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Neighborhood News, Week Ending October 29

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Happy Halloween!

Show no fear, take the Chevy Chase Community Center and Library Survey, now!
No trick questions, just the treat of speaking your mind. Click [here](#). Deadline extended to November 12.

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Car break-ins (sorry)
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Rock Creek Park Golf Course revamp (new info)
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- **Car break-ins: hate to lead with this**, but the reality is thus. Yesterday on the 2700-2800 blocks of Rittenhouse unfortunately two service vehicles had their windows smashed and one contractor had her purse stolen. MPD came quickly and took reports for which we thank them.

Here's the guidance again: urge all vendors and visitors not to leave anything in their vehicles (although in this case the purse was under the driver's seat, not visible). **And please print and provide them (contractors especially) with the MPD-produced "Protecting Your Vehicle" brochures in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).**

More must be done; I'm in further touch with MPD to respond. Last night on the quarterly ANC Commissioners call with Council Chair Phil Mendelson, I asked guest speaker MPD Asst Chief Morgan Kane to help. I said MPD Second District (encompassing our PSA 201 area) was aware and attentive but more needed to be done. I called for an "intervention." Without hedging, she acknowledged the problem and asked that I follow up with her directly, which I'm now doing. TBC ...

- **No doubt you've heard ... leaf collection in our neighborhood started yesterday (Oct 30) and will run all week**, although it's possible DPW (Department of Public Works) won't get everywhere until next week. Kindly rake your leaves to the curb or easement, where city crews will gather them. A few tips/requests: move vehicles from curb lanes to facilitate the leaf vacuuming; clear cans, bottles, sticks, toys, and debris from your leaf piles; and avoid using plastic bags for leaves as they get trashed not recycled. This is the first round of collection. The second will be later in the fall. You can track the program in real time [here](#).
- **Friday's (Oct 27) big bioretention event restored five of the most problematic beds in the neighborhood.** Neighbor and participant Carolyn Copper kindly chronicled the effort with this report and video. A few photos are also attached. Again, this was/is the result of a partnership between neighbors (us, organized by the ANC) and DOEE and its contractors the [Rock Creek](#)

[Conservancy](#) and the [Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#). Also joining us on Friday was the [Latin American Youth Center's RiverCorps](#). We thank them all for their participation and support.

On your next walk around the neighborhood check out the handiwork at these locations:

Tennyson & 29th, Stephenson Pl & 29th, Stephenson Pl and 30th, Rittenhouse & Northampton, and Northampton and 27th. These five restored beds are among the 26 such basins in our neighborhood all of which we have now inspected and targeted for ongoing maintenance and improvement. Thanks also, again, to the many neighbors who worked during the month leading up to Friday's collaboration to prepare the beds for replanting.

- **I will be at Knollwood on Saturday morning, starting at 10 AM, to administer paper copies of the ANC Community Center and Library Survey.** Lois Callahan, president of the Knollwood Residents' Association and one of my neighborhood liaisons, has generously organized the opportunity for her fellow residents to take the survey using a paper copy instead of completing it online. Many at Knollwood have already taken it, but Saturday's session will extend the franchise.
- **Rock Creek Park Golf Course revamp remains a hot topic.** The National Park Service has received 1700 comments on the proposed rehabilitation. Recall that NPS leases the course to National Links Trust, which would undertake the work. Twelve hundred (1200) trees would fall as a result – hence, the controversy.

I spoke to Brian Joyner, acting superintendent of Rock Creek Park, to get additional background and to invite him to a community Zoom call to take questions from neighbors. He declined due to the current open comment period (one would think a Zoom call would qualify, but no). He did say he would participate once NPS issued its findings in response to the environmental assessment.

You can access the EA and additional details, including the public comment form, [here](#). **Take advantage of the open period through November 4 and submit your own comments.**

- **Our neighborhood's mid-century modern architecture is being celebrated in an online exposition and tour sponsored by DC Office of Planning/Historic Preservation Office.** The tour includes eight neighborhood clusters. More than a quarter of the homes were designed by Black architects, remarkable in that even today only two percent of licensed architects nationwide are Black.

The cluster in our neighborhood features 11 homes built between 1954-56. Each is unique and striking in its departure from the abundant Colonial Revival-style homes. They are clustered around a block-long stretch of 28th between Nebraska and Rittenhouse. All are based on a similar model, but each has a different site-specific footprint, orientation, roof form and material treatment.

You can see them online. Better yet, see them in person. Here are the addresses (with year of construction): 5860 Nebraska (1954), 5864 Nebraska (1954), 6004 28th (1954), 6006 28th (1954), 6005 28th (1955), 5990 Nebraska (1955), 2800 Rittenhouse (1955), 6007 28th (1955), 6012 28th (1955), 6020 28th (1955), and 2750 Rittenhouse (1956).

- **Barking dogs.** Yes, dogs bark. Sometimes we like it when they do. Other times we don't or would prefer they not – as in when they're left for extended periods outside and drive the neighbors crazy. Is this a big issue? It is for some, yes. So, please be mindful not to leave your (barking) dog(s) in your backyard. Thanks!

Finally, [here's](#) the weekly newsletter from the office of our Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George.

As always, be in touch with any comments, questions, or requests for service.

Best, Bruce

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All of you need to take dad's survey, link in below email!!!

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