



SUMMER MUSIC RINGS OUT IN TENLEYTOWN

Music rang out from the top of the city as Tenleytown ushered in the summer season with Make Music Day on Wednesday, June 21.

For the second year, TMS organized the all-day music festival, joining more than 700 cities worldwide in marking the summer solstice with free, live outdoor music performances. The neighborhood celebration was part of Make Music Day DC, and was the largest venue for the event in our nation's capital, hosting nearly two-thirds of all performances in the DC Metro area.

CrushFunk Brass Band kicked off the celebration with a lively performance at the Metro plaza, making the morning commute a little more enjoyable for hundreds of workers traveling to and from Tenleytown. Throughout the day visitors could hear jazz, pop, bluegrass, folk, classical, and R&B in front of area businesses, as well as international sounds from India, Spain, and the Middle East.



The day capped off with an energetic performance by the all-female Afro-Brazilian drum ensemble Bataala that drew scores to Fessenden Park, as well as a concert by Deaf Dog and the Indictments that packed the house at Tenley Bar & Grill.

Tenleytown Main Street thanks all the performers who shared their talents on Make Music Day, and the businesses and community groups who hosted them, including: Burger Tap & Shake, Coffee Nature, Friendship Terrace, Guapo's Restaurant, Janney Elementary School, Kitty O'Shea's, Middle C Music, Tenley Bar & Grill, Tenley-Friendship Library, and Whole Foods Market.

We are especially grateful to our sponsors for their generous support. Make Music Day was made possible by the DC Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), American University, Douglas Development Corporation, Friendship Hospital for Animals, and Urban Investment Partners.



Novice musicians joined the music-making at a ukulele class offered by Middle C Music at the library, and an open drum circle in front of Tenleytown's music shop, which also hosted one of the neighborhood's main performance stages. Make Music Day created such a buzz that Fox 5 DC joined the event, broadcasting live from Middle C.

CALENDAR

July 18 12-1:30pm	TMS Board of Directors Meeting 4545 42nd St., Suite 214
August 9 6:30-8:30pm	Design Committee Meeting 4545 42nd St., Suite 214
August 10 9:30-11am	Economic Strengthening Committee Meeting 4545 42nd St., Suite 214
August 14 6:30-8:30pm	Promotions Committee Meeting 4545 42nd St., Suite 214
August 15 12-1:30pm	TMS Board of Directors Meeting 4545 42nd St., Suite 214
September 11 6:30-8:30pm	Promotions Committee Meeting 4545 42nd St., Suite 214
September 13 6:30-8:30pm	Design Committee Meeting 4545 42nd St., Suite 214
September 14 9:30-11am	Economic Strengthening Committee Meeting 4545 42nd St., Suite 214
September 19 12-1:30pm	TMS Board of Directors Meeting 4545 42nd St., Suite 214
September 23	Art All Night

TMS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

LOCATION: TMS OFFICES

Promotions: 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm

Design: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

Economic Strengthening: 2nd Thursday of the month, 9:30am

Interested in joining a TMS committee?

Email info@tenleytownmainstreet.org for more information

MUSIC IN TENLEYTOWN: FORT RENO CONCERT SERIES

Make Music Day, Tenleytown's latest festival, builds on a neighborhood legacy of support for local, live music. For nearly half a century, Tenleytown has been host to the annual Fort Reno summer concert series.

Begun in 1968 as part of a District-wide effort to rebuild community following riots that rocked the city, the Fort Reno concerts initially received funding from the federal and local governments. When government funding dried up, the series continued with support from individual donations and under the leadership of Amanda MacKaye.

MacKaye's name may sound familiar to D.C. music lovers. She has performed with the bands Desiderata and the

NEIGHBORHOOD MILESTONES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Beefsteak, which celebrated its first anniversary in Tenleytown this June. Seasonal vegetables are the star of every meal at this casual restaurant from Jose Andres located at 4531 Wisconsin Avenue.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD



The Tenleytown Barbershop held its grand opening on Saturday, May 6 at 4627 41st Street. The barber shop specializes in men's

and children's haircuts, offers a complimentary hot towel treatment with a shave, and is already getting rave reviews from new clients. Across the street, Muncheez opened on June 12 at Tenley View, 4600 Wisconsin Avenue. The casual restaurant, which has another location in Georgetown, offers authentic Lebanese street food ranging from shawarma to falafel to zaatar.

BY THE NUMBERS: Summer Dining

Summer is the perfect time to explore Tenleytown's many restaurants



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Routineers. Her brother Ian is the co-founder of D.C. record label Dischord Records and former front man for the band Fugazi, which was an annual staple on the Fort Reno concert stage for more than a decade.

Although the free concerts have evolved with the District's changing music scene, they have consistently offered a stage to up and coming young artists, as well as prominent local bands. Each season music lovers of all ages fill Fort Reno park, across Chesapeake Street from Woodrow Wilson High School, bringing picnic blankets, frisbees, and occasionally cakes for all to share.

Concerts take place on Monday and Thursday nights, 7-9pm, throughout July. Pick up a meal at a local restaurant, grab your blanket, and join fellow music lovers at the park.

NEIGHBOR FEATURE: Writopia Lab

Writopia Lab was founded in 2007 as a national creative writing non-profit organization with branches in the New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, and DC metro areas. Our local workshop is right in the heart of Tenleytown's Main Street at the Wisconsin Building (entrance at 4000 Albemarle).



According to DC Regional Director Jocquelyn Downs, Writopia Lab is a “home to creative, curious, and reluctant writers of all backgrounds.” Most Writopia Lab participants are children and teens ages 6 to 18. Workshops for various ages run during the school year and the summer. While no school credit is offered, the workshops can greatly help students with their schoolwork and also offer them a chance to participate in competitions, publish, and read their work before an audience.

All Writopia instructors are published poets, novelists, playwrights, journalists, or film makers. The objective of the Writopia workshops is to help young writers find their own voice and develop critical thinking, with an emphasis on positive reinforcement rather than criticism. Writopia's primary focus is creative writing, but Writopia also offers workshops on academic essay writing for high school and college (including the all-important college application essay) with a focus on grammar, spelling, and organization. Private sessions are also available.

For more information on programs, methodology, schedules, fees, and locations, visit <http://www.writopialab.org/>

NEIGHBOR FEATURE: American Valet



American Valet Owner, Joe Corvelli

American Valet dry cleaning, alterations, and shoe repair has served local residents at 4519 Wisconsin Avenue for 77 years, making it one of Tenleytown's oldest businesses.

Current owner Joe Corvelli's father Henry (Enrico) arrived in New York from Italy in 1919. He later married an Italian-American, Mae (Philomena) Grassi, and the two settled in D.C. The couple opened President Valet at 5514 Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase, which still operates today.

Henry and Mae moved their young family to Tenleytown in 1939, the year Joe was born, and opened American Valet. The business was on the ground floor, while the Corvellis lived upstairs. Joe and his brother Donnie started working in the family business when they were teenagers, helping their father. Henry and Mae both passed away in 1990, and Joe and Donnie continue their legacy running the business today.

The shop has changed little over the years except for some updates of the dry cleaning and shoe repair equipment. When asked if he plans to retire, Joe laughed. “No, as long as people keep coming to American Valet, we'll stay.”

HOURS M-F 7:30am-6:30pm / Sat 8am-6pm / Sun closed

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 23RD ART ALL NIGHT IN TENLEYTOWN

DC's annual overnight arts festival returns to Tenleytown on Saturday, September 23. Tenleytown Main Street has partnered once again with Main Streets across the District to host Art All Night -- a celebration of the city's outstanding artists and their diverse artforms. Local businesses and public spaces will transform into pop-up galleries and performance stages for an exciting, eclectic evening of art, including photography, paintings, sculpture, jewelry, and light displays. Plus enjoy live music, dance performances, theater, literary readings, and more. And the best part? It's all FREE!

Interested in exhibiting your work or performing?

Local artists of all ages encouraged to apply. Submit an expression of interest at <http://tenleytownmainstreet.org/event/art-all-night/>

Become an Art All Night sponsor!

Show your support for Tenleytown, the arts, and local businesses, all while reaching thousands of Art All Night visitors. Call 202-362-1815 for more information on sponsorship opportunities.



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During the heat of summer, the Wisconsin Avenue Clean Team waters street trees twice a week, from Lowell Street to Western Avenue. The Clean Team is supported through a grant from the Department of Small and Local Business Development.



For more information about Tenleytown Main Street activities, committees, and volunteer opportunities, visit

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