

President's Letter

Hello LeDroit Park!

Whether you are a new resident of the neighborhood, or have been living in our wonderful community for many



years, the LeDroit Park Civic Association welcomes you.

LeDroit Park has a fascinating history (you can read more about it at www.portraitcitydc.com) and a diverse population of new and old residents, Howard University students, and new businesses entering our neighborhood. These different groups living in close proximity creates exciting opportunities and experiences, but also comes with its challenges.

I invite you to join the Civic Association --we always need people to join our committees (Membership, Public Safety, Park) and we're looking for new ideas on how to make our neighborhood an even better place to live. We welcome your ideas and energy. I'm always available to chat about how you can get involved, and to respond to any concerns about the neighborhood. Feel free to contact me at goldap@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our next meeting or event!

-Golda Philip

Join Our Community

Want to know what's happening in your neighborhood? Then become a member of the civic association. Joining is easy.

Check us out at www.ledroitparkdc.org, 'Like' us on FaceBook, follow us on Twitter (@LeDroitParkDC), and add yourself to the listserv by emailing your name to LeDroitParksubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Meet Your Neighbor:



Dr. James Hill,

Professor of Microbiology at Howard University and LeDroit Park resident since the mid-1980's (lives on the 400 block of T Street)

What drew you to the neighborhood? When I started working at Howard University, I was attracted to the beautiful architecture, particularly the Victorian era homes.

Tell me about the changes over the years: It has been significant in terms of culture. When I first moved here, it was largely neglected. Now there seems to be a new spirit of revival.

What would you say is a major difference: The restoration of the Victorian homes. They are the new charm factor.

What is your favorite thing to do in the neighborhood: I enjoy talking to neighbors while sitting on my porch. I invite them up and have a seat so they can share their story.



Business Corner

Welcome to the LPCA Business Corner. In each newsletter, we will highlight one local business. This month we're highlighting Thai Xing.

Located at 525 Florida Avenue, Thai Xing is one of LeDroit Park's neighborhood gems. The Washington Post listed their Pumpkin Curry as '40 dishes Washingtonians shouldn't live without in 2013'.

Each week Owner Taw Vigissaboot and his Chef rotates the menu. So everyone in the restaurant receives the same menu items (barring seasonal and dietary restrictions). Every Sunday is vegan and vegetarian night and Tuesdays are pescatarian nights. So there is something for everyone.

Walk over the Thai Xing and be transported to another world. www.thaix-ing.com, 202-332-4322. Be sure to call a week+ in advance!

Through Our Eyes Photo Contest!

Win a gift certificate! Send us a photo* of how YOU see our fabulous neighborhood. Photo must be of LeDroit Park neighborhood. Deadline is March 31st.

Please submit your photo via LeDroit Park Civic Association Facebook page.

Winning photo to be printed in our May newsletter.

*one photo per person please.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Monthly meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All meetings are held at Florida Avenue Baptist Church, 623 Florida Avenue NW.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: March 25th, April 22nd, May 27th

LPCA Monthly Happy Hours are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Happy Hours Dates: March 11th at Right Proper Brewing Company; April 8th at Boundary Stone; May 13th at Shaw's Tavern

Special Event: The 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Ledroit Park will be on April 19th (check our website next month for details.)

Seasonal Safety

- 1. Be aware of your surroundings.
- 2. Do not leave articles in your vehicle.
- 3. If you see something suspicious, call 911.
- 4. If drinking, take a cab home.
- 5. Do not leave your vehicle running unattended.
- 6. While running or bicycling do not wear headsets that impede your ability to hear traffic.
- 7. When running, wear some sort of ID that responding public safety agencies can use to identify you if necessary.
- 8. Know your neighbor, you both can look out for each other.
- 9. Always lock your home, even when taking out the trash.
- 10. While in a public place watch your personal belongings closely.

Don't forget to check us out at www.ledroitparkdc.org, on FaceBook, and on Twitter!