



To: Community Representatives

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

At its April meeting, the NIH Community Liaison Council (CLC) heard a presentation on the proposed security plan for the NIH campus. The meeting was well attended by Council members and by many residents from the surrounding neighborhoods. I want to thank all of those visitors who attended the meeting and provided their questions and comments to their respective Council representatives for discussion.

The April presentation provided an overview of planned security measures that NIH will implement in response to directives and mandates from the General Services Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services, of which NIH is a part. Among those measures will be a perimeter fence, a Visitors Center at the Metro site, and a Delivery Facility located off Rockville Pike. The Visitors Center will provide a single point of entry to welcome all campus visitors, thus separating visitor screening from employee and other types of screening. It will also serve as a site for introduction to the NIH, providing orientation and information for visitors, and it will concentrate visitor services in one area of the campus. The Delivery Facility will manage and screen deliveries, provide a single entry point for those deliveries, and coordinate dock management.

The perimeter fence will serve to control both car and pedestrian access to the campus. It is anticipated that the design of the fence will be compatible with our residential neighborhood and will incorporate natural features to enhance the protective perimeter. Where possible, the fence is envisioned to sit back from the property line, as much as 250 feet from the line in some places, and in others, no closer than 100 feet—thus preserving a good portion of the open landscape that our employees and neighbors enjoy. A hard surface pathway will be constructed outside of the perimeter fence to permit bicyclists and pedestrians to ride and walk around the campus to the Metro. The old fence at the south border of the campus, and its openings, will remain in place, permitting pedestrian access to the perimeter pathway. It was noted that we are exploring public transit options with the County to help move pedestrians from Old Georgetown Road to the Metro and back again. In addition, we are looking to reconfigure the Metro station area to facilitate better public access and use.

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The CLC will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, May 16, at 4 p.m.**, in Building 45, Room D on the NIH campus.

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The April presentation on the fence was schematic only, and the comments and suggestions made by Council members are now being considered for a proposed design and siting that the Council will discuss at its May and June meetings. We hope to begin the procurement process for the perimeter fence in July and start construction in late summer, with the objective of having the fence complete by spring 2003.

At this point, we can resume the Master Plan Update that has been on hold pending security planning and address these new conditions in terms of transportation and environmental management. As always, I welcome your comments and questions.

NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

New NIH Director Nominated

In March, President Bush nominated Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., to head the NIH. Dr. Zerhouni currently serves as executive vice dean of The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and as professor and chair of the Department of Radiology at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Zerhouni is known for his work in developing new imaging techniques to study the heart. He played an instrumental role in establishing the Institute for Cell Engineering at Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Zerhouni received his medical degree from the University of Algiers in 1975 and came to Johns Hopkins as a resident. He left in 1981 to teach at Eastern Virginia Medical School, and then returned to Johns Hopkins in 1985 as an associate professor. In 1988, he became director of the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Division, and he became a full professor in 1992. He was named chairman of the Russell H. Morgan Department of Radiology and Radiological Science at Hopkins in 1996. Dr. Zerhouni must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate before his nomination is approved.



Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D.

Blood Donor Sets World Record

Howard P. Drew, Jr. was traveling one day in 1945 when his bus crashed into a tree and caught fire. Blood donations played a big part in his recovery, and he's been giving back ever since. Since 1950, Drew, a regular at the NIH Clinical Center, has donated 213 units of blood—about 28 gallons—setting the world record for “the most blood donated by a single person.” The Red Cross estimates that one gallon of blood saves 24 to 32 lives.

Drew is a retired National Library of Medicine reference librarian and U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major. He gives blood every two months, and his type O-positive blood makes him a universal donor. Drew's contribution will be published in the 2003 edition of the *Guinness World Records* book this summer.

NIH Recognized for Career Building

The Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce and Bethesda-Chevy Chase (BCC) high school honored NIH and three other organizations with the Cynthia Clarke Career Builder Award in March. The award recognizes local businesses for their long-term commitment and dedication to Career Partnership Day, a program that allows high school students to explore their career interests by spending a day with professionals. Approximately 200 students from BCC, Walter Johnson, and Walt Whitman high schools participate in the program each year. OCL Director Janyce Hedetniemi received the award on NIH's behalf. Other awardees were Chevy Chase Cars, Montgomery County Police Department, and Sports Talk 980. This award was created in memory of Cynthia Clarke, a guidance counselor at BCC who started Career Day in 1996.



Jan Hedetniemi with fellow award recipients

Mobile Mammography Screening Comes to NIH

May 1 kicks off the spring 2002 season of the George Washington University Breast Care Center's mammography screening. The mobile mammography unit is visiting NIH in May and in late June, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., taking prescheduled appointments. All NIH employees, their families, and others associated with NIH are eligible to participate. The mobile mammography unit is visiting the following locations:

May 1, 22	Building 31, Lot 31D
May 7	Neuroscience Center, parking lot next to 6003 Executive Blvd.
May 8	Building 45, in front of building
May 14, 21	Building 10, Lot 10H
May 16	Executive Plaza North and South, parking lot behind complex
June 26	Rockledge, visitor parking behind RKL One

A female technologist conducts each screen, and a board-certified radiologist specializing in mammography will read the films. The screen should take about 20 minutes. Mammography screening is covered under most insurance plans. To schedule and appointment, or to find out whether your insurance is accepted, call 202-994-9999.

OCL Wins Plain Language Award

The Office of Community Liaison's (OCL) health forum Web site and monthly newsletter were among the many publications honored at the second annual NIH Plain Language Awards ceremony and reception. On March 21, OCL Director Janyce Hedetniemi received an award for the clear and plain writing of the Share the Health Web site. More than 100 nominations were evaluated by a committee comprised of representatives from each Institute. The OCL's monthly newsletter, the *OCL Update*, also received an honorable mention. Susan Dentzer, a correspondent with PBS's "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," spoke on the importance of language and the challenge of communicating science information clearly. Congratulations to all who won!

Rescued Dogs Comprise NIH's Canine Section

Part of NIH's police department includes six canine security officers, some of whom come to NIH from Lab Rescue, an organization that rescues abandoned, homeless, and abused Labrador retrievers. The dogs are trained to sniff out concealed weapons, bombs, and drugs. The canine section of the NIH Police Department—which features three police corporals (Cpls.), three master patrol officers (MPOs), and one lieutenant in addition to the six Labrador retrievers—undergoes rigorous training and monthly retraining with the Baltimore County Police Department. Meet the dogs of the canine section:

- Daisy is the oldest member of the team, a mixed yellow Lab who has worked at NIH since 1998. She has also worked with the Montgomery County Police, the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Bomb Squad, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. MPO Alan Blaum is her handler.
- Flyer, a three-year-old black Lab, has been with NIH for more than two years and has assisted other police departments in narcotics detection. Cpl. Rick Hawkins is his handler.
- Rusty, also three years old, is a yellow Lab who has assisted police departments throughout the region; he is handled by Cpl. Rick Boyle.
- Moose is a one-year-old black Lab/Chow mix and new to NIH's Cpl. Randy Wallace.
- Jett, a one-year-old black Lab and another new addition to NIH, works with MPO Bill Horn.
- Kacy, yet another new addition, is a one-year-old black Lab handled by MPO Robert Buchanan.



Daisy and handler, MPO Alan Blaum



Alan and Daisy at work

NIH Orchestra Holds Spring Concerts

Celebrate spring with chamber groups of the NIH Community Orchestra (NIHCO)! This orchestra draws on the musical talents of the NIH research community, as well as employees of other government organizations and even high school students. The following free concerts are planned for this spring:

May 15, 7:30 p.m.

Music by Schubert and Poulenc
Strathmore Hall Arts Center
10701 Rockville Pike
North Bethesda, Maryland

May 18, 3 p.m.

Music by Prokofiev and Brahms
Potomac Library
10101 Glenolden Drive
Potomac, Maryland

June 10

Music by Schubert and Poulenc
Kensington Library
4201 Knowles Avenue
Kensington, Maryland

July 8 or 9

To be announced
Twinbrook Library
202 Meadow Hall Drive
Rockville, Maryland

For more information, contact Gary Daum at 301-214-1216, or visit the NIHCO Web site at <http://www.gprep.org/~music/nih>.

NIH Races for the Cure

Last year's National Komen Race for the Cure hit a record of 72,000 walkers and runners, including 720 teams. This year's race promises to be bigger, and NIH will be among the teams. Doctors, patients, family members, and friends will all represent Team NIH at the largest 5K race in the world, on June 1 in Washington, D.C. The Komen Race for the Cure raises money to support breast cancer research and health initiatives. Races take place in cities across the country. If you would like to join Team NIH, call Pat Piringner at 301-402-2435 or send an e-mail to ppiringner@nih.gov.

NIH Children's Inn Goes to Space

A representative of the Children's Inn at NIH flew into space last month on the space shuttle Atlantis. Ellen Ochoa, Ph.D., an astronaut and a member of the Children's Inn Advisory Group, served as flight engineer on the 11-day mission. With her went a Children's Inn banner, which will be framed, presented back to the Inn at a later date, and hung most likely in the new wing. The mission begins the third and final phase of construction for the International Space Station.



Photo courtesy of NASA

April's shuttle launch

NIH Announces New Location for Annual Film Festival

Once again, families can head to dinner and a movie for the benefit of NIH Charities. The 6th Annual Comcast Outdoor Film Festival will offer 10 evenings of free family fun from August 16 to August 25. This year's festival will take place on the grounds of the Strathmore Hall Arts Center, located at 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda. Enjoy dinner and dessert provided by vendors from local restaurants, then sit under the stars for a movie. Proceeds from food sales benefit the Children's Inn at NIH, Friends of the Clinical Center, and Camp Fantastic/Special Love, Inc. Food vendors will open their booths at 7 p.m., and movies begin at 8:15 each evening. Mark your calendars now! A tentative schedule is listed below:

Friday, August 16	<i>Grease</i>
Saturday, August 17	<i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i>
Sunday, August 18	TBA
Monday, August 19	<i>Patton</i>
Tuesday, August 20	TBA
Wednesday, August 21	<i>North by Northwest</i>
Thursday, August 22	<i>Wizard of Oz</i>
Friday, August 23	<i>Godfather II</i>
Saturday, August 24	TBA
Sunday, August 25	<i>Shrek</i>

Be sure to check the film festival Web site at <http://www.filmfestnih.org> for an up-to-date schedule.

Hearts N' Parks Comes to Montgomery County

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation will launch the Hearts N' Parks program, supported by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the National Recreation and Park Association. Hearts N' Parks brings heart-healthy activities to local parks. People young and old, active and inactive, can get science-based information about physical activity and nutrition while they visit local parks.



Montgomery County is among 50 recreation departments to adopt this program as part of an agreement signed by Health and Human Services, NHLBI, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The program aims to improve public health by fighting the national epidemic of obesity and physical inactivity. Hearts N' Parks activities are already in place in North Carolina and in Arlington County, Virginia. For more information, call 240-777-6820.

NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

May 3
2001–2002 NIH Director's Seminar Series: *Cocaine-Antagonist Effects of Kappa Opioid Receptor Systems: Involvement of the Dopamine Transporter and Mitogen Activated Protein Kinase* by Toni Shippenburg, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse, noon, Wilson Hall, Building 1, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call 301-496-1921 for more information.

May 6
2001–2002 NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *Structure and Function of the Nicotinic Receptor: Insights from Mutagenesis, Structural Modeling and Single Channel Recording* by Steven Sine, Ph.D., Mayo Foundation, noon, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Continuing medical education (CME) credit available. Call Dr. Story Landis at 301-435-2232 for more information.

May 8
NLM History of Medicine Seminar: *Helmholtz's Visions: Physiologists and German Culture, 1800–1860* by Professor Kathryn Olesko, 2–3:15 p.m., Conference Room B, Building 38, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call 301-402-8878 for more information.

May 13
2001–2002 NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *neurodegenerative Diseases: What Has Alpha Synuclein Got to Do With It?* by Virginia Lee, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, noon, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. CME credit available. Call Dr. Story Landis at 301-435-2232 for more information.

May 20
2001–2002 NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: *The Protein Machinery Mediating Neurotransmitter Release* by Axel Brunger, Ph.D., Stanford University School of Medicine, noon, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. CME credit available. Call Dr. Story Landis at 301-435-2232 for more information.

May 22
2001–2002 NIH Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Life and Death of a Cancer Cell* by Gerard Evan, Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 for more information.

May 23
NIH Human Genome Lecture Series: *Pharmacogenomics and Population Groups* by Mark Rothstein, J.D., University of Louisville School of Medicine, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call Susan Saylor at 301-402-4997 for more information.

May 29
2001–2002 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *The Organization of the Vertebrate Retina* by Helga E. Kolb, Ph.D., University of Utah School of Medicine, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 for more information.

*Call to confirm your event.

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

The Best of Wheaton Highlighted

On May 19, bring the family to the seventh annual "A Taste of Wheaton" festival, which features food from Wheaton's finest restaurants. Families can enjoy children's rides, Top 40 or reggae music, and other entertainment, all for free. Tastes are only \$1. The festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Grandview Avenue and Reedy Drive in Wheaton, Maryland. For more information, call 240-777-8122.

Rockville Hosts Holiday Festival

Celebrate Memorial Day with Rockville's 14th annual Hometown Holidays Festival on May 25 and 26. Bring the whole family to Rockville Town Center for carnival rides, food, local musicians, and roving performers. Watch national recording artists on the main stage. Get a bit of art at the Juried Craft Show featuring local artisans. A laser and fireworks show rounds out each day. Entertainment is free; some children's activities, food, and beverages require fees. The fair runs 1–11 p.m. on Saturday and 1–10:30 p.m. on Sunday. Call 301-309-3330 for more information.

Following the festivities is the city's Memorial Day Parade from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, May 27. The parade begins on North Washington Street and features clowns, marching bands, floats, and more.

Historic Carousel Opens at Glen Echo

The historic Dentzel Carousel opens for its 82nd season at Glen Echo Park on May 1. Visitors may notice a few changes as a result of the restoration that went on this winter. The carousel features seven newly restored horses and repairs to the elaborate plaster decorations on the carousel's rounding boards. The Dentzel Carousel has entertained park goers since 1921. Tickets are 50 cents each; children under 8 must accompany a paying adult. Carousel hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The carousel will be open through September. For more information, call the event's hotline at 301-492-6282 or the program office at 301-492-6229.

Candida Opens at Olney Theater

Meet Candida, the strong and beautiful wife of Reverend Morrell in George Bernard Shaw's most popular comedy, *Candida*. She seems like the perfect wife, at least until the young poet in their care falls in love with her. The play runs from May 21 through June 23. Tickets range from \$25 to \$34, depending on the day and time of the performance. Discounts for seniors, students, and groups are available. Persons under 30 can get tickets for \$10 on "\$10 Tuesdays." For more information about show times and tickets, call the box office at 301-924-3400.

Spring Fun on the Farm

Enjoy the relaxing pleasures of a day in the country. Bring the family to the Agricultural History Farm Park for its 10th Annual Spring Festival on May 18. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors can enjoy music, games, crafts, farm animals, and more. The Agricultural History Farm Park is located at 18400 Muncaster Road in Derwood, Maryland. Call 301-924-4141 for more information.

Don't Forget!

Entries for the Taste of Bethesda Artwork Contest are due May 31. Your work may represent the 2002 Taste of Bethesda festival in October! The winning artist will receive \$500 and have a brief biography printed in the Taste of Bethesda event program. Call Erin Tench at 301-215-6660 for more information.

Steeplechase Raises Money for Local Hospital

Enjoy world-class steeplechase racing at the annual Potomac Hunt Races on May 19. Pack a picnic and spend a day in the country. Not only will there be a day at the races, but pony rides, clowns, and a moon bounce will also be featured. Shoppers can have fun too, as vendors tout their wares. Tailgating menus are also available.

Gates open at 11 a.m., and the first race is at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per car for general admission and \$150 per car for reserved railside passes. Proceeds benefit Suburban Hospital, which in the past has used the money to enhance its trauma facility. The races will be held at Bittersweet Field in Seneca, Maryland. For more information, call the Suburban Hospital Foundation Office at 301-896-3971.



2001 Potomac Hunt Races

Spring at Brookside Gardens

Enjoy all kinds of nature at Brookside Gardens this spring. May brings a variety of events for the entire family. Brookside Gardens is located at 1800 Glenallan Avenue in Wheaton, Maryland. Call 301-949-8230 for more information.

Annual Indoor Sculpture Show

May 4–July 7

Local artists display their works in various media among a setting of tropical flora.

10 a.m.–5 p.m. daily; free; North Conservatory

Summer Display in the North Conservatory

May 4–September 22

Silver Spring Garden Club's Garden Mart

May 11

"Wings of Fancy" Live Butterfly Show in the South Conservatory

May 11–September 22

Live butterflies fly free among a garden of colorful flowers and plants.

10 a.m.–4 p.m. daily; \$4 per person (3 years and up); South Conservatory

Brookside Gardens Chapter of the Azalea Society Exhibit and Sale

May 19

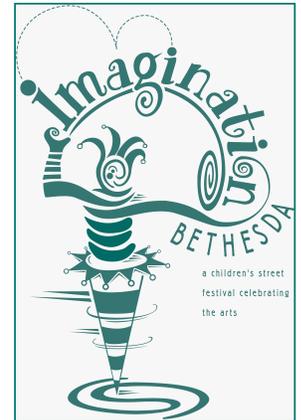
New Theaters Come to Bethesda

Downtown Bethesda is already known for its shopping and dining. But soon it may be known for its entertainment, with the opening of two new theaters. Round House Theater, formerly located in Silver Spring, Maryland, will open *Our Town*, its last play of the season, in a brand new theater located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue. The new theater boasts a lobby with floor-to-ceiling windows, a small gallery, a traditional orchestra setting, and more seats than the old theater. Although this theater will be larger, no seats are farther than 10 rows from the stage, just like the theater of old. *Our Town* runs from May 29 to June 23. For tickets, call 240-644-1100.

BAPA Imagination Stage, formerly the Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts, will also move to downtown Bethesda. In March, a groundbreaking ceremony kicked off construction of a new arts center. The center will have a 450-seat professional theater, a 200-seat theater for student productions, and studios for drama, music, and digital media. The center will be located inside a new 700-space, county-owned parking garage located on Auburn Avenue. Officials expect the center to be completed by February 2003.

Bethesda Presents Children's Festival

Feed your children's creativity on June 1 by taking them to Imagination Bethesda, an annual street festival for children. Children 12 and under can enjoy costumed characters, face painters, international dance troupes, theater performances, and a variety of hands-on activities. The festival highlights the arts of downtown Bethesda with cultural and educational activities. Food will be provided by local restaurants. Events are free. The festival is held from noon–4 p.m. on Bethesda Row, among Woodmont, Bethesda, and Elm streets. Call 301-215-6660 or visit <http://www.bethesda.org> for more information.



TRY THIS WEB SITE:

http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/lose_wt/index.htm

Many Americans are becoming overweight, and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute is fighting back. The Aim for a Healthy Weight Web site features information for both health professionals and the public to help individuals maintain a healthy weight. Information for the public includes a body-mass indicator calculator, heart-healthy recipes, low-calorie menu planners, tips for shopping and dining out, and ideas for physical activity. Tried-and-true heart healthy recipes for different cultures are also featured. Check out this site and keep your heart healthy!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Muscular Leg Pain

If you experience leg pain that gets better as you rest, you may be eligible for a new study. Call 1-800-411-1222 for more information.

Neurological Studies

Help NIH learn more about neurological studies by participating in clinical trials. Call 1-800-411-1222 (TTY users call 1-866-411-1010) for more information.

Childhood Speech

NIH seeks children, aged 5 to 12 years, who have problems with stuttering or speech articulation. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222.

Study on High Blood Pressure

NIH seeks volunteers for a study on uncontrolled high blood pressure resulting from blocked kidney arteries. Call 1-800-411-1222 (TTY users call 1-866-411-1010) for more information.

NICHD Seeks Healthy Women

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development seeks healthy women, aged 18 to 55 years, to participate in a study on ovarian function. Participants will undergo five outpatient visits involving blood draws, ultrasound, and an injection of a natural body hormone. Volunteers must not smoke or take any drugs, including birth control. A previous pregnancy is required. Compensation will be provided. For more information, call 301-594-3839.

The OCL Update is available on our Web site at <http://ocl.od.nih.gov>. If you would rather view this document online and not receive a printed version, please contact the OCL office at 301-496-3931 or send us an e-mail at jh69z@nih.gov. If you would like to list an upcoming event of interest to the local community, call Terry LaMotte at Palladian Partners, OCL support contractor, at 301-650-8660, or e-mail at tlamotte@palladianpartners.com.

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