



THE GARDEN 'BUZZ'

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Obama, Clinton, or You! It's Election Time

It's fall — harvest time, time to reap what you sow and what better time to get re-invested in your neighborhood association. The EGCA has elections every odd year in October and it's that time again.

Have you found yourself wondering how you could be more involved? Are you good at brainstorming? Do you want

to see your neighborhood fall by the wayside? Do you feel blessed to be an Eastland Gardens resident?

Well, throw your hat into the ring and get re-invested in Eastland Gardens by nominating yourself or your neighbor for one of the available seats. All that's required is that you're up-to-date on your household's \$5 annual dues. Please note: 2008 dues will be \$5 per adult 18 and over in each household.*

To nominate someone, contact Civic Association President Greg Rhett at 202/388-1532. Available seats are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Secretary, Archivist, Sergeant at Arms, Parliamentarian and Chaplain.

All residents with paid dues may cast a vote in the upcoming election (checks payable to EGCA).



Next EGCA Meeting Tuesday, October 16 @ 6:30 pm, Kenilworth-Parkside Community Recreation Center

Eastland Gardens Gets Face Lift

Newly appointed Mayor Adrian Fenty has made it his plight to get involved with the Eastland Gardens community to bring updated, renovated resources and services to community residents.

The Mayor attended the final EGCA meeting in June to update citizens on his works on the upcoming footbridge that will connect Kenilworth Avenue and Minnesota Avenue Metro Station to our neighborhoods. He also hosted the unveiling of Kenilworth-Parkside Community Recreation Center's brand new regulation running track, a newly sodded football field for our youth and adults to play on, and a new set of bleachers.



Mayor Fenty with EGCA President Rhett at June's Civic Association meeting.



EGCA President Greg Rhett, Mayor Adrian Fenty and ANC Commissioner Sharita Slayton during track and field ribbon-cutting ceremony as proud residents look on in 100-degree weather.

Traffic, Electrical Improvement Advisories

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is continuing its major improvements along Kenilworth Ave, NE corridor from Foote Street to Lane Place, NE. The yearlong \$35 million project is scheduled for completion in April, weather permitting.

In an effort to replace aging equipment and keep pace with the increased demand for electricity in the neighborhood, PEPCO will begin an improvement project October 15. The improvement will provide safer, more reliable electric service, and in the event of future outages, restoration time will likely be reduced. Outages will be scheduled as customers will be notified in person or by a door notification. Most work will be conducted during the day between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Temporary lane closures may also be necessary. The removal of some trees, and pruning of many others may also be necessary.

Submit Newsletter Suggestions

Contact Zerline Hughes Jennings at 202/396-0807 between 6:30 am and 10pm or email zhughesjennings@aol.com



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**“SERVING THE YOUTH,
ELDERLY, COMMUNITY AND
NATION”**

The Eastland Gardens Civic Association was founded in 1935 and holds officer elections in October of odd years with the next election slated for October 2007. Residents are urged to join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at 6:30pm at the Senior Center at Kenilworth-Parkside Recreation Center for the monthly civic association meetings. Members are also invited to attend the Executive Board meetings which are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month (except July and August), same time, same place. This is our chance to gather as a community to address concerns important to you!

EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

Greg Rhett—President Eileen McConnell—1st Vice President
Treasurer—Lawrence E. Perry Financial Secretary—Dr. Julia Barra
2nd Vice President—Javier Barker Sergeant-At-Arms—Thelma Jackson
Candace Rhett—Communications Parliamentarian—Duwayne Glover



*Please keep the following families in your prayers:
Justina Wilkins (father departed September 12, 2007)
Michelle Winter (father departed September 23, 2007)
Allen Davis (father departed October 7, 2007)*

VOLUNTEER TO BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN

We live in a vibrant, beautiful community filled with our beloved seniors as well as a growing mix of young families and professionals. Not everyone uses or has access to the Internet and email. So, we need block captains to help spread the word about what’s happening in the community.

Block captain responsibilities include monitoring group homes on your block, collecting annual dues and informing neighbors on upcoming activities/events.

Contact Thelma Jackson, Chair of our Block Captains, at 202/396-7581.

Important/Helpful Numbers

All-city Services Info Line –
202/727-1000

Metropolitan Police Department
(6th District) – 202/698-0900

Kenilworth-Parkside Community
Recreation Center – 202/727-
5440

Kenilworth-Parkside Senior’s Pro-
gram—202/724-8934

Notice of Sick/Deceased Residents
(Mrs. Geraldine Jackson) –
202/399-1254

ANC Commissioner Sharita Slayton
– 202/399-7184

ANC Commissioner
Dorothy Douglas –
202/396-6421



Footbridge Plans Inch Along



Plans for the upcoming footbridge connecting Minnesota Avenue Metro Station to Kenilworth Avenue were detailed in the June EGCA meeting.

Howard Ways, the planner for the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, explained the process by which plans have been chosen for the connecting walkway. Bids were accepted featuring an open top design, glass encasings and high-tech wires and cables, the Many of the plans proved to need ongoing repair, expose users to inclement weather and present safety concerns. The final plan will be implemented over the next few years which will connect residents to future retail and resources.

*Free radon testing kits are available for
District residents. To get your free kit, call
202/535-2302 or request the kit online at
www.doe.dc.gov.*

“Service is the rent we pay to be living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time.” — Marian Wright Edelman