



Columbia Heights Civic Association Neighborhood Newsletter

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President's Message

CHCA is sponsoring a special **meeting to discuss gas leaks** in our community on **Monday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Walter Reed Community Center**. Please join us!

Our guest speakers are representatives from Washington Gas, who will present a power point. County officials will also be present.

Over the past month our members have called authorities to fix two leaks, one in front of the Commons of Arlington and another at the Four Mile Run dog park near Shirlington. In both cases dozens of people detected the smell of a gas leak but days went by without anyone making a call to get it fixed.

What should we know about gas leaks, and how do we deal with aging infrastructure? What do we do if the leak isn't on our own property? Join us to get questions answered.

Sign up for CHCA List Serve-

Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ColumbiaHeightsCA/join> and follow instructions to sign up.

CHCA Board:

Ron Haddox (President); Sarah McKinley (Vice President); Allen Muchnick (Secretary); Ed Miltenberger (Treasurer); Linh Ong, Jennifer Bagnell Stuart and Joshua Folb.

Walter Reed Fence and Entrances Completed!

The civic association celebrated the completion of its first major infrastructure project on February 9 with a "ribbon-cutting" event, with County Board Chairman Chris Zimmerman presiding. The event also celebrated Black History Month with a concert by a gospel choir that included singers from several local churches.

The project, funded through the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAA), included a steel picket fence separating the park from the Commons of Arlington and Arlington Village, entryways to the park from 16th Street and Walter Reed Drive, a new sign at the corner of 16th and Walter Reed (with landscaping), a pedestrian pathway into the park from Walter Reed, stone "piers" at the entryways, and decorative artwork on the fence facing Walter Reed. Total cost was about \$350,000.

CHCA offers its thanks to the county staff who worked on the project, including landscape architects Jill Yutan and Valerie Mosley and Construction Manager Tunji Akiwowo, who completed the project on time. Sarah McKinley was the block captain, Ron Haddox represented the Commons of Arlington and Ed Miltenberger represented Arlington Village.



Neighborhood Sign Placement

CHCA is moving forward with signs that will designate our neighborhood. Four signs will be placed at: the 16th Street entrance to Walter Reed Community Center; at the corner of 16th and Walter Reed Drive next to the bus stop; on Columbia Pike near S. Rolfe Street, and on Walter Reed near 12th Street.

CHCA Holiday Party a Hit!

Columbia Heights Civic Association held its first holiday party on December 13 at the local offices of Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO). The event drew over 50 people, including leaders from civic associations along the Pike, County Commissioners and staff.



Planting Party at Walter Reed

In November members of CHCA volunteered to plant daffodils behind the Walter Reed Community Center to help celebrate the completion of our first major infrastructure project. The party included Sara Collins, our local historian, and Sarah McKinley. Other members of the party included CHCA President Ron Haddox.



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