lid off the Watergate scandal while serving as the Deputy Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Haldeman died in 1993 after refusing



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treatment in accordance with his religious beliefs for what was likely cancer.

Patrick Jake (P.J.) O'Rourke, the political satirist, journalist and writer was a regular correspondent for the *Atlantic Monthly*, the *American Spectator*, and the *Weekly Standard*. He is a frequent panelist on National Public Radio's game show *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!* He is the author of 14 books, including three *New York*



Times bestsellers, and according to a *60 Minutes* profile is also the most quoted living man in the *Penguin Dictionary of Modern Humorous Quotations*.

Jeffrey Rosen is a professor of law at The George Washington University and the legal affairs editor of *The New Republic*. His most recent book, a best-seller, is *The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America*. He also is the author of *The Most Democratic Branch*, *The Naked Crowd*, and *The Unwanted Gaze*. Rosen is a summa cum laude graduate of Harvard College; Oxford University,



where he was a Marshall Scholar; and Yale Law School. Rosen's essays and commentaries have appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, on National Public Radio, and in *The New Yorker*. The *Chicago Tribune* named him one of the 10 best magazine journalists in America and the *L.A. Times* called him, "the nation's most widely read and influential legal commentator."

Klingle Road

Since 1977 **Walter Haskell Pincus** has lived in the 3200 block of Klingle Road. He is a national security journalist for the *Washington Post* and he won a Polk Award in 1977, a TV Emmy in 1981, and in 2002, a Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting in association with four other *Post* reporters. In October 2003 Pincus co-wrote a story for the *Post* which described a July 12, 2003 conversation between an unnamed administration official and an unnamed *Post* reporter. The official told the reporter that Iraq war critic Joe Wil-



son's wife Valerie Plame worked for the CIA and suggested that Plame had recommended her husband to investigate reports that Iraq's government had tried to buy uranium in Niger. Pincus was the *Post* reporter in question. It wasn't until February 12, 2007, that Pincus admitted to Scooter Libby's lawyer that it was former White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer who told him of the identity of Valerie Plame and her job with the CIA. Pincus received his law degree from Georgetown in 2001 at age 68.

Mamie Doud Eisenhower was First Lady from 1953 to 1961 and the wife of President Dwight David Eisenhower. She lived in an apartment in DC for 3 years during WWII and often visited the home of her sister, Frances Doud Moore, located at 3030 Klingle



Road which she owned until 1965. In DC, Eisenhower involved herself in charity work, war fundraisers, and volunteer activities. In 1961, the Eisenhowers moved to Gettysburg where he died in 1969. On September 25, 1979, she suffered a stroke in Gettysburg and was rushed to Walter Reed Hospital. She died there on the morning of November 1, 1979, the same place where her husband had died ten years earlier.

Garfield Street

Former United States Ambassador to Armenia **Michael C. Lemmon** lives in a house in the 2900 block of Garfield Street. In October 2008, he joined the Near East South Asia Center faculty as a Distinguished Adjunct Professor after serving 34 years with the Department of State as a career Foreign Service Officer. He was ambassador from 1998-2001 and later served as the Dean of the School of Language Studies at the Foreign Service Institute. Lemmon was on the faculty of the National War College from 2005-2008 and served as Deputy Commandant and International Affairs Advisor during his final year.



Garfield Terrace

At 2945 Garfield Terrace is the former home of **Elliott Bowman Strauss**, a rear admiral (upper half) in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was born in D.C., educated in Connecticut, graduated from the US Naval Academy and was commissioned in 1923. From 1935 to 1937, he



was Assistant Naval Attache at the U.S. Embassy in London. Early in World War II, he served in London on the staff of Admiral Louis Mountbatten of the British Navy, and he participated in the Allied raid on Dieppe on the French coast in 1942. From 1957 to 1960, Strauss was Chief of the new American Foreign Aide Mission to Tunisia. In 1960, he served as personal representative of the Secretary of State as a member of a three-person team to evaluate the effectiveness of the Mutual Aid program to Pakistan. From 1961 to 1963 he served as Director of the Agency for International Development's mission to the Malagasy Republic. In 1965, Strauss became a public member of the Foreign Service Inspection Corps. He was a member of the team inspecting Embassy, Tel Aviv and Consulate General Jerusalem. He died in 2003 at the age of 100 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Cortland Place

In 2010, Ezekiel J. Emanuel bought a house in the 2900 block of Cortland Place, NW. He is Head of the Department of Bioethics at The Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health and a breast oncologist. He was on detail as a special advisor for health policy to the director of the White House Office of Management and Budget until the summer of 2011 when he returned to NIH. After graduating Amherst College, he received his M.Sc. from Oxford University in Biochemistry, an M.D. from Harvard Medical School, and a Ph.D. in political philosophy from Harvard University. Dr. Emanuel was an Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School before



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Woodley Park: Who Are We?

The information collected in the 2010 U.S. census tells us a bit about who lives in our neighborhood.

There are 6,715 of us who live in the census blocks that make up Woodley Park. People who live on the opposite sides of the boundary streets may also join WPCA, but the census doesn't tell us how many of them there are.

There definitely are more people living in the neighborhood than there were ten years ago, but we don't know exactly how many. For the 2000 census, the Kennedy Warren on Connecticut Avenue was part of a census block that extended up to Porter Street, so the census data don't tell us how many people lived there then. It's now a census block of its own, and the 2010 census shows that 270 people live there. The population in the rest of Woodley Park has increased by roughly 9% in the past ten years.

We've gotten both younger and older since 2000. The number of our neighbors under the age of 20 has increased by almost 14%, while the number over 65 has grown by 16%. However, more of us are in the 25-34 years age group than any other tracked by the census in 2010, 32%.

In 2010, there are many more females than males in the neighborhood — 57% to 43% — as there were ten years ago.

The racial and ethnic mix in Woodley Park is, not unex-

pectedly, not particularly mixed: 7.6% Hispanic, 6.7% Asian and 3.4% African American.

Woodley Park has almost 4300 housing units. Renters live in more than 72% of the occupied units. The neighborhood has an unusually high percentage of unoccupied housing units, more than 11%. But that is because of the 175 unoccupied units the census reports at the Kennedy Warren.

Are we different from nearby neighborhoods, like Cleveland Park right up Connecticut Avenue? It's hard to tell exactly because the census blocks don't match-up exactly with the Cleveland Park neighborhood boundaries, but the answer is no and yes. On many of the demographic characteristics reported in the census, the two neighborhoods are within a percentage point or two. However, the over-50 cadre is larger in Cleveland Park, while the 20-24 group is larger in Woodley Park; the difference in both cases is about 5.5%. Renters in the Cleveland Park area census account for only 56% of the occupied units, 16% less than in Woodley Park.

The Census Bureau continues to release data from last year's census, and we'll continue to let you know what's in them.

John Goodman

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We'll meet at Stanford in Washington, 2661 Connecticut Ave., at 1 pm for some light refreshment before the talk starts at 1:30. After the talk will be a neighborhood walking tour, beginning at about 2:15 and lasting 90 minutes or so. No problem if you can come for only part of the program.

Unfortunately, space is limited, so RSVP by October 28th to wpcasonline@gmail.com. See you on the 30th!

Judy Waxman

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joining the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Emanuel developed The Medical Directive, a comprehensive living will that has been widely endorsed. He has published on the ethics of clinical research, health care reform, international research ethics, end of life care issues, euthanasia, the ethics of managed care and the physician-patient. His book on medical ethics, *The Ends of Human Life*,

received honorable mention for the Rosenhaupt Memorial Book Award by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. He has also published *No Margin, No Mission: Health-Care Organizations and the Quest for Ethical Excellence* and co-edited *Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research: Readings and Commentary*. Dr. Emanuel also served on President Clinton's Health Care Task Force.

Bill Menczer

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Checks should be to Woodley Park Community Association.

You can also join, renew and contribute online: www.wpcasonline.org/join

JBG Construction Progress

The Wardman West residential project on the grounds of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel was on hold for several years, but all that has changed in recent weeks.

The removal of the Cotillion garage (the one that could be reached from Woodley Road) is now almost complete and should be finished in another few weeks. The next step is excavation and installation of sheeting and shoring (the materials that support the excavation). There will be three levels of underground parking, so the excavations will be deep. This is expected to begin by the end of the year. Pouring new concrete should start by February or March of 2012.

JBG, the owner of the prop-



Now...and in 2013



Community Notes

Snow removal

With winter around the corner, please remember to shovel your sidewalks to create enough space for a stroller or wheelchair to pass. It's the neighborly thing to do.

Holiday Party

And speaking of Winter: Be sure to watch our website (www.wpcaonline.org) for information about the annual WPCA holiday party in December. If you join WPCA, you'll get a notice of the party, and other neighborhood activities, in your email. You can join at www.wpcaonline.org/join.

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the German-born artist, Gisela Züchner-Mogall, born in 1961, has produced a book of her own renderings of Stein's work in layered form such that the text is actually unreadable, but the image, lines, shapes, and general form are highly decorative.

Finally, the Australian artist, Suzanne Bellamy, born in 1948, draws her inspiration from *Composition of Explanation*. Her work includes a series of twelve colorful prints that seek to represent a dialogue between Stein and Virginia Woolf, both of whom she regards as abiding influences.

Insight and Identity: Contemporary Artists and Gertrude Stein is open to the public. Gallery hours are 9 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday and noon to 6pm, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

Stanford To Host Contemporary Artists and Gertrude Stein Exhibit

Opening on October 25, 2011, at the Stanford in Washington Art gallery at 2655 Connecticut Avenue in Woodley Park will be an exhibit billed as *Insight and Identity: Contemporary Artists and Gertrude Stein*. The exhibit was developed to coincide with the National Portrait Gallery's *Seeing Gertrude Stein: Five Stories*, which runs October 14 through January 22, 2012. The Stanford exhibition features the works of American and foreign contemporary artists whose innovative works were inspired by Gertrude Stein's writings.

Stein's writings and her very method and style of writing are said to have played a major role in changing the way that artists of all media look at the world. Concurrently with the art work which draws upon them, on view at the Stanford exhibition will be first editions of five of Stein's books that significantly influenced the artists whose works are displayed. Included in the exhibit are *Tender Buttons* (1914), *The Making of Americans* (1925), *Composition as Explanation* (1926), the self-published Plain Edition books (1930-1933), *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas* (1933) and several editions of the children's book *The World is Round* (1939-2005).



Suzanne Bellamy, *Conversations with Virginia Woolf and Gertrude Stein*

Far from straightforward, flowing prose in the way we generally know it, or eloquent renditions of metaphor and symbol, Stein's writings are experiments in use of language, if they are anything.

Katrina Rodabaugh, an American, born in 1977 and Laura Davidson, also American, born in 1957 trace the inspiration for their displayed works to Stein's *Tender Buttons*. From the starting point of Stein's poetry, photography, and printmaking Rodabaugh's work launches into fabrics, dresses, and other wearable items carrying invitations to other artists to contribute to the work in motion. Davidson's work celebrates Stein's text and illustrations by incorporating them into ornamental buttons which are affixed to a brass box which Davidson constructed to house elaborate pages she created to bear representations of Stein's work.

Looking to Stein's *The Making of Americans – Being a History of a Family's Progress* as their motivation are two German artists. Anne Büssow, born in 1949, has created a cloth and leather-bound volume containing 33 woodcuts that emanate from Stein's text in English and German. Similarly,

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