

Saturday May 8

Woodley Park News

Development in the Neighborhood. The property at 2910 Garfield St (corner of 29th Pl) was recently sold to a developer who wants to tear down the existing house and build two houses in its place. (This developer has, in recent years, built three houses in the neighborhood, at 2733, 2735 and 3101 Cathedral Ave.) To do this, he had the lot subdivided into two lots, one of which is smaller than the minimum lot size required by the zoning regulations. No public notice or notice to the ANC was given of the subdivision application or the request for this “mini-variance” of the lot size requirement. Neighbors of the property intend to appeal these actions to the Board of Zoning Adjustment next week. At its meeting this week, the WPCA Executive Committee voted that **WPCA should join this appeal**; there was no vote to spend Association money on the effort. If you have any concerns or questions about this action — in particular, if you think WPCA should not join the appeal — please let me know in the next couple of days.

Caroline Mesrobian Hickman, the niece of Harry Wardman's architect and designer of the Wardman Tower, Mihran Mesrobian, is looking for volunteers during the [Vernacular Architectural Forum](#) conference's tour of Southwest on Friday afternoon, May 21. Volunteers can take a free tour of Capitol Hill or Dupont/Logan and attend a reception at the National Gallery's Sculpture Garden that evening. Contact [Caroline](#) for info or to volunteer.

Like every other DC governmental entity, DC's public libraries are looking at significant budget cuts. You can help them avoid cut-backs in service by volunteering your time. Check out the opportunities [on the Library's website](#).

The annual **Woodley Park Picnic** will be Saturday, June 12 from 4 to 8 pm. If you have ideas or want to help (either before or on the 12th), contact [Sarah Taber](#) or [Tamora Ilasat](#).

CALENDAR

Dracula Is Dead: How Romanians Survived Communism, Ended It, and Emerged Since 1989 as the New Italy. Former United States ambassador to Romania Jim Rosapepe and his wife, award-winning journalist Sheila Kast, will discuss their book. Cleveland Park Library on Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 pm.

Four **out-of-town potters** will exhibit in Woodley Park later this month: [Sam Taylor](#) from southern Virginia, [Mark Shapiro](#) from western Massachusetts and [Bruce Gholson and Samantha Henneke](#) from North Carolina; click their names to go to their websites. Saturday, May 15 from 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, May 16, 11 am to 5 pm, at 2202 and 2226 Cathedral Ave. Questions, email [Judy Shapiro](#) or call Sam Taylor at (413) 320-6283.

Hands on DC, a volunteer project that “creates better schools and brighter futures for students in the District of Columbia,” is having its annual Work-a-Thon in the city schools on Saturday May 15th. For more info and to sign up to help, click [here](#).

The **WPCA Executive Committee** usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month; the next meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Wednesday June 2nd 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.

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