

# CAPITOL HILL VILLAGE

# NEWS

JUNE 2010

## CHV Members Key Players in the Capitol Hill Restoration Society House & Garden Tour

Capitol Hill Village members were major players in the 53rd Annual House & Garden Tour sponsored by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society this spring.

Homes of three members were among the 14-featured addresses on the May 8-9 tour, and 26 Village members served as volunteers helping visitors through the homes and distributing brochures.

"This is a perfect example of [Capitol Hill Village Executive Director] Gail Kohn's philosophy that the Village should work in partisanship with other Capitol Hill groups," noted Ann Grace. Grace and her husband, Michael, organized the CHV volunteers.

CHV Village guided visitors through the home of Village



members Carla and Gordon Bremer, as well as at Riverby Books. Other Capitol Hill Village members whose homes were on the tour are Joan Keenan and Kathryn Powers.

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Above: Nicky Cymrot, co-owner of Riverby Books and long an activist for Capitol Hill Village, talked with visitors about Hill changes over the decades, plus promoted interest in the Capitol Hill Community Foundation and the Old Naval Hospital Foundation.

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## Upcoming Events and Programs

Wednesday, May 26 • 4:00 pm

### Games at Home

You are invited to the home of a member to play board or card games. Contact the office with your preferences (Chess, Checkers, Scrabble, Canasta, Bridge, Gin Rummy or...). Then enjoy a drink together before you depart.

*Members only*



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For more information about any event, or to reserve a space at an event, call the CHV office at 202.543.1778 during regular office hours (9 am to 5 pm) or e-mail [info@capitolhillvillage.org](mailto:info@capitolhillvillage.org)

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# From The Executive Director...

## Service Requests – Ask, please

A developing California village inquired: What do members who are younger than 70 ask for from the village?

The answer, regardless of age, is *transportation*. Likewise with other services. Neither help with home up-keep nor obtaining advice preparing powers of attorney and completing wills is associated with age.

Age is not a defining factor in service requests. What members ask for relates to their health and whether or not they are in crisis.

Capitol Hill Village has active members under 50 and over 90 who feel good. They enjoy restaurant and potluck meals with Capitol Hill Village friends and they travel. Volunteer drivers get these members to activities, including volunteering assignments, restaurants, airports, medical check-ups and visits with friends. These members ask for technology assistance, for stuff to leave their homes, including books, hazardous waste and paper for shredding. They want to organize their collections and ask for volunteers to assist. These members ask for advice on arranging plants in their yards. They want their house watched, their pets cared for and their plants watered when they are away.

Capitol Hill Village has members under 50 and over 90 who have ailments and injuries with which they are coping. Twenty or so would be in nursing homes or assisted living without help. These members



use transportation in most cases for visits to physicians and other health professionals. They are more likely to want home visits for companionship, meal preparation, dog walking and yard work. Our members, who are challenged by their health, want to shed stuff, but need help making that happen—assistance finding welcoming places to relocate collections, after they are sorted.

Regardless of age and circumstance, Capitol Hill Village members are encouraged to ask for services. Asking is easier said than done. We want the CHV-asking habit well established before health challenges and other ordeals surface. Some members have yet to contact us, thinking that their request is trivial, compared to those from members who are struggling.

Form the habit early of asking for help. We want to get to know you while you are well, not wait until the proverbial bus hits you.

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### Activity Survey; introducing Capitol Hill Village's Summer Intern from UPenn

Capitol Hill Village member and volunteer Kathy Hardy is working with graduate student Julie Maggioncalda on an important project.

Capitol Hill Village wants to know more about your interests and affinities. Why? So we can identify others with whom you can play and find fulfillment.

Julie has been asked to identify ways in which each member finds feelings of self-worth. Some members have abundant means of feeling good about themselves, while others need more opportunities. The challenge is to identify what additional ways Capitol Hill Village can focus in order to offer reasons that members want to get up and be involved with others or on their own.

Kathy Hardy and Julie soon will have a survey prepared to ask each member what energizes him/her. Please participate. What makes your day also will appeal to others.

—Gail Kohn

## Meet Julie Maggioncalda

**J**ulie Maggioncalda grew up in Cherry Hill, N.J., a Philadelphia suburb. She graduated from Virginia Wesleyan College in May of 2009 with a major in Health and Human Services and minors in Religious Studies and Political Science. Currently, she is a student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice, where she is working toward her Masters Degree in Social Work.



Julie is part of the first group of students from this program to participate in the Penn Aging Concentration, a unique opportunity to engage in coursework and group discussions surrounding aging. Her passion for nonprofit work has led to numerous exciting experiences including an internship with a family homelessness prevention program and a summer nonprofit management program. In the summer of 2007, Julie was able to marry her love of travel-

ing and academic endeavors during a research opportunity in Viet Nam, which cemented both her interest in nonprofit work and love for pho noodle soup.

Julie spends her free time reading, hiking and cooking. Despite the fact that she will sorely miss the sun and sand of the Jersey shore, Julie is excited to spend her summer working and living on the Hill. She looks forward to meeting and working with everyone in the Village community as the summer continues.

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## Village Open House a Place to Chat, Learn

**M**arian and Gerry Connolly's Capitol Hill Village open house brought out an interesting piece of local news to those attending. Despite "contrary rumors," Yes! The Organic Market in the 600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue will remain open. Its lease has been renewed. Kitty Kaup of

Stanton Development, responding to an e-mail by Capitol Hill Village member Bill Matuszeski, asked that the information be widely circulated, as Yes! is "a great asset to the Hill."

The Connolly open house in May drew eight prospective members, as well as CHV officials. "Our reception was rewarding, as

our neighbors John and Susan Sedgewick joined that afternoon," says Marian.

Marian said she and Gerry were drawn to CHV for several reasons, including the vetted contractors "we need for our house."

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## RANDOM MUSINGS

# Monkey Business

By Leo Orleans

**B**y now we all know that almost every state in the union is running a major budget deficits and is desperately seeking a quick (or even a slow) fix without, god forbid, raising taxes. And we are discovering that in order to initiate a recovery process many states have come up with a painless money-raising scheme. Somehow, without any publicity, they managed to convert the standard procedure of fining individuals for traffic violation to ensure greater highway safety into a major money-making business.

First, all traffic fines have been significantly jacked up; and second, the responsible officers were instructed to increase the number of traffic tickets they issue. Since the new approach does not raise taxes, and since the additional revenue will come from law-breakers, what's to complain.

The state of Virginia has set the best example for other states to emulate. Richmond designated a specific weekend for a ticketing blitz, during which all the officers rounded

up for this endearing effort were instructed to issue as many traffic tickets as is humanly possible. And they did. In just this one weekend, the unsuspecting drivers were issued 6,996 substantial tickets, a significant step in reducing the deficit. It is difficult to imagine that other states will not adopt this simple method to contribute to their own budgetary shortfall.



And so, last week as I was driving on the Pennsylvania Turnpike at 75-80 mph in a 65 mph zone (and 65-70 in the occasional odious 55 mph zone) and fretting over the grave budgetary problems that our states were experiencing, a brilliant idea came to mind. I think you will agree that if states are going to make a serious business out of the ticketing process, they should be more business-like and get into the 21st century.

At present, users of interstates and for-pay state highways pull out a little ticket upon entry that indicates the time of issue. When the driver reaches his destination the ticket is handed to a ticket-taker in a toll booth who, based on distance traveled, determines



the appropriate fee. That is so old-fashioned. In this day and age it should be easy as pie to produce a computer that would accept your little ticket, correlate the distance covered with the time elapsed, immediately spit out your average driving speed, and simultaneously issue a speeding ticket with an inappropriate fine.

With at least 90 percent of the drivers exceeding the speed limit, just think of the economic windfall! And the gross take easily could be further enhanced simply by decreasing the freeway speed limit by maybe five or ten miles. True, some of the drivers may start dawdling at the various rest stops, but it will not be a complete loss. They undoubtedly will spend more taxable money on food and other goodies.

How sweet it is!

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She continued, "I really take comfort in the idea that many of us are committing to staying in the neighborhood. As we get older, there is a natural shrinking of friends and neighbors, and knowing that there is a core group, many of whom

we've know for years, who are committed to staying in this community resonates with me."

I found myself agreeing with Marian's passionate embrace of Village membership," said Village President Mary Procter, "as a way

to put a stake in the ground and to commit...that we are not going to drift away as we get older. By paying our membership fee, we are promising each other that we are going to build a rewarding and mutually-supportive life here together."

# Congressional Cemetery – Not Only for the Famous

**News: Congressional Cemetery has 1,000 remaining plots for sale.**

At least, for most Capitol Hill residents, that's news. The old acres near the Anacostia River in Southeast Washington, beside the DC Jail and former football stadium, are best known by regular dog walkers, some birders, and visiting historians who pore through a wealth of documents in the library and archives. Docents do Saturday visitor walks, starting at the historic chapel.

However, new top staffers were hired in 2008, work is underway rebuilding roads and other trouble spots, and Congressional Cemetery actively is educating District residents that this national shrine also welcomes modern tears, with cemetery plots for sale.

Capitol Hill Village members are being offered talks on the available use of Congressional Cemetery as future burial sites on Wednesday, June 16, at 7 pm and Saturday, June 26, at 1 pm. (See Calendar, page 11 for more information on these events.)

Congressional Cemetery was created in 1807 by United Christ Church as “a city of silence,” and served as the first national cemetery. As a result, members of Congress who died in office in the early 1800s were buried there, along with two US Vice Presidents, Eldridge Gerry and George Clinton. Clinton's remains later were moved to New York.

More recently, Rep. Tom Lantos (Calif.) was buried there in January 2009. Former Secretary of Commerce Robert A.



Mosbacher, was laid to rest there in January 2010.

Yet, Congressional Cemetery “is a local cemetery for local people,” points out Cemetery Manager Alan Davis.

Congressional Cemetery is the recorded burial site for 55,000 people, only 14,000 bearing headstones. The cemetery office can identify site locations. Congressional burial sites, and other memorial sites for early members buried in their home states, are marked by headstones designed by Benjamin Latrobe. Work continues to restore many of those headstones.

A new environmental offer at Congressional Cemetery is for “green or natural burial,” says Davis. The green burial involves no embalment of the body or

**Hill historian Ruth Ann Overbeck is buried at Congressional Cemetery along with scores of other former neighbors.**

use of a vault. Instead, the body is buried in a box made of local wood, and “the deceased retains a tie to the environment.”

Over 1,000 burial sites still are available for \$3,000 to \$4,500, depending on location. Each site allows up to four internments – two full-body burials and two ash-filled urns.

Dog walkers who use the cemetery join the Congressional Cemetery Canine Corp at an annual cost of \$200 per family and \$50 per dog. They also are active workers helping to renew the cemetery.

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# CHV Member Ernest Antignani Dies



**E**rnest A. Antignani, 84, died of natural causes at the Washington Home and Community Hospices on April 17. Antignani, for over 50 years, had been a well-known dealer in antiques, decorating, and real estate, both Georgetown in and on Capitol Hill.

In his later life, Capitol Hill Village had provided Ernest with a ride to church on Sundays, then to his home on Capitol Hill to visit his dog and neighbors. Later, his ride would continue back to Georgetown Assisted Living, where he had been placed following a stay at the hospital.

The Village also assisted in locating an appraiser to sell some of his beautiful antiques.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., Ernest attended Notre Dame University, and served during WWII as a medical laboratory technician with the US Army. He earned a Bachelor of Science in foreign service at Georgetown.

Then began his Washington career in antiques, decorating and real estate. He also was a lover of animals, as well as a book and art collector.

A memorial service was held May 1 at St. Joseph's Church in Washington, and later he was interred in the family's plot in Connecticut.

Memorial contributions can be made in Ernest's name to the Washington Animal Rescue League, 71 Oglethorpe Street NW, Washington, DC 20011 or at [www.warl.org/donate](http://www.warl.org/donate).

*(Editor's Note: Ernie Antignani was well-loved friend among his neighbors on Capitol Hill. Following is a letter to CHV Executive Director Gail Kohn in his remembrance.)*

Gail,

My name is Jackie Clegg Dodd and I am married to Senator Chris Dodd. We live four doors away from Ernie. I just wanted you to know that our family will really miss Ernie. We have two little girls, Gracie (8) and Christina (5). Ernie watched many of their first days in front of our home. He watched as the girls learned to ride tricycles and the bikes. He was there to cheer on our oldest when she finally was ready to give up the training wheels. He watched when she went on her first four-wheel scooter and then to a razor.

Each time the girls passed the house, they loved to get words of encouragement from Ernie. He was a great cheerleader and we miss his cheerful voice and gentle manner. He always liked the fact that our little ones wore dresses and like to dress up. Ernie was fastidious about his attire and appreciated our little ones looking "just so."

One other thing that you may find amusing: My husband is a Democrat and Ernie received mail from the conservative think tank "Heritage Foundation." Ernie hailed from a long time CT Republican family. Somehow they mixed up his address and all his mail for the group would be delivered to our home every couple of weeks. We dutifully would take the mail over to him by hand.

I think he liked the fact that it was delivered to our home and so it continued this way until he went to Capitol Village. He would get the biggest grin when we brought it to him and he said that it would be okay for our family to read the material that was sent to him. Perhaps, he thought it would change my husband's position on an issue!

—Jackie

## CORRECTIONS

► The story, "Women Who Should Live for a Healthy Heart," in the May issue of Capitol Hill Village news was written by Margaret Roles

► Capitol Hill Village member Irving Kensler, who died Feb. 16 at age 84, was honored by his family in a memorial service in May in his home state of Michigan. His ashes were spread in Petoskey near Lake Michigan.

Kensler, a World War 11 veteran and avid University of Michigan fan, worked for West Publishing selling law books in Dallas, where the couple met. Later, upon their move to the Washington area, he continued selling used law books, and assisted Pranee when she owned and ran Pete's Diner near the Library of Congress.

Pranee Kensler, also a member of CHV, now works in the kitchen for the U.S. Senate dining room.

# Garfield Park May Become Even More Inviting



**G**arfield Park — although developed as a beautiful sitting-to-chat and dog-walking park, and filled with inviting play and exercise equipment for young-to-older neighbors — retains an ugly strip.

It's easy to find: look to your right along Third Street SE behind the tennis court just before you turn onto the SE Freeway. The strip runs along the freeway until you reach the area under the highway. The somewhat steep hill leading from the empty path down to the basketball court is dirt — or mud — depending on the weather.

Capitol Hill Village members assisted with some new plantings (fox glove, bearded tongue, bee balm, service berry, and sartel grasses), encircling the “Garfield Park” sign that sits at the beginning of the crisis spot. Then, they walked the ugly path and sat down with paper and pen to talk and draw.

The session was actually a day-long workshop, sponsored by the DC Department of Wildlife and the DC/MD Audubon staff,

on creating backyard wildlife habitats with native plants. Work began with planting a demonstration garden at Garfield Park.

But group interest rose in discussing the empty strip. The lonely strip is the result of the fierce January snowstorm, which led to the destruction of over 25 Leland cypress trees planted ten years ago along the freeway wall. Stumps remain, but soon will be dug out.

The Capitol Hill plant enthusiasts soon envisioned running vines of maybe trumpet creeper or native honeysuckle to cover the wall (its construction material would allow that), and adding small groves of trees beside the vines to break up the straight view. One suggested seeking highway funds to create a higher wall along the freeway — like you see in the suburbs — to absorb more noise.

Along the other, sunnier side of the strip, they envisioned creating a garden row of sign-identified native plants, and in-between, a path of gravel or other walkable material. The path would lead

**Above:** Village gardeners assisted DC/MD Audubon staff with planting a variety of native plants to spruce up the Garfield Park sign along the rundown strip in what is otherwise a very popular and relatively large Capitol Hill park.

to the danger-hill toward the basketball courts, which could be transformed with railroad beam steps driven into the hill.

The result of that discussion is the drawing beside this story, one that envisions creating a little haven to draw butterflies, bugs, and birds.

Damien Ossi with the DC Wildlife Service cautioned that CHV was participating in a “planning session.” The District is considering the problem area as a result of a request from Friends of Garfield Park following the storm damage.

Friends of Garfield Park is headed by Bill Phillips, who also serves as a Capitol Hill Village director. Phillips, who, with his wife and neighbors, does much to keep the park well-kept, came by to

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check on the group planting as it was underway.

Phillips is awaiting the CHV design, as well as any others provided by the District. Ossi says there is no city money for this effort, but there may be an opportunity for some grants to plant a redesigned space. The first effort will be to have a developed plan that can be implemented as funds become available.

Phillips said, "The park is maintained in almost every area by the neighborhood. While this is a city park, the neighborhood, through their contributions, has enabled Garfield to become a destination park on Capitol Hill. The snow storms last winter just decimated the trees behind the tennis court." He expressed his gratitude to the Village and to the city's Department of the Environment for their assistance in shaping a redevelopment plan.

Village members are a varied group, and their accumulated experience is so helpful when it comes to getting some things actually accomplished. Hiding

**Above:** CHV gardening enthusiasts Judy Canning (left), Bill Matuszeski, and Mary Weirich assisted MD/DC Audubon specialists with drawing a new vision for the dilapidated Southern edge of Garfield Park.

**Below:** The group drawing, in the area from third street SE behind the tennis and ball court, envisions vines growing up the Southeast Freeway (black line at right), with small groupings of taller trees interspersed, a native-plant library path leading along the highway side, improved plantings behind the two athletic courts, and major, permanent steps leading down to the children's basketball court that is active under the freeway.



the freeway wall once again behind a layer of green will make the park even more welcoming. Phillips said, "Losing the trees was bad

enough, but we also lost ten years of growth. Having a plan to disguise the wall behind some native trees and vines is a good first step."

## House Tour *continued from page 1*

Riverby Books, 417 East Capitol Street, offered visitors a collection of very early maps of Washington, DC, plus information about the Capitol Hill Community Foundation and the Old Naval Hospital Foundation. Riverby is owned by Nicky and Steve Cymrot, who are among the originating group of Capitol Hill Village and have remained active Village friends.

The spacious Bremer home in the 600 block of A Street SE combines Art Deco with family treasures and folk art collected in their travels, plus Carla's import business.

A new third floor (not viewable from the street) is highlighted with a plant solarium and outdoor garden deck featuring sculptures. While the house is designed



Joan Keenan's home in the 100 block of 6th Street SE still retains the historical essence of a home built by John Callahan about 1870. Yet it also features the photography of her late husband, Frank,

**Above:** CHV member Sharon House (left) talks with a visitor on the third-floor solarium of the house in the 600 block of A Street SE, an Art Deco-filled home very popular with House & Garden walkers. From out front, the home doesn't show its new third floor.

**Below:** Judy Bardacke (left) was among the Capitol Hill Village members who hosted Riverby Books on East Capitol during the tour. The Bookstore, in addition to providing welcome outside seating, displayed maps showing changes in Capitol Hill since the 1800s.

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*Thanks to Capitol Hill Village members and volunteers who helped to make the 2010 Capitol Hill Restoration Society Home and Garden Tour a huge success.*

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around an Art Deco staircase, an elevator is hidden behind a door.

In the 300 block of A Street SE, the home of Kathryn Powers (built in 1887) is filled with art works collected by her late husband, Peter Powers, co-founder of the Adams Davidson art gallery in Georgetown.

Over a player piano in the living room hang Waldo Peirce's sketch of a Post Office mural showing voting during the Civil War, while Washington Impressionists Max Weyl's painting of Haines Point in the 19th Century hangs in the dining room. The dining room also contains a West Virginia walnut table designed by Peter.

including the columns from the East Front of the Capitol that now are at the US Arboretum. One hallway wall is adorned with prints and photos that celebrate the architecture and history of the city.

The dining room, added before 1880, has a coffered ceiling and an 1810 cupboard with "float glass." Joan's collection of Quimper French Faience Pottery is in the living room secretary, and her collection of English Ironstone China is displayed throughout the house. Passing between living and dining room, the right wall provides one a stroll along Venice's Grand Canal.



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# Upcoming Events and Programs *continued from page 1*

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Friday, May 28 • 11:30 am  
(Note the new time) at the SE DC Library

## Balance Class

Join others who recognize that strength and agility are the best defenses against falls. Practice the skills, which will keep you on your feet. The class is taught by a Physiotherapy Associates volunteer, who is a physical therapist.

*Open to everyone*

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Sunday, June 6 • 3:00 pm  
Atlas Performing Arts Center, Sprenger Theater  
1333 H St. NE

## Swingtime

As the 1940s swirl and explode around them, seven diverse characters united by music and friendship swing into new identities. Evolving together or growing apart, they watch and sing as the world swings from depression to the brink of destruction, and back again to a strange new prosperity...Like the world after the war, music splinters into surprising new forms, from Be-Bop to Folk to Rock and Roll...

More about this show, presented by the In Series, can be found at their website: [www.inseries.org](http://www.inseries.org)

CHV is offering tickets at a discounted price of \$30.60 each. **Please call the office to reserve a ticket no later than Tuesday, June 1;** then send a check made out to Capitol Hill Village to: CHV, P.O. Box 15126, Washington, D.C. 20003-0126. Need a ride? Just ask!

*Members and their friends*

Please RSVP to all events, and also let the Village Office know if you need a ride, by calling 202.543.1778, during regular office hours or by e-mailing [info@capitolhillvillage.org](mailto:info@capitolhillvillage.org)



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Wednesday, June 9 • 12 Noon  
National Gallery, West Building

## National Gallery Tour and Luncheon

Join us for a tour of the National Gallery of Art's exhibit: "[From Impressionism to Modernism: The Chester Dale Collection](#)," conducted by one of the Gallery's outstanding lecturers.



This exhibit features the finest of late 19th and early 20th century painting, including works by Monet, Renoir, Van Gogh and Picasso.

Following the tour, we will lunch in the Gallery's Garden Café, enjoying French cuisine developed by award-winning chef Michel Richard in honor of the exhibit. Luncheon cost is \$20. Space is limited to 10 participants. **Please call the office no later than June 7.** Meet in the West Building rotunda.

*Members and their guests*

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Friday, June 11 • 9:00 am  
Your home

## DC Hazardous Materials Pickup

This is the periodic pickup day for hazardous materials and personal papers at CHV members' homes that will be delivered to the District's safe disposal site. Personal papers (medical records or financial files) will be shredded at the drop-off site, viewed by the CHV delivery team to insure they are destroyed.

Hazardous wastes for pickup include paint, house cleaners, batteries, old medicines, televisions, video equipment, and others not accepted in weekly home trash pickup. For list of accepted wastes, see the DC Hazardous Wastes website: <http://dpw.dc.gov/DC/DPW/Services+on+Your+Block/Recycling/Household+Hazardous+Waste+-+E-cycling-+Document+Shredding>

Call 202.543.1778 or e-mail [info@capitolhillvillage.org](mailto:info@capitolhillvillage.org) by noon on Wednesday, June 9 to request a pickup or volunteer to assist with the drive.

*Members only*

## Upcoming Events and Programs *continued*

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Friday, June 11 • Beginning 9 am  
Your Home

### Book Donation Monthly Pickup

Friends of SE Library will be picking up (boxed or bagged) donations of used books, records, music and movie CDs and DVDs from Capitol Hill Village members' front porches. Items will be used in the (nearly) monthly used-book sale to raise funds for the SE Library. However, there will be no June sale: the next sale is July 10. CHV members who want to receive a tax-related contribution thank-you note, include a list of donated items, plus your name and address.

For pickup, contact CHV by noon on Thursday, June 10, 202.543.1778 or [info@capitolhillvillage.org](mailto:info@capitolhillvillage.org).

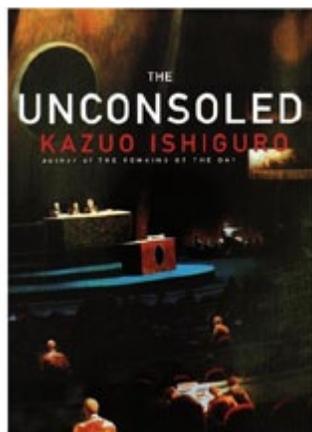
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Tuesday, June 15 • 6:00 pm  
Private home

### Literary Club

This month we are discussing *The Unconsoled* by Kuzo Ishiguro. Please call the office to sign up and find out the address. Newcomers always welcome.

*Members and volunteers*



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Wednesday, June 16 • 7:00 pm  
Congressional Cemetery Chapel, 18th and E Streets, SE

### Pre-need Seminar at Congressional Cemetery

More people are becoming aware of the importance of preplanning funeral and cemetery arrangements, as death demands things be done in a hurry. Gathering relevant documentation, calling friends and relatives, dealing with funeral homes, cemeteries, and houses of worship--not to mention what kind of burial (did you know there are now "green" burials available?). All this must be done within 24-72 hours under stressful circumstances.

Historic Congressional Cemetery, one of the crown jewels of Capitol Hill, is entering its third century

of service to the city and the nation. Alan Davis, the Cemetery's Manager, will present two sessions of "pre-need" seminars exclusively for Capitol Hill Village members to educate and inform them about the many decisions they have to confront...and he'll do it with a pinch of humor—and some cookies, too.

The seminar will take place in the Cemetery's newly restored Historic Chapel and will be repeated on Saturday, June 26 at 1:00 pm. (See the article on page 6 of this issue for more information.)

*Members and their friends*

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Thursday, June 17 • 3:00 pm  
Private home

### Managing Your Digital Photos

So, you finally got yourself a digital camera. Now what? CHV member Casey Chandler will give tips on uploading your photos to your computer, renaming them (admit it, DCS59786 doesn't tell you that the photo is your cousin Melba wearing a lampshade at the family reunion) and saving them someplace where you can find them again. Bring your camera memory stick with at least one photo, so you can learn by doing. Time permitting, Casey will demonstrate how you can clean up old family photos with Adobe Photoshop Elements. A free trial edition of Photoshop Elements is downloadable on the Adobe Website [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)

Do you have a laptop you can bring? Let the office know when you sign up. Limited to five people.

*Members only*

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Thursday, June 24 • 3:00 pm

### Last day to reserve tickets for July 6 baseball game, Washington Nationals vs. San Diego Padres

See July 6 information below.

Please RSVP to all events, and also let the Village Office know if you need a ride, by calling 202.543.1778, during regular office hours or by e-mailing [info@capitolhillvillage.org](mailto:info@capitolhillvillage.org)

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## Upcoming Events and Programs *continued*

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Saturday, June 26 • 1:00

### **Congressional Cemetary**

See Wednesday, June 16 event for description.

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Tuesday, July 6 • 7:00 pm

Nationals Park, N and ½ Streets SE

### **Washington Nationals Baseball Game**

Come and join Capitol Hill Village at a Washington Nationals baseball game. CHV has obtained a special group rate for seats in Section 311 to the Nationals game versus the San Diego Padres. Ticket price is \$22 per ticket. Call the CHV office to make your reservation, then send a check to CHV, Box. 15126, Washington, DC 20003-126.

**SIGNUP DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, JUNE 24.**

*Members, volunteers and their friends*

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Sunday, July 11 • 2:00 pm

Shakespeare Theatre, Sidney Harman Hall,  
610 F Street NW

### **Mrs. Warren's Profession by George Bernard Shaw**

Originally banned from the stage, Mrs. Warren's Profession scandalized audiences upon its debut. The world of the idealistic Vivie turns upside down when she learns that her family's wealth comes from her mother's management of a brothel chain. Is Mrs. Warren's profession an outrageous moral failure or a paragon of female achievement? STC favorite Elizabeth Ashley (The Little Foxes, Sweet Bird of Youth) returns to Washington to play the resourceful Mrs. Warren. Director Keith Baxter's comedies have been hailed by the Washington City Paper as "splendiferous" and "hiccup-inducing hilarious."

We only will order tickets once we know how many people wish to go. We don't know the group price yet, but it always provides considerable savings.

**If you wish to reserve a place, call the office by June 21.** You will be contacted later about price and how to pay. Are you interested in lunch at a nearby restaurant? Let the office know when you sign up.

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## Continuing CHV Events

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Tuesdays and Thursdays • 10:00 am

Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 4th Street and Independence Ave SE

### **Class Offering: Chi-Gong**

The gentle but powerful Chinese movement exercise known as chi-gong [pronounced chee gong] is offered for Capitol Hill Village members by Joni Bell (the classes began in May). Joni, herself a CHV member, has practiced this discipline for the past ten years. Her strength and balance have improved remarkably, and she credits the activity with helping her as a 30-year patient with multiple sclerosis. The twice-weekly classes are free and last 30-40 minutes.

*Open to members only*

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Monday–Saturday • See times below

Corner Store, 9th Street and S. Carolina Ave SE

### **Corner Store Phys Ed**

The Corner Store Phys Ed offerings continue with:

- Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am, **Workout** with Ariel
- Wednesday 11:30 am, **Gentle Pilates** with Katherine

For more information, please call 202.544.5807 or visit <http://cornerstorearts.org>.

*Open to all*

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