

# notebook

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## Neighborhood Zoo Day at Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home

It might have been rainy and gloomy outside on Oct. 24, but inside the halls and common rooms of the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home on Western Avenue NW, there were squeals of laughter and excitement as children and adults of all ages enjoyed the food and entertainment offered at Neighborhood Zoo Day, an annual event hosted jointly by the LLDH Home and the Friendship Children's Center. Both are nonprofit organizations, with the home devoted to providing extraordinary health and life care services to poor senior citizens of the District of Columbia and the center devoted to providing high quality early childhood educational experiences to children between the ages of 3 months and 5 years. This year, Northwest Neighbors Village (NNV) also helped to host the event. NNV, another private nonprofit organization, was recently established to provide a range of support services to help aging residents of Chevy Chase, DC, to continue to live comfortably and safely in their own homes and neighborhood. Children and adults dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes – Hannah Montana put in an appearance along with numerous princesses, pirates, witches, super heroes and fairies. Guests also had their faces painted, played with the baby animals in the petting zoo, and jumped themselves silly in the moon bounces. Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser gave a big “thumbs up” to the event. “Congratulations to these three local nonprofit organizations that have created a wonderful venue for DC and Maryland residents to come together to enjoy community,” said Bowser. “Neighborhood Zoo Day is a terrific example of collaboration that enhances and benefits the neighbors of DC.”

Visit [lldhhome.org](http://lldhhome.org) for more information.

## Sesame Street 40th Anniversary Exhibit

Celebrate Sesame Street's 40th anniversary by visiting a photograph exhibit, Nov. 10-30, in the west portion of Union Station's main hall. The exhibit features photos of children from around the world with various Muppet characters and promises to be fun for kids and adults alike. Free. 50 Massachusetts Ave. NE. 202-289-1908. Learn more at [www.sesameworkshop.org](http://www.sesameworkshop.org).

## Sesame Street's 40th Birthday Party

The Smithsonian's Discovery Theater is throwing a birthday bash for America's favorite children's television show, and you're invited! Sesame Street's 40th birthday party is Nov. 15, 1:30 p.m., at the Lisner Auditorium of George Washington University. Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Zoe and Prairie Dawn, along with Muppeteers Kevin Clash, Leslie Carrara-Rudolph and Fran Brill, join Sesame Street executive producer Carol-Lynn Parente and Sonia Manzano (“Maria”) to talk about the show's 40 years of fun and learning. They share clips from the first season in 1969 and scenes from new episodes.

After the show, the anniversary book, “Sesame Street: A Celebration of Forty Years of Life on the Street,” by Louis A. Gikow, will be available for purchase, and Carol-Lyn Parente and Sonia Manzano will be available to sign books or programs. The Muppets and their Muppeteers will be available for guests to meet and for photos. (Parents, please bring your own camera). \$15/resident associate members; \$18/nonmembers. 202-633-8700, [discoverytheater.com](http://discoverytheater.com).

## Boogie Babes at Sova Espresso

Grab your little one and boogie on down to Sova Espresso to see Mr. KnickKnack, Groovy Nate, Mr. Skip and Oh Susannah! The Boogie Babes show schedule for this month is as fol-

lows: Nov. 12, Groovy Nate; Nov. 16, Mr. Skip; and Dec. 4, Oh Susannah! All shows start at 10:30 a.m. Sova Espresso is located at 1359 H St. NE. \$5/child (cash only, pay at the door). Check website for updates: [www.boogiebabes.com](http://www.boogiebabes.com).

## Baby Loves 'Jamming' to Disco

This month's “Baby Loves Disco” is a pajama party on Nov. 14, noon-3 p.m., at the Rock and Roll Hotel. Children (ages 6 months to 7 years) and their parents or caregivers can let loose to disco tunes spun by disc jockeys. Tickets are available in advance at [www.babylovesdisco.com](http://www.babylovesdisco.com). \$12/advance; \$15/at the door; free/non-walking babies. 1353 H St. NE.

## What's in an Orchestra, Anyway?

The Capital City Symphony holds its annual family concert – “What's in an Orchestra, Anyway?” – Nov. 22, 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the Atlas Performing Arts Center. CCS will present a musical tour of the orchestra featuring works by Shostakovich, Copland, Britten, Bernstein and more. Each performance is preceded by an instrument petting zoo. Appropriate for children ages 5 and up. \$16-\$25/adults; free/children under 17. 1333 H St. NE. 202-399-7993, [www.atlasarts.org](http://www.atlasarts.org).

## Children's Programs at NCM

The National Children's Museum will host the following activities for children in November at the National Harbor's Launch Zone (unless otherwise noted).

- Wee Wonders' Fall at the Farm: Nov. 10, 17; 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Little farmers (ages 2-3) will tend to pretend animals and crops and

Staci Collar, director of activities at the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home with her 3-year-old daughter, Audrey. Photo: Carole Bernard



celebrate nature's autumn surprises. Activities may also include stories, games, art, music, experiments, drama and movement. \$10/child. Pre-registration and advance payment required. Call 202-675-4120 or e-mail [RSVP@ncm.museum](mailto:RSVP@ncm.museum) to register.

- Family Volunteer Day with the National Children's Museum and Oxon Hill Farm. Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at Oxon Hill Farm. Celebrate National Family Volunteer Day by helping to clear a trail at the National Park Service's Oxon Hill Farm. Free. Reservations requested; register at 202-675-4120 or [RSVP@ncm.museum](mailto:RSVP@ncm.museum). [www.nps.gov/oxhi/plan-yourvisit/directions.htm](http://www.nps.gov/oxhi/plan-yourvisit/directions.htm).
- Family Volunteer Day at the Launch Zone. Nov. 21 & 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate Family Volunteer Day by creating special gifts and winter-themed decorations to brighten the day of sick children at The Children's Inn at National Institutes of Health. Free.
- Holiday Tree Lighting & Fireworks Celebration at National Harbor. Nov. 27, 7-8 p.m. Kids will make holiday art projects to deck the halls this holiday season and then watch the National Harbor's 65-foot tree sparkle to life while enjoying special musical performances, holiday goodies and a grand fireworks finale. NCM is located at 112 Waterfront St., National Harbor, Md. 301-686-0225, [www.ncm.museum](http://www.ncm.museum).

My Time of Sorrow  
Saba A  
MacFarland MS  
Grade 6

I hear the words  
Over and over again  
"He is dead, He is dead."  
I felt my heart shatter into pieces  
I thought to myself this can't  
be true  
This can't happen to me  
I fell to the ground  
With lightening through  
my mind  
My body shook like thunder  
My tears dropped to the ground  
As if houses were flooding  
I thought in my mind,  
"This is my moment of sorrow."

Primera Escuela  
Jenifer G  
Oyster-Adams Bilingual School  
Grade 7

Llore, llore y llore  
No sabia que hacer  
No quería ir más  
Las niñas no me querían  
Y no hablaba ingles

Quisiera regresar a México  
Y no sufrir jamás  
Odio las niñas  
Quisiera desaparecer  
En la oscuridad  
Y no regresar jamás  
No puedo dejar de pensar  
Los malos momentos que pase

No quiero regresar  
Nunca jamás pensar malo  
Y yo se que en este mundo  
Yo tengo un lugar donde estar  
Y no más llorar jamás

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