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Bill Phillips (center), president of the Friends of Garfield Park, thanks Scott Burr (right), president, Tech Painting Company, and Michael Eanes (left), head of school at Capitol Hill Day School, for sponsoring the repainting of the ornamental metal fence surrounding the popular small children's play area in Garfield Park. The school (www.chds.org) and Tech Painting (www.techpainting.com) proudly support the efforts of Capitol Hill neighbors and the Friends of Garfield Park to maintain the grounds and play equipment for everyone to enjoy.



Kids & Family Notebook

BY MARY-FRANCES DALY

Capitol Hill Family Square Dancing at Eastern Market

The Capitol Hill Dance Society holds monthly Saturday afternoon family square dances in the North Hall at Eastern Market – this month's dance is Nov. 14, from 3-4:30 p.m. These "North Hall Dances" are an opportunity for parents, children, neighbors and friends to join together in an activity perfect for all ages. The dances are supported by a generous grant from the Capitol Hill Community Foundation. Future dances will take place: Dec. 12, Jan. 23, Feb. 20, March 20, April 17 and May 22. Check this space for times. The family dance will feature live music by the Capitol Hillbillies, under the direction of fiddler Joel Bailes. An experienced caller will demonstrate all the movements in the dances.

The society sponsored three family dances last year at H Street Playhouse and at Tyler School during the restoration of Eastern Market. Family dance organizer Helen Cymrot said, "North Hall is the perfect location for community events like these family square dances. We're very excited that all ages on Capitol Hill will have the opportunity to come together here and dance, accompanied by our own homegrown, Capitol Hill musicians."

The Capitol Hill Dance Society is a group of Capitol Hill parents and residents interested in promoting square- and contra-dancing on Capitol Hill as an activity which all ages can share together. The target age is 4 to 104, but everyone else is welcome, too. No experience is necessary, just come out and dance. \$5/person; \$20/family maximum; free/under 5. Refreshments will be

served. For more information, contact Parker Jayne at 202-549-0744.

Fifth Annual 'Dig In Your Heels' Run to Benefit FONAs Washington Youth Garden

Some 1,000 runners of all ages and athletic levels will participate on Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. in the fifth annual "Dig In Your Heels" 5K certified race and one-mile "fun run" at the US National Arboretum. Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) sponsors the event in partnership with Girls on the Run-DC, a nonprofit prevention program that encourages preteen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. Event proceeds support the Washington Youth Garden, a program of the nonprofit FONA. In addition to the 5K, runners and walkers of all ages, young-



Having fun while square dancing on Capitol Hill! Photo: Elizabeth Dranitzke.

sters in baby joggers and strollers and dogs on leashes are invited to participate in a one-mile fun run. Following the running events, runners can participate in activities focused on health and the environment until 11:30 a.m. \$25/preregistration; \$30/day-of registration. Adults can participate in the fun run only for \$10. Children 13 and under are free. Register at www.fona.org or call 202-544-8733. The arboretum is located at 3501 New York Ave. NE. For information about FONA, visit www.fona.org or call 202-544-8733. For information about the Washington Youth Garden, visit www.washingtonyouthgarden.org or call 202-245-2709. For further information about Girls on the Run-DC, visit www.getrdc.org.

Sprouts Reunion!

The US Botanic Garden is holding a Sprouts Reunion Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the USBG Conservatory for former "Sprouts" – those children who participated in the USBG Sprouts program. During the reunion, the USBG will host ongoing children's activities and tours throughout the garden.

Former Sprouts can come back to the garden, see old friends, and get a hug from Miss Lee. While the program is designed for parents and children who participated in the Sprouts program, all children ages 3-8 are welcome to attend. Free, no pre-registration required. 100 Maryland Ave. SW. 202-225-1116, www.usbg.gov.

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.

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.

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 follows: Nov. 2, Mr. KnickKnack; 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.

Oh Susannah! Now at Ebenezers Coffeehouse

Oh Susannah, the popular singer/songwriter/guitarist who performs songs for children, Susan McNelis, will be performing at Ebenezers Coffeehouse on Nov. 13 at 10:30 a.m. and will hold monthly performances at Ebenezers on the third Friday of the month going forward. Check the website to confirm the date and time. Children love Susan's music – a blend of familiar favorites and lively originals perfect for singing and dancing along. \$5/child; free/adults and children under 1 who are accompanying a paying sibling. 201 F St. NE. 202-558-6900, www.susannahmusic.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. \$12/advance; \$15/at the door; free/non-walking babies. 1353 H St. NE.

The Family Room Schedule for November

The Family Room, located at 411 Eighth St. SE, has the following schedule for November. The calendar is subject to change, so please call to confirm dates. Visit the website for detailed class descriptions.

- Friday night movie: "Harriet the Spy," Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m.
- Extra special Story Time with Mr. Tony on Nov. 15, 3:30 p.m. Free for members or with paid admission.
- Friday night movie: "Meet the Robinsons," Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday night movie: "Iron Giant," Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m.
- Spanish story time, Tuesdays, 2:30-2:45 p.m.; French for 3's, 4's and 5's, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:15 p.m.; Spanish for 3's, 4's and 5's, Tuesdays, 4:30-5:15 p.m. French story time, Thursdays, 2-2:15 p.m.
- Music for infants, Tuesdays, noon-12:30 p.m.; music for 1's and 2's, Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.
- Hypnobirthing with Alana Rose: New session starts Nov. 30 and continues through Jan. 11 (no class on Dec 28).
- Friday night movie: "Toy Story," Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.

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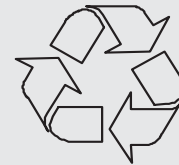
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What's in an Orchestra, Anyway?

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.

Register This Month for CHAW Spring 2010 Youth Arts Program

Registration for the spring 2010 Youth Arts Program at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, which runs Jan. 4–June 11, opens Nov. 16 for current students and Nov. 23 for the general public. Register by Dec. 4 and save 10 percent. This afterschool arts program provides students ages 5–14 with a high-quality arts education in a unique, multidisciplinary environment. Students create their own schedule, choosing from a wide range of classes in visual and performing arts taught by faculty who are outstanding artists in their fields and who love to teach. Each semester ends with a gallery show and performance demonstrating

work created in class. All students must be at least 5 years old by Aug. 24, 2009, and enrolled in kindergarten to participate in the Youth Arts Program. No early registrations will be accepted. Registrations may be submitted online, in person, by fax: 202-543-1723 or by phone: 202-547-6839. Financial aid is available. Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis. 545 Seventh St. SE. 202-547-6839, www.chaw.org.

DC Neighborhood Library Schedule

Northeast Library

Trading-card game play, ages 12–19, Nov. 2, 5:30–6:30 p.m.; Music and movement, Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m.; Story and craft, Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m.; National Gaming Day, Nov. 7, noon–4 p.m.; Origami Club, ages 12–19, Nov. 16, 5:30–6:30 p.m.; Crafty teens, ages 12–19, Nov. 23, 5:30–6:30 p.m.; Sign-language class, Wednesdays, 4–5 p.m.; Toddler times, ages 2–5, Tue and Thu, 11:15 a.m.; Storytime, ages 3–7, Mondays, 4 p.m. 330 Seventh St. NE. 202-698-3320, www.dclibrary.org.

Southeast Library

Preschool story time Wednesdays, 10–10:30 a.m. Infant/toddler story time for ages 3 and under, Wednesdays, 11–11:30 a.m. Tales for 2's and 3's Fridays, 10–10:30 a.m. 403 Seventh St. SE. 202-698-3377, www.dclibrary.org.

Southwest Library

Story time fun with the librarian for toddlers, Tue and Thu, 10:30 a.m. 900 Wesley Place SW. 202-724-4752, www.dclibrary.org.

Fort Dupont Ice Arena Veterans Day Free

Lessons And Public Skate

Fort Dupont Ice Arena will offer free learn-to-skate classes for beginner children (ages 5 and up) and adults on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The 15-minute classes begin at 11 a.m. and continue through 11:45 a.m. Skaters will be put in classes on a first-come, first served basis; rental skates are included; practice time provided after each lesson; loaner helmets are available. FDIA will also offer a Veterans Day public skate from noon–1:50 p.m. The cost to skate is \$4/children 12 and under and senior citizens; \$5/adults; \$3/skate rental (free for lesson participants). Fort Dupont Ice Arena, 3779 Ely Place SE. 202-584-5007, www.fdia.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. 3, 10, 17; 10 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Little farmers (ages 2–3) will tend to pretend animals and crops and celebrate nature's autumn surprises. Activities may also include stories, games, art, music, experiments, drama and movement. Limit two children per adult; all non-infant children with an adult must pay and must participate; additional siblings are not permitted. \$10/child. Pre-registration and advance payment required by the Friday prior to the event. Call 202-675-4120 or e-



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- Destination Japan! Nov. 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate Japanese culture with NCM by making different crafts inspired by traditional and contemporary Japan. Try on traditional Japanese clothing and more. Free.
- 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. Caregivers and children (ages 6 and up) will work alongside one another to discover plants and animals, while helping keep one of the Oxon Hill trails neat and safe for all. Wagon rides (weather permitting) and light refreshments follow. Free. Reservations requested; register at 202-675-4120 or RSVP@ncm.museum. www.nps.gov/oxhi/planyourvisit/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.

Meet Stephanie Duckworth-Elliott at the NMAI

Stephanie Duckworth-Elliott will read from and sign copies of her book "Poneasequa: Goddess of the Waters," on Nov. 21, 2-3 p.m., at the National Museum of the American Indian. The book is about a young Wampanoag girl who un-

expectedly learns more about her culture and herself. This free event is appropriate for children ages 9-13. Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW. 202-633-1000, www.nmai.si.edu.

Eighth Annual Trot for Hunger on Thanksgiving

Help the poor and homeless on Thanksgiving Day by participating in SOME's (So Others May Eat) eighth annual Trot for Hunger. Join Honorary Chair Mayor Adrian Fenty for this popular 5K fun run on Nov. 26, 8:30 a.m., in West Potomac Park (Ohio Drive, between Independence Avenue and West Basin Drive SW). An untimed 5K family walk begins at 8:40 a.m. Proceeds from the Trot support SOME's programs for the homeless and helps SOME serve more than 800 meals to hungry and homeless children, women and men every day of the year. \$23/person through Nov. 16; \$25/person Nov. 17-21. Questions? Please contact Tracy Monson at trotforhunger@some.org or 202-797-8806 ext. 1093.

Hill School Information Night 2009

The eighth annual Hill School Information Night will be Dec. 3, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., in the basement of St. Peter's Church. This open-house event, organized by Moms on the Hill (MoTH), is set up as an information fair, with representatives from childcare centers, playgroups and cooperative groups, family childcare providers, preschools, and parochial, charter, public and private schools that serve Capitol Hill. Participating schools are from throughout the DC metropolitan area. If you would like to register your school to participate, log on to www.hillschoolinfonight.org. St. Peter's is located on the corner of Second and C streets SE. The closest Metro stop is Capitol South on the Blue and Orange lines. Free to participate and attend. 202-547-4047.

Have a listing for the Kids & Family Notebook? E-mail kidsnotebook@hill-rag.com by the 20th of the month prior to publication. Submissions may be edited. Publication not guaranteed. ★

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Where I'm from Nicholas M., Grade 7

*I'm from the hands of a hard working dad
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One brother and sister live.*

*I'm from the smell of sweet potatoes
And baked chicken.*

*The place I'm now from seems a bit lonely
And quiet
Now that some loved ones
Are gone.*

*The place that I'm now from has so much positivity
That is deleted by negativity
That I'm not sure where I should sit.*

*But just like they say your background
You*

*But us young people was often told
"Chase your dreams don't let them chase you".*

What I Want to Be Raul M., Grade 8

*I want to be a leader that is all I want to be
Or just be me*

*I'll write a book about many things
Or just the things that inspire me*

*Maybe I want to be a soccer player
No maybe a writer*

*I don't know what I want to be
Just know I get these things from my goals*

I Feel Raul M., Grade 8

I feel calm, happy

*No one is there to annoy me
I feel my body reenergizing
I see darkness around me
But then I see incredible things happen*

*But be careful
Doing something bad might make you scream*

To Be A Mortician Nicholas M., Grade 7

*To be a mortician is my goal
But as life goes
I'll have to watch out for that hole*

*To be a mortician is my dream
No dead body will ever seem
Just as lonely as my dream*

*To be a mortician is my ambition
I hope to become the best
Someone without the sound of a peep
I will slowly creep to what I hope to become*

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