



### KCA SUMMER DINNER PARTY AT PERRYS THURSDAY JUNE 17 HAPPY HOUR: 6 - DINNER: 7

Below is the great menu Perrys has arranged for the KCA's annual summer gathering. Contact me for reservations: [president@kaloramacitizens.org](mailto:president@kaloramacitizens.org) (202) 232-8829. Make your menu selections at Perrys the night of the dinner. Tax and tip are not included in the special price of \$25.00. Cash bar.

Perrys is located at 1811 Columbia Road, NW, at the corner of Columbia Road & Biltmore Street.

Please consider putting together a group for this fun event. Come out, meet some of your neighbors, have some fine food at a special price and have a good time.

- A classic gazpacho**  
jumbo lump crab meat  
**path valley mixed baby romaine salad**  
cabrales cheese | walnuts | piquillo pepper  
**spanish chicken croquetas**  
chicken | béchamel
- B brava potatoes**  
spicy tomato | aioli  
**bunuelos de bacalao**  
codfish fritters | honey aioli  
**mini grilled chorizo**  
mashed potatoes | garlic sauce
- C potage**  
garbonzo & spinach stew | sofrito | paprika  
**8 pc roll combination**  
chef's choice  
**chicken chillindron**  
serrano ham | piquillo pepper  
**grilled angus flat iron steak**  
serrano ham | piquillo pepper
- D key lime tartelette**  
guava nectar

Please select one item from category A, B, and C for \$25 per person, the night of the event.

Extra basket of bread 1.95 Extra basket of bread | home cured olives | virgin olive oil 2.95

Special thanks to Perrys owner and neighbor Saied Azali. I hope to see you there!

- Denis James

### “SAYING THEIR NAMES” AT WALTER PIERCE PARK, SATURDAY, JUNE 19

A hundred volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 19, at 3 p.m. to help read the names of the 8,428 people buried in the African American and Quaker cemeteries at Walter C. Pierce Community Park. This event will mark the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cemeteries' closure in June 1890.

We'll sit in small groups, with open-sided tents for shade and read the names out loud, simultaneously. Each group will pause occasionally to hear a few more words about some of those buried, such as Thompson Crier, who at 13 was a drummer boy for the First Regiment of the U.S. Colored Troops; Jennie Blagborn, a midwife; Charlotte Nugent, a founding member of Asbury Methodist Church; Luke and Sarah Carter, operatives of the Underground Railroad.

With 100 volunteers, we'll be able to read their names in about an hour. We'll also have chairs for those who would like to just listen.

Representatives of Washington Parks & People will be on hand to get your ideas about enhancing recreation at Walter Pierce Park, while protecting and commemorating the cemeteries there. The nonprofit group, which administers city funding for the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project, is designing a master plan for the park as part of that funding. KCA is co-sponsor for this event and continues to cover costs for, and assists in, education and outreach for the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project.

If you would like to join this unique commemoration, or if you would like to help serve refreshments, set up chairs, or hand out names, contact Mary Belcher, community liaison for the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project at 202-462-9069, [marybelcher@comcast.net](mailto:marybelcher@comcast.net).



## BILTMORE TRIANGLE GARDEN UPDATE, JUNE 2010

At the Biltmore Triangle Garden, we've had a fruitful spring and hope our neighbors and visitors have enjoyed the array of irises and other colorful blossoms in the garden. As this was written our 9 rose bushes are blooming as well as larkspur, daisies, love-in-the-mist, clematis, and more. Soon the lilies will be in season. Who knows what our gardeners have in store for you this summer! This year, we have continued with our goal of reseeding the grass around the plots. Please help us keep dogs off the grass as their urine is burning the grass we have already planted.

We also began a project to prune and reshape the shrubs on either side of the bench. This will be a multi-year process. We are also planning to add another flowering shrub in the shade garden in back of the bench.

Did you know that the garden is a geocache destination? Geocaching is an outdoor activity in which the participants use a GPS receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers (called "geocaches" or "caches") anywhere in the world. Geocaching is most often described as a "game of high-tech hide and seek". Currently there are more than 1 million active geocaches placed in over 100 countries around the world and on all seven continents .

We are now on Facebook. Become a fan and follow our activities. You can also add pictures, comments and questions. Just search: "Biltmore Triangle Garden".

Our 2010 fundraising brochures are now in a basket on the bench. Please take one and support the garden, or use the coupon on the back of this newsletter to send donations to: KCA, P.O. Box 21311, Washington, DC 20009. Designate payments to the Biltmore Triangle Garden. All contributions are tax-deductible. As always, we are so grateful to all our donors for their generosity. In the last two years we have raised over \$2000, which covered our costs for a custom-built toolbox, lawn mower, tools, compost, mulch, fertilizer, grass seed, plants and bulbs.  
- *Marianne Josem*, [mariannejosem@gmail.com](mailto:mariannejosem@gmail.com)

## PIERCE PARK ARCHAEOLOGY TEAM TO WORK WITH NPS TO PROTECT CEMETERY LAND

The National Park Service has halted soil-erosion-mitigation work on the hillside abutting Walter C. Pierce Community Park so that Howard University Professor Mark Mack can help identify and protect graves and artifacts at the African American and Quaker cemeteries site.

Professor Mack and Pierce Park Archaeology Project team members met on June 2 with officials from Rock Creek Park and the National Capital Region of the National Park Service to discuss the team's urgent concerns over the probable harm being done to the hillside by contractors working there to contain erosion. As a result of the meeting, Professor Mack and the team will conduct ground-penetrating radar on level portions of the hillside to determine the presence of vulnerable graves, will identify and advise on the protection of exposed remains and artifacts, and will be present to monitor the soil-erosion-mitigation work when it resumes.

All agree that stopping the erosion on the fragile hillside is essential to protecting the historic site. The Colored Union Benevolent Association Cemetery (1870-1890) and the Quaker Cemetery (1807-1890) together covered seven acres of land, which today includes all of the city-owned Walter Pierce Park, a narrow strip of land within the National Zoo, and the National Park Service hillside leading down to Rock Creek just north of the Duke Ellington Bridge. Team researchers have documented 8,428 burials at the site.

The KCA in a formal resolution in November 2009 asked the National Park Service/Rock Creek Park to consult with the Walter Pierce Archaeology Team on the planned soil-erosion project. But Rock Creek Park officials turned down the KCA request, as well as similar requests from the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Council (ANC-1-C), Ward 1 Councilmember Jim Graham, and other Archaeology Project supporters.

When park contractors began the soil-erosion work late last month, Pierce Park Project community liaison Mary Belcher alerted the concerned public to potentially destructive actions taking place, including the throwing of boulders on to cemetery features and vehicles parking on unpaved land where graves are likely located. KCA members and many others voiced their concerns to NPS.

Steve Coleman, executive director of Washington Parks & People, was instrumental in bringing everyone to the table for the June 2nd meeting, which was called by the National Park Service. Attendees were Professor Mack, KCA President Denis James, Steve Coleman, Friends Meeting of Washington (Quakers) co-clerk David Etheridge, green space advocate Destry Jarvis and Mary Belcher. From Rock Creek Park were Acting Director Cindy Cox, Cultural Resources Director Simone Moffett, and Chief Ranger Nick Bartolomeo. From NPS's National Capital Region were Deputy Regional Director Lisa

Mendelson-Ielmini, Senior Staff Archaeologist Bob Sonderman and Cultural Resources Chief Perry Wheelock.  
– *Mary Belcher* [maryjbelcher@comcast.net](mailto:maryjbelcher@comcast.net)

## MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2010 KCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING, PART I

**Denis James**, President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. The minutes of the April 15, 2010 meeting were approved.

### Community Announcements

**Kristen Barden**, Executive Director of Adams Morgan BID, announced that the free Adams Morgan Summer Concert Series would begin on June 5 on the plaza at Columbia & Adams Mill Roads.

### Donation to Goodwill Baptist Church

Denis James offered a verbal resolution that KCA donate \$200 to Goodwill Baptist Church for restroom renovations. The resolution was approved unanimously.

### ABC Matters - Denis

#### **Resolution to Ratify KCA's Previous Protest of Muzette's Entertainment Endorsement Request**

KCA voted at its April meeting to protest Muzette's request for an entertainment endorsement. Because this request was replacarded due to late display of the placards by the licensee, the correct dates for the "petition" (protest) period changed. Denis presented a resolution to ratify KCA's previous protest based on the grounds of disturbance of the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood and the effect on residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety, to assure KCA's ability to protest Muzette's request. The resolution was approved by the membership present and constituting a quorum.

#### **Resolution on L'Enfant**

Denis explained that KCA and ANC 1C had recently worked out a new voluntary agreement with L'Enfant Café and Bar, 2000 18<sup>th</sup> Street. The ABC Board rejected that agreement, though it is a signed, valid contract between the parties. Previously, there had been an ANC 1C agreement and a separate KCA agreement, both dating from 2003, very similar in terms, under one Board Order. The licensee sought numerous changes, so the parties wrote a new agreement to replace the two old ones, a practice commonly approved by the Board in recent years. In response to a question, Denis said he was not sure what signal the ABC Board was sending. The changes demanded show no rhyme or reason or basis in law.

**Fred Moosally**, Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, said that the Board is in the process of reviewing various voluntary agreements throughout the city. They have found that some have inappropriate provisions, but to the best of his recollection, that was not the case with any KCA agreement. He noted that the rights of residents must be protected. Denis explained that due to the Board's rejection of this new agreement, to protect its rights, the KCA must protest the

Substantial Change placards currently on display at L'Enfant that contain the very terms that KCA and ANC 1C have just agreed upon. The resolution to protest L'Enfant's request on the grounds of disturbance of the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood was approved by those members present and constituting a quorum.

#### **Resolution to Temporarily Amend Voluntary Agreements for 2010 World Cup**

Denis discussed the schedule of the 2010 World Cup to be held in South Africa June 11 to July 11. For KCA, Denis, Mindy Moretti of ANC 1C, and Maureen Gallagher of the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association worked out language in the form of a resolution amending all voluntary agreements with Adams Morgan on-premises establishments to allow opening as early as 7:00 am (but not to serve alcohol until the legal start hour of 8:00 am, 10:00 am, Sundays) for the duration of the World Cup period. The establishments will make every effort to serve food during these amended hours and no sidewalk cafes or summer gardens will be open during the earlier hours or have games shown on them. The Council will be considering emergency legislation to allow this earlier opening. Then ABRA will set up a process for licensees similar to the Obama inauguration special hours. The resolution was approved by the membership present and constituting a quorum.

### KCA Elections

Denis introduced the topic of annual KCA election of officers. He turned over the meeting to Vice President **Bob Ellsworth**, who conducted the election of the office of President. Denis James was nominated and the nomination seconded. There were no further nominations for President and Denis was elected. At that point, Bob turned the elections back over to Denis, who then took nominations from the floor for the remaining offices, all of the following persons were nominated, their nominations seconded, there being no further nominations for the offices, all were elected unanimously by the members present, constituting a quorum: Bob Ellsworth, Vice President; **Leslie Delagran**, Treasurer; **Ted Guthrie**, Secretary; **William O'Field**, Delegate to the Federation of Citizens Associations; and **Joyce Douglas**, Delegate to the Federation of Civic Associations.

### Main Meeting Topic: Ward One City Council

#### Democratic Primary Candidates Debate, co-hosted by KCA and the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association

Moderator **Davis Kennedy**, publisher of the Current Newspapers, introduced the three Democratic candidates for the Ward One Council seat: Incumbent **Jim Graham**, and challengers **Jeff Smith**, former District 1 & 2 School Board member, and **Bryan Weaver**, ANC 1C - 03 commissioner and past ANC 1C chairman.

#### **Each candidate began with a two minute opening statement.**

Bryan Weaver said that politics should improve people's lives—we need to get beyond "I," and work together to make a difference. There are many crises here. Transparency in government is an important goal.

Jeff Smith said that this part of town is declining. Councilmember Graham has been helpful in the past but he is too comfortable after 12 years in office. We need new leadership. We need responsible development as big box stores are chasing out small businesses. He reported that Graham had said that DC schools were “good” in a previous debate, an assessment Smith disagreed with.

Jim Graham said he was proud of his public record. He has been responsive to quality of life needs. He has made Adams Morgan a destination, obtained a Circulator bus route for the neighborhood, put “Adams Morgan” on the Woodley Park Metro signs, got a parking garage and lofts built on the vacant land near 18<sup>th</sup> Street, helped create the BID, and got Harris Teeter to come to Adams Morgan.

Davis Kennedy then asked the candidates questions submitted by audience members, the KCA, the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association, and Mr. Kennedy. Responses were timed.

***Should city government continue to use taxpayer funds to support the arts?***

**JS:** Yes, but the funds should be competitive and should not go to friends of Councilmember Graham. The arts should be supported through the schools.

**JG:** The organizations which have received earmarks are deserving. Vietnamese, Latinos, and other responsible groups have benefited from these funds.

**BW:** It’s possible to do projects without city funds. He has raised money on his own. It is a problem when earmarks are not competitive. It is wrong that the “Green Team” members wear a patch that says “Graham – Ward 1.”

***Several City Councilmembers have attacked Mayor Fenty's proposed budget for raiding rainy day funds and other reserve accounts so that it can balance this year's budget. They claim such "raids" would negatively affect DC's bond ratings. What are your views on the subject?***

**JG:** He said the Fenty budget is not the one he would have submitted, but he was able to restore a lot of cuts. With regard to the impact on the bond rating, he has strengthened the reserve funds. City government should go to Congress to seek home rule and taxing authority.

**BW:** Budget issues are a big problem. Police and firemen are working without a contract. Police presence is being cut from the streets.

**JS:** Supports expenditures of the rainy day fund. There is high unemployment. It’s too bad the money has been spent with no oversight. The operating costs of the city are going up.

***Do you support the continued expansion of charter schools in DC?***

**JG:** Yes, we need to strike a balance. In Ward 1, the charter schools provide quality education. The system can accommodate both types of education.

**BW:** Oyster-Adams School is a Woodley Park school, not an Adams Morgan school because Graham has not provided for Adams Morgan students to attend there. The charter schools are good, but their money comes from the DC budget. They should be funded but there should be more oversight.

**JS:** If expansion of charter schools were curbed, the public schools would be better. With regard to charter schools, there needs to be more oversight of the capital budget. Money for playgrounds should come out of that, not from local fundraising.

***Other Ward One neighborhoods such as Columbia Heights and U Street have managed to develop business districts with varied uses. How can Adams Morgan, with its concentration of ABC-licensed businesses, progress to achieve a variety of businesses that actually serve the local communities needs?***

**BW:** We have a lot of good businesses and we are a destination. But when is it too much? We have a lot of vacant properties because the rents are too high. DC government must supplement this environment. We must bring back mom and pop stores here.

**JS:** We must reduce the density of liquor licenses. BW is right that we should support small businesses. We need other things here besides liquor stores. Smith criticized JG for taking developer money, and indicated that local government is too bureaucratic for small business.

**JG:** Defended his role in transforming U Street and Columbia Heights into productive areas, while still maintaining diversity and low-income housing. Unlike other areas, Adams Morgan does not have large empty public spaces. We have to adapt existing buildings, and he was instrumental in bringing in Harris Teeter.

***To Bryan Weaver:***

***Earlier this year you were defeated in your run to chair ANC IC in a vote of fellow commissioners. What have you learned about leadership as a result of this defeat?***

**BW:** The lost chairmanship involved my fellow commissioners’ concerns about how much time I would have to devote to the office if I were running for City Council. It was a humbling experience to lose the chairmanship but the current campaign has created different time commitments.

**JS:** Indicated that he was sympathetic regarding time pressures.

**JG:** Didn’t comment

***To Jeff Smith: How would you answer the allegation that your voluntarily resigning from the School Board caused the city to unnecessarily spend \$200,000 on a replacement election? Wouldn't it have been better for DC if you had served out your term?***

**JS:** Said that the Mayor and Council had stripped away the powers of the old Board of Education so that continuing in the office was meaningless. He changed jobs and is now with DC Voice.

**JG:** Said that Smith quit of his own volition. His quitting was not caused by the City Council. JG had supported him in his run for that office.

**BW:** People enter and leave politics for different reasons.  
***To Jim Graham: You proposed and later withdrew legislation that would have made it easier for the taxi industry to be controlled by very large firms. Now, your former Chief of Staff, Ted Loza, has been accused of accepting a bribe from a would-be taxi consolidator.***

**What advantage to the city would such a consolidation have resulted in? If re-elected, will you pledge to not rehire Mr. Loza regardless of the outcome of any court proceedings in this matter?**

**JG:** Said he has been clear on that. Anyone charged with a crime gets his day in court. Loza pleaded not guilty and is presumed innocent for now. We will see what happens in court. He indicated his disappointment in his former aide.

**BW:** The consolidation of licenses to one segment of the taxi industry is a problem.

**JS:** Loza deserves his day in court.

**At its February, 2010 meeting, the KCA approved a resolution on the Mt. Pleasant library, calling on the DC Public Library to re-engage with the community to come up with a plan that would be truly responsive to community needs, yet DCPL has plowed ahead with their plans, plans that have practically no community support and much community opposition, including ANC 1C and ANC 1D's numerous concerns brought out in independent expert studies. Isn't it time for DCPL to re-engage with the community instead of building something that very few support?**

**BW:** This is a complicated issue. DCPL did a bad job of reaching out to the community. The ANC did its own study. We were not against all changes, but there needs to be more transparency in the process. There are ramp, handicapped, and fire safety issues. The fire department was not brought in until it was too late.

**JS:** The ramp is not legal. It is discriminatory, and people have complained. There is an issue of community engagement. The community will be stuck with this library for many years.

**JG:** The facts are different. He personally has gone to 13 community meetings with major presentations. He has worked on this issue for a year. The side entrance was developed at the behest of the disability community. He has spent most of the last week on this issue, and it is a busy time for the Council.

**DC Youth Services Administration has been criticized over the years for alleged lax supervision of juvenile offenders. Three individuals under its "care" were recently accused of murdering a school principal, allegedly in a robbery attempt. How would you as a councilmember improve YSA practices?**

**JS:** DYS does not work properly. We must have community policing. Kids don't feel safe in the schools.

**JG:** The system is bifurcated in a bad way. DYS is a revolving door. He is the only Council member who has reviewed case files of youthful offenders. 85% of the crime in Ward 1 is committed by juveniles, or the victim is a juvenile.

**BW:** The process is first, arrest, then it goes to a judge. The judge does not have a lot of choices. Probation or remand to DYRS, which then has total control of the sentencing. Of the 1500 youth in DYRS custody, only 60 are jailed in New Beginnings detention center. Each night 150 violent youth under control of DRYS are AWOL, like

the three accused of killing Brian Betts.

**In December 2010, the DC rent control program expires. 55% of DC residents are renters. Is there support for renewal and strengthening of rent control?**

**JS:** Supports continuing rent control. Make sure tenants can appeal. Landlords get away with a lot, but there is also a need for property owners to get rid of bad tenants.

**JG:** Said no one on the Council has a stronger tenant's rights record. He created the position of tenant advocate. He supports the permanent establishment of rent control.

**BW:** The ANC has fought for rent control. We need full-time, not year-to-year, rent control.

**With regard to senior citizen's programs, what can we do to keep seniors productive?**

**JG:** Said he worked tirelessly to build a Ward 1 senior wellness center at Georgia and Newton Place, to open soon. He has provided an abatement for Jubilee Housing, and for Campbell Heights. Said he has preserved 200 low income units.

**BW:** With regard to tax abatement, for-profits are not paying property taxes. He distinguished his ideas on tax abatement from JG's. Winners and losers should not be picked based on campaign contributions. We have some wonderful senior citizen groups in AM, such as EOFULA and Sarah's Circle.

**JS:** JG praised this center in 2002, and we still don't have it. Seniors are kicked out of their homes. Graham has helped to move the wealthy in. Seniors need help from the schools with a continuing education program. We need to bring city agencies together.

**At what point: stop, arrest or conviction, should the District check the immigration status of people suspected of illegal activities, or should the District not cooperate with immigration authorities at all?**

**BW:** No person is illegal. ANC 1C resolved against the ICE program, which is designed to deport people. We don't want people deported for small crimes. MPD also opposes doing this.

**JS:** If we tie immigration to policing, more crimes will go unsolved and unreported. Immigrants will not help the police.

**JG:** We have a bright line between local police efforts and federal efforts. MPD concentrates on local crimes and does not ask for immigrant documents. If they start to do that, we will be less safe. We have asked Chief Lanier not to implement the law.

**-Linda Ingram, Secretary**

For reasons of space availability, the remainder of the May 20, 2010 minutes, covering the rest of the Ward One Council Democratic Primary candidates debate, will be published in a special edition KCA newsletter in early July. KCA normally ceases publication of its newsletter during the months of July and August. Upon publication of this newsletter, the full minutes will be posted as a pdf document on the KCA web-site at:

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- I support the Walter Pierce Park Archeology Project. Enclosed is my \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution to help pay project costs.
  - For a minimum \$25.00 contribution to the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project, get an Adams Morgan T-shirt.
  - Here's my \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution for plants and supplies for the Biltmore Triangle Garden.
  - Here's my \$25 dues for 2010.
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THURSDAY JUNE 17**

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**6:00 PM HAPPY HOUR**

**7:00 PM DINNER**

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