

Friday March 19

Woodley Park News

Metro Fares and Service. WMATA has asked for public comment on a wide variety of fare increase and service reduction options that are being considered for the next fiscal year. The options it is considering can be found [on its website](#). The WPCA Executive Committee has reviewed the proposals and would like to take the following position: focusing rail fare increases on the peak fare periods and sparing to the greatest extent possible off-peak riders, creating “peak of the peak” fares, a surcharge paper farecards, increasing garage parking fees, closing of underutilized rail stations and entrances on nights and weekends, modifying rail headways in order to promote even spacing of trains on the Red Line, increasing bus stop spacing, thereby reducing stops and increasing average speed, increasing rail headways on nights and weekends (however, at no time should the wait time be greater than 18 minutes) and eliminating the Yellow Line extension to Fort Totten; and oppose closing the rail system earlier on Friday and Saturday nights and eliminating eight car trains. We would also stress that fare increases should be distance sensitive and that any rate hike should be the same on a per mile basis. Please let [me](#) or any of the [other Executive Committee members](#) know by Tuesday, March 22 if you have an opinion on the Committee’s proposed position.

In addition, WMATA has created an online survey that will allow you to weigh in directly on the many fare increase and service cut alternatives in the FY2011 budget. Click [here](#) to tell them what you think.

Rat Reminder. The DC Department of Health wants to be sure that all the ice and snow is gone, so it has postponed its all-out attack on the rats in the alley that runs behind the businesses on the east side of Connecticut Ave (between Connecticut and Woodley Place, south of Woodley Road) until Saturday March 20, starting at around 10 am. To be effective, they need access to the back yards of the Woodley Place residences, so watch for them and invite them in.

Debra Shumate, the new head of the **Cleveland Park branch library**, will be speaking to the WPCA Executive Committee on April 7 at 7:30 pm at Stanford (Connecticut Ave and Woodley Rd). All are welcome.

Oyster-Adams Bilingual School Annual Auction. Food, music and a live auction — all for a good cause. If you can’t attend, there’s also an [online auction](#). Saturday, April 17, 7 to 11 pm at the Hilton Washington Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Ave. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) (\$25) or at the door (\$35).

Woodley Park East-of-Connecticut Neighborhood Cleanup. Clean the alley, green-spaces, your own yard, behind the zoo fence – whatever is bothering you! Saturday April 17, 9 am to 1 or whenever (rain date April 18).

Age-In-Place: Home Repair and Maintenance Services provides home repairs for senior homeowners (60+) living in Washington. Additionally, guidance for homeowners in need of major repair work is available. Age-In-Place is a program of Christian Communities Group Homes (CCGH), a nonprofit organization that has provided housing

and community services for seniors since 1981 and a service of Seabury Resources for Aging. For more information, [Ernest Crosby](#) (202-635-9384 x.107) or [online](#).

CALENDAR

The **WPCA Executive Committee** usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month; the next meeting will be at 7 pm on Wednesday April 7 at Stanford (Connecticut Ave and Woodley Rd). A draft agenda should be posted [on the website](#) a few days before the meeting. All are welcome.

The program on the special **zoning regulations for the Woodley Park commercial district** (the so-called “neighborhood commercial overlay district” rules) will be at 7:30 pm on Wednesday April 14 at Stanford (Connecticut Ave and Woodley Rd).

Hazardous waste pick-up and paper-shredding party. Saturday April 17, 10 am to 1 pm. Details available [on our website](#).

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