



# NEWS

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Rob Nevitt and Alan Hantman  
Photo: Norman Metzger

## Capitol Complex Master Plan

by Beth Purcell

At the June Membership Meeting, Alan Hantman, the Architect of the Capitol, and Beverly Wood, Facilities Planner, presented an overview of the new Capitol Complex Master Plan. This new plan, now in the early stages of development, will replace the 1981 Master Plan and guide the development of Capitol Complex for the next 20 years and beyond. The primary goal of the Master Plan is to set out the incremental changes in operation, document proposed renovation and renewal projects in progress, and incorporate the construction of new facilities in response to the needs of the legislative and judicial branches.

The AOC's principal concerns are: security; sustainability and

environmental quality; traffic, transportation and parking issues; quality of the workplace in the future; technology and telecommunications upgrades; visitor destination issues and accommodations. The next steps are to document existing conditions; provide context for site selection and development within and near the Capitol Grounds; and address cross-jurisdictional concerns among Congress, the Supreme Court, Library of Congress and Botanical Garden. These concerns include historic preservation, infrastructure renewal, permanent security measures, visitor management strategies, traffic and parking, landscaping and way finding.

Preliminary surveys indicate that Members of Congress (MOC's)

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## Progress Made on Vacant Buildings

by Gary Peterson

Thanks to your input CHRS has reported 61 vacant properties to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). You will recall that the "Abatement of Nuisance Properties Omnibus Amendment Act of 2000" requires owners of property vacant for more than 180 days to register the property with DCRA and pay a registration fee (see CHRS News, September, 2002, page 2). Once registered, the property is referred to the Office of Tax and Revenue for classification as Tax Class 3 and a tax rate that is 5 times higher than Tax Class 1 for occupied properties.

Working with DCRA we have resolved 35 of the properties; the other 26 are still in process. CHRS has monthly meetings with DCRA and the remaining 26 are actively being pursued. The 35 properties were resolved as follows:

- Registered for permit . . . . . 5
- Referred for prosecution for failure to get permit . . . . . 14
- In probate and no permit yet required . . . . . 2
- Now occupied . . . . . 14

DCRA has compiled a list of all vacant properties. You can find the list by going to [www.dcra.dc.gov](http://www.dcra.dc.gov)

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# President's Column

by Rob Nevitt

We have been treated to a series of grand visions lately, all with impact on Capitol Hill. The June Membership Meeting was devoted to a presentation of the long range planning of the Architect of the Capitol. The next week, I attended one of Councilmember Sharon Ambrose's Ward Six stakeholders' meetings.

The AOC presentation is detailed elsewhere in this edition of the CHRS *News*. It was more a description of the planning process than of any actual plans. What did emerge is that, whatever impulses there may be among legislators for reducing Government, they see their own operations growing. A new committee like Homeland Security immediately creates a demand for office space for new staff and hearings and file space. One extraordinary revelation was that the advent of e-mail creates the need for more staff to create personalized answers. Telecommuting?

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The Members of Congress want their staffs within hollering reach, apparently. And, they want the whole operation to be within walking distance of the chambers.

The grand schemes covered at the stakeholders' meeting were the Department of Transportation at the SE Federal Center, the Cappers Carrolsburg Hope VI project, the South Capitol Street Gateway project, 8th Street Main Street and Eastern Market Metro Plaza Plan.

These different schemes have different portent for Capitol Hill. The SE Federal Center will all be South of M Street, contiguous with the Navy Yard. The project

will bring people to the area and develop ancillary retail activity. Hope VI and 8th Street are part of the neighborhood. Hope VI will replace all of the low cost housing that will be demolished, with additional units that will make it a mixed income neighborhood. The Main Street project is dedicated to rehabilitating the historic fabric of the 8th Street corridor.

The South Capitol Street Gateway will bring about changes to the neighboring blocks, but all the planning so far has put considerable emphasis on preservation. The new South Capitol Street is planned to be pedestrian and biker friendly. In fact, all of the planning has respect for the historic fabric of Capitol Hill high on their priority list. I asked Alan Hantmann whether his reassurances along these lines would survive the pressure from legislators to get them the space they need, using the power they have to do it in a hurry. He said he thought we were past that sort of thing.

Well, we'll see.

One thing that will both forestall what may be threatening as well as delay what we might welcome is money. The AOC has a huge schedule for renovation and modernization, from the power plant to the existing office buildings, not to mention the new Visitors Center. We may not be alive to see groundbreaking for a new building.

And, where does CHRS have to position itself to anticipate what will happen and influence it?

Well, we do get invited to meetings and the principals of these projects seem happy to reach out to



our membership. We are respected for our history and our size. So, we can keep tabs and we aren't shy. Historically, CHRS has helped beat back big budget players when the neighbors were behind the resistance. We actually helped stop the AOC a generation ago when they wanted "takings" at 2nd and C Street. More recently, Boys Town changed their plans. It does depend on the neighborhood solidarity.

There are the small things, too. I have remarked in the past on the growing problem of commercial activities operating from residentially zoned premises. Lobbyists and the like are proliferating along the streets around the Capitol and they would be more easily displaced than residents if and when the AOC wanted to take these buildings. We have seen the offices of the lobbyist at 6th and Seward Square put on the market as residences, in some part due to the pressure we caused DCRA to bring to bear. I hope we can build on this small success.

Large and small; we don't rank with the U. S. Congress, the U. S. Navy, JBG, JPI or others in the alphabet family, but if we stay engaged, maintain an active membership and tap into the traditional spirit of Capitol Hill, we are as big as we need to be to protect your interests. ✧

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Founded almost 50 years ago to preserve and protect Capitol Hill's residential character, the Society is now the largest civic association on Capitol Hill, and one of the largest in the entire District of Columbia. From the beginning, the Society has played a key role in maintaining the diverse, residential character of our neighborhood.

# Remembering Fire Fighters

by Nancy Metzger

You can be part of the Capitol Hill Call Box Project and honor 200 years of fire fighters on Capitol Hill by contributing to the 8th & I Streets call box bronze casting. A number of people contributed \$25 each after seeing the articles about the project in the June CHRS newsletter, *Voice of the Hill* and the *Hill Rag*. However, if you thought

it sounded like a good idea but writing the check just didn't get done last month, you've still got time and we still need the donation (which is tax deductible). Send your \$25 check to CHRS, P.O. Box 15264, Washington, DC 20003. (Make the check payable to CHRS, with the notation "Firefighters Call Box" on the memo line.) We'll have another call box update in the September *News* issue. ✧

## Photography Project Volunteers Meet — More Volunteers Needed

by Gary Peterson

The volunteers for the project to photograph all buildings in the historic district held their first meeting on May 26. The volunteers brought their cameras and were briefed on the scope and timetable for the first phase of the project. Training of the volunteers will take place in October of this year. Once the leaves have fallen off the trees, the photographs can be taken (November through early March).

During the first year the volunteers will photograph buildings in approximately 54 squares. The squares are in two blocks. The first area is bounded by F Street NE, 2nd Street NE, C Street NE and 12th Street NE. The second area is bounded by G Street SE, 7th Street SE, M Street SE and 13th Street SE.

Additional volunteers are needed, not only for photography, but also for administrative jobs. Volunteers should immediately contact Gary Peterson at 202-547-7969 or [garylaw@aol.com](mailto:garylaw@aol.com).

If you have already volunteered and haven't been contacted, please call or e-mail Gary again. This project has been funded in part by a U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund grant administered by the District of Columbia's Historic Preservation Office. ✧



Photo: Charles McMillion

# Capitol Complex Master Plan continued from page 1



*TOP: Several dozen CHRS members and other interested citizens attended the June Membership meeting held at St. Peter's Church. Photo by Bruce Guthrie.*



*LEFT: Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol, spoke with audience members after his presentation. Photo by Bruce Guthrie.*

*RIGHT: Hantman reported that the next steps in the planning process are to document existing conditions; provide context for site selection and development; and address cross-jurisdictional concerns among Congress, the Supreme Court, Library of Congress and Botanical Garden. Photo by Norman Metzger.*

believe that their staffs may need to expand, in order to meet the needs of the growing numbers of constituents in Congressional districts. Several committee staffs already share space; at least one new committee has been created in recent years. To do their work, the committee staffs need to meet together, in person, on Capitol Hill. Much infrastructure work also needs to be done. For example, the building systems at the Supreme Court, now 70 years old, need to be replaced.

The new Master Plan will be a series of layered plans which will define the entire campus, its cross-jurisdictional systems, and the integrative framework, to assure efficient operation and development. The Master Plan will include a facilities plan showing current space utilization, current conditions, space needs and development strategy for the Capitol, House, Senate, Supreme Court, Library of Congress and Botanical Garden. The facilities plan will be

compared to a jurisdiction plan for the geographic areas of the Capitol Complex, creating a 10-year and 20-year planning horizon for each area. Each area's support facilities (e.g., parking) and landscape improvements will be defined. An area plan will be developed, including an illustrated site plan for each jurisdiction, showing exterior improvements and potential new development. Precinct plans will cluster jurisdictions with common interests and influences and



address common issues among jurisdictions — including those which may affect surrounding neighborhoods — with a goal of increasing compatibility of land uses.

The new Master Plan includes satellite campus plans and inter-connecting systems, such as Fort Meade, DC Village, Culpepper, and the Postal Square facility. For example, AOC is building additional book storage facilities at Fort Meade for the Library of Congress.

The AOC staff and their consultants will continue surveying MOC's, and working with the community, the National Capital Planning Commission and DC Office of Planning. CHRS members asked about AOC's plans to work with the community and address community concerns. A series of focus groups and workshops is planned. AOC is committed to public access to the planning process and community input. Because the new Master Plan is in the early stages, they have not finalized the details on this process. ✧

## Nominate Your Favorites for the House Tour

by Diane Shages

Is there a house (and/or garden) you have admired over the years, been curious about or lusted after? CHRS wants to know about your favorite properties for future House and Garden Tour consideration, and so the Board and Tour Committee are opening up the selection process to the general membership. We want to hear from you. Over the Tour's 47-year history, we have had incredible houses/gardens and equally fantastic homeowners who have offered to share their homes with Capitol Hill residents and visitors from miles around.

These homes and their owners have made Capitol Hill the unique community it is. Yet, despite all of the folks who have put their homes on the Tour, we may have missed

some real gems, and so we turn to you for suggestions. We would like greater diversity in location, style (inside and out), size and decor (contemporary, traditional or historic).

Unlike other Capitol Hill tours, CHRS Selection Committee members scrutinize the exterior of Capitol Hill properties in terms of zoning and historic district compliance, for we firmly believe it is in the best interest of our Historic District to promote those homes and owners who have been sensitive to the periods in which their homes were built. However, we are starting with you the Membership and asking that you seek suggestions from your friends and neighbors as well. Self-nominations are welcome. Please send an e-mail to [CapHRS@aol.com](mailto:CapHRS@aol.com) or call 202-543-0425 with suggestions. ✧



2004 House and Garden Tour participants enjoyed a scrumptious spread of treats at the Sunday Tea. It's not too early to begin thinking about how you can help make the 2005 Tour a success! To volunteer, call 202-543-0425 or e-mail [CapHRS@aol.com](mailto:CapHRS@aol.com).

### Welcome CHRS Supporters

We thank the following new members, sponsors and patrons.

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## Vacant Buildings

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and clicking on vacant properties or go to the link on the CHRS Website. Please report any vacant properties to Gary Peterson at [pgarylaw@aol.com](mailto:pgarylaw@aol.com). Please check the DCRA list before reporting them. Your continued vigilance is greatly needed.

We are also working with the Office of Tax and Revenue to get these properties reclassified as Class 3. Look for a report on this in the coming months. and clicking on vacant properties or go to the link on the CHRS Website. ✧



Front and rear of an abandoned Capitol Hill town house. Photo: Gary Peterson

## Bring on a Bottle Bill

by Gene Smith

When I was a kid (a gazillion years ago), out in the heartland, jobs were scarce. My hometown had a small, dispersed population (less than 1,000) with no real town square or commercial core.

But there was always a bottle collection and can collection to finance a childhood fantasy. Everyone knew about the program, picking up beer bottles or soft drink cans, and the local grocery store would accept glass bottles in just about any quantity. Most of us knew of the best spots for collection: stop signs near the highway would furnish a bonanza, especially around the weekends. We literally cleaned up.

We should be so lucky in DC. Just check out your own block or alley.

Some states are dead serious about bottle and can collection, with the offer of bottle or can deposits on every bottle or can. Bottle bills, also referred to as "beverage container deposit laws" or "container redemption programs," do exist. The list is fairly short, but the committed states have been at it for a long time: Vermont (as you might expect) for over 30 years; Connecticut, Iowa, Maine and Michigan for 25 years; Delaware, Massachusetts and New York (a little bit of a surprise) for 20 years. Hawaii passed a bottle bill more recently, but it doesn't go into effect until 2005.

DC offers no return fees on bottles or cans, doesn't require deposits on purchases, but loosely encourages recycling of both bottles and cans. I say "loosely" as there are no public service announcements I've ever seen or heard encouraging recycling; there are some public awareness efforts that offer literature on recycling. Overall, a casual survey of DC recycling bins in my neighborhood seems to make it clear that the public isn't sure exactly what

gets recycled. Often, the recycling bin doesn't get used at all.

Using my usual casual scientific methodology, I surveyed my own block in my neighborhood. The alley network behind my house is extensive, with four small alleys, feeding into a main alley that dead-ends at one end. The alley is constantly littered with brown paper bags holding the empty single beer can, jumbo or regular size, and occasionally littered with the single-serving liquor bottle in a brown paper bag. It's interesting that almost no soft drink cans are ever tossed in the alley. It is almost without exception beer or liquor containers, and rarely (if ever?) the full-sized bottles you'd expect to see at a home or party. Debris from soft drink cans seems to be a creature more of the street and sidewalk in front of my home.

Bring on a bottle bill for DC. Give an incentive to remove litter from our streets and alleys. Make collection not just an option, but reward it with a financial incentive. Give our kids some good, dirty fun to fund their own fantasies.

This doesn't gut the recycling program, which sadly suffers from limited participation. Recycling programs cover food cans, paper and cardboard. Recycling right now doesn't begin to collect all the bottles and cans tossed in our street gutters, alleys and parks.

DC has made major strides in recognizing and dealing with a couple of major local environmental problems. Two notable examples: the need to clean up and showcase the Anacostia River; and the need to re-plant, repair and maintain the tree canopy of the entire city. The Anacostia Watershed Society and the Casey Tree Endowment have stepped up to the plate and undertaken a couple of major issues on the behalf of all our citizens. Any group out there willing to take this one on? ✧

# Roots & Dreams: The YuMe Tree

## A Corner Store Community Mosaic

by Kris Swanson

The YuMe Tree is the 28' long mosaic mural many of you may have noticed on the 12th Street CVS near Watkins School.

The project was conceived by CHRS member Kris Swanson of the nonprofit Corner Store, who helped more than a thousand neighborhood children make and sign every tile on the mosaic tree. Students at Watkins Elementary, John Tyler, St. Peters, and other Capitol Hill elementary schools were participants in the project. Grants from CVS/pharmacy, the DC Commission on The Arts &

Humanities, and the Capitol Hill Community Foundation helped the project along, but tile sponsorships and community involvement form the backbone of this neighborhood art project. There is space on the wall for the tree to grow, with plans to add tiles for years to come.

E Street neighbor, Mary Case, calls the YuMe Tree "A truly beautiful, interactive work of public art...at any time you can see children and families meeting at the tree, finding names, and reading the dreams tiles. It transformed the neighborhood. The greatest need now is for a volunteer to map and list the children's names on the tree."

The latest tile added to the tree, requested by her "Watkins family,"



ABOVE: Corner Store Assistant Thalia Wiggins. LEFT: You can help Capitol Hill children find their names on the YuMe Tree by volunteering to map the names on the tree. Photos: Kris Swanson

is in memory of beloved Watkins teacher Mary Rush. The next will be for newborn Aleksander Rhodes Kline. Life, death, birth, hopes, memories, all is on this mosaic of our Capitol Hill community. May it grow, flourish and spread wide branches.

For information on this or other Corner Store community projects, call Kris Swanson 202-544-5807, or e-mail [swantelier@aol.com](mailto:swantelier@aol.com).

Visit the [Yumetree.org](http://Yumetree.org) Website for photos and tree news. ✧



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# There Is No Petty Crime

by Gene Smith

Crime is a pervasive problem in an urban environment. Factors include the anonymity of the perpetrator, the transient nature of urban communities in general, lack of respect for the property of others, lack of empathy for others or harm against others. The list could go on and on. On a very personal level, as a former prosecutor, married to a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officer, I have made the private and personal assessment that the percentage of criminals remains more or less constant across the US. Urban crime is worse because there are more people; therefore, more criminals.

One constant factor in crime that deserves more attention is the role of alcohol. Crime stats (Bureau of Justice Statistics, under the US Department of Justice) indicate that roughly one-third (36%) of all crimes are alcohol-related. That is, the perpetrator had consumed some level of alcohol at the time the

crime was committed. The percentage of violent crimes that are alcohol-related appears even higher. Alcohol fuels both the boldness of the perpetrator and overrides the sense of values that tells any one of us to obey the law.

The Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC Board) is the mechanism for licensing issues related to alcohol sales. It is meant to respond to citizen complaints regarding sales of alcohol, and to consider the suspension and revocation of liquor licenses. Local citizens might be aware of the existence of the ABC Board and the hearings that might impact on your life on the Hill.

Crime statistics are available from several sources on what is happening on the Hill:

- ✧ Police Service Areas (PSA's) – in transition. You can visit the MPD 1D1
- ✧ Substation at 500 E Street, S.E., to pick up a copy of the recent crime stats for some areas of the Hill, but allow for the transition

of the PSA's – effective May 2, 2004 – with new borders and new personnel. You can request an e-mail copy of recent crime stats by sending an e-mail to Bill Eaton (BillEaton76@aol.com), who has done a wonderful job of tracking and communicating crime statistics for PSA 108, covering much of the Hill. An excellent online resource is [www.psa109.org](http://www.psa109.org), a long-standing Website devoted to safety tips, a roundup of Hill resources for all the Hill, and a PSA 109 e-mail notification list (under "Crimemail"). As of late June, 2004, stats are being tabulated though the PSA transition process continues.

- ✧ Weekly summary of crime statistics. *The Washington Post* "District" insert (on Thursdays) provides a summary by quadrant (Southeast and Northeast for Capitol Hill) and the specific address of the occurrence for various crimes. The list is broken down by major categories (homicides, sexual assaults, burglaries, etc.). The list is delayed by several weeks but appears to be fairly comprehensive.
- ✧ MPD crime stats. Information is available online at the MPD Website, located at [mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/crstats\\_readthis.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/crstats_readthis.shtm). The breakdown is for crime stats keyed to a specific area, by MPD police district (Districts 1 – 7). This can be very useful when a person is considering a real estate purchase or trying to assess problems in his or her own neighborhood. The Website provides statistics listing crimes reported by month along with comparisons to the prior year (by month).

There is no petty crime, when the crime victim is you. ✧

## NABG Coalition Successful in Reversing Council Vote

by Barbara Eck

The June *News* was being printed when word came that the Neighborhood Alliance for Balanced Growth (NABG) was successful in convincing City Council members that their vote to extend the hours of liquor stores was not going to be tolerated by community members.

Councilmember Jack Evans (Ward Two) agreed to change his favorable vote and to introduce the amendment. This one vote was enough to reverse the decision to extend the hours. However, when the final tally was taken, EVERY councilmember had voted for Mr. Evans' amendment and in favor of maintaining closing hours at 10:00 pm.

In our newsletter we asked you to contact those councilmembers who initially voted for the extended hours, and to voice your displeasure. NABG representatives across the city urged their members to do likewise and IT WORKED! Thank you. ✧

# Looking Back on Capitol Hill

by Nancy Metzger

Since summer returns this month, it's time to think how Capitol Hill residents 100 years ago endured the heat. When Frank Taylor, now 102, was giving his oral history about growing up on Capitol Hill, he shared this remembrance written by his father, Augustus C. Taylor, a pharmacist and proprietor of several well-known pharmacies in the Capitol Hill neighborhood at the turn of the last century.

"Having three stores and making my own ice cream (there were no commercial manufacturers at the time), I became quite a manufacturer. Up to that time the only power I had was man power. And I commenced looking around for some kind of motive power, I couldn't consider the newly fangled electric motors that were being spoken of because we had no electricity out our way then at all, but I considered an engine that was run by city water power. That didn't seem practical to me. My father-in-law, Mr. Kuble, used a very large Otto gas engine run on illuminating gas and I looked into that. Finally my partner and I contracted for an Otto gas engine from Germany, and we got that and we had something that really gave us power and we could work well with it. We then commenced making ice cream, pine-



Photo: Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

apple gems, sherbets and things on a rather large scale. I had to get a horse and wagon to haul ice. We used to haul ice from over at what we called the Liberty Market, now the Center Market, where they had put in a new ice-making machine and we bought 1000 pounds of ice a day at 13 cents a hundred. We used this engine that I had to turn a big five-gallon freezer, ice crusher, rocked the tanks which we carbonated our soda water. Besides that it turned three fans up in the store. These fans stood upon stanchions rather high, four blades each and three of them in the store. . . . One of the first air conditioned stores in Washington. People used to

come in, get a soda water, sit under those fans, and think it was something wonderful. . . . I used to send these ten-gallon tanks on a hand-pushed truck around to 2nd and Massachusetts, where one of the very numerous wooden pumps of the city stood. That water at that particular pump was spring water, and just as clear and cold and nice as it could be. Well, we would fill three or four of those ten-gallon tanks every day and bring them back to the store, put them on our rockers and charge them."

The photo of Augustus C. Taylor at the soda fountain he installed in his pharmacy at 2nd Street and Maryland Avenue, NE, is from the collection of the Washington DC City Museum. It can be found in the new book, *Capitol Hill*, by Paul Williams and Gregory Alexander. The book is one in the Image of America series by Arcadia Press and is available at the Trover Shop. Oral histories from Capitol Hill residents can be read on the Ruth Ann Overbeck Oral History Project Website, [www.capitolhillhistory.org](http://www.capitolhillhistory.org). ✧

## Election of Officers and Directors

At the June 16, 2004, members' meeting, Rob Nevitt announced the names of the Society's officers and directors for 2004-2005:

Rob Nevitt, *President*

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Tom Grahame, *Member at Large*

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### JULY

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(No Board Meeting during July)

### AUGUST

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#### 12 Thursday, 7:30 pm

Zoning Committee Meeting, Kirby House, 420 Tenth Street, SE. Contact pgarylaw@aol.com for agenda.

#### 17 Tuesday, 6:30 pm

CHRS Board Meeting, Kirby House, 420 Tenth Street, SE

### MAY 2005

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#### 7-8 Saturday and Sunday

48th Annual CHRS House and Garden Tour

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## Ward Six 9/11 Memorial Grove

by Patrick Crowley

Amid the flurry of barricades, security checks, and street closings that have been the hallmark of DC's response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, there has been one quiet response that speaks to our need to mourn, to contemplate, and to heal: the September 11th Memorial Groves Project.

The Memorial Groves Project is creating a contemplative tree grove in each of the city's wards to provide a place to honor neighbors and friends who were lost on that tragic day. The project is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and Green Spaces for DC. Our own Ward Six Memorial Grove will be

the first of the eight groves completed. A ceremonial dedication is scheduled for September 11, 2004.

The Ward Six Grove, situated at Historic Congressional Cemetery, will consist of an allee of 164 trees and a contemplative sitting area. It will be the biggest improvement in the grounds there in over 100 years and will go a long way to restoring the park-like setting that the cemetery was known for in the 1800s.

Each of the eight groves relies on community support to fund the installation costs. Our Ward Six Grove has one-third of its funding in hand already and is seeking additional financial and in-kind support this summer. Those wishing to help out may contact Patrick Crowley at 202-502-8489. ✧



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