

## Georgetown Village

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear GV Members,

We are very excited about some of the suggestions you gave us at the planning meeting, and this month we are starting a new group based on one of the suggestions. We are starting a 'Portable Electronics Support Group' for members to bring their tablets, phones, and other portable electronics to assist and learn from each other. Some of you have questions about using your portable electronics and learning together is the best way to learn!

Our trip to Lincoln's Cottage this month is also based on a member's suggestion, so please be sure to share YOUR ideas for Georgetown Village! We will be starting other new programs in October, watch for more information!

By the time you receive this newsletter, Georgetown Village will be setting up in our new office space at 1680 Wisconsin Avenue. Thanks to the generosity of Long & Foster, we will have a home there for the next couple of years! As we all our office locations, it is important that you call before coming by, to make sure we are there and free to see you. Once we are settled in, we will be having some of our meetings there, and you will have a chance to check out our new digs!

We are also going to be expanding our office staff, and we are currently accepting resumes for people interested in working part time as an Administrative Assistant. This position will be 12-15 hours a week. Please share this information with anyone you think might be interested. Resumes can be mailed to PO Box 3563 Washington DC 20027 or emailed to [position@georgetown-village.org](mailto:position@georgetown-village.org)

Now that summer is over, look around your house, and see what needs to be done. We are happy to send volunteers to give you a hand. Don't forget to call us when you need help!



#### September Programs

##### **Mondays**

##### **September 7**

**Labor Day-Office Closed**

##### **September 14**

**1:00 pm-Caregiver Support Group-3240 O Street NW**

##### **Tuesdays**

##### **September 15 5:30 pm-**

**Happy Hour-Daily Grill**

##### **September 25**

**TBD-Movie Night & Dinner**

##### **Wednesdays**

##### **September 9**

**10:15 am-Book Discussion-3400 O Street NW**

**Gourmet Dining Group-Call**

**Diane 202-338-3833**

##### **September 16**

**10:30 am-Brain Games-St.**

**John's Board Room-Use**

**Potomac St. entrance**

##### **September 23**

**11 am- AARP Experience**

**Corps Information Meeting**

##### **September 30**

**10:30 am-Portable**

**Electronics Support Group-3240 O Street NW**

##### **Thursdays**

**10:30 am Coffee Talk**

**St. John's 3240 O Street NW**

##### **Fridays**

##### **September 25**

**11:00 am-Tour of Lincoln's Cottage-see back for info**

## Book Discussion-The Devil in the White City Wednesday, September 9 10:15 am

Author Erik Larson imbues the incredible events surrounding the 1893 Chicago World's Fair with such drama that readers may find themselves checking the book's categorization to be sure that *The Devil in the White City* is not, in fact, a highly imaginative novel. Larson tells the stories of two men: Daniel H. Burnham, the architect responsible for the fair's construction, and H.H. Holmes, a serial killer masquerading as a charming doctor. Burnham's challenge was immense. In a short period of time, he was forced to overcome the death of his partner and numerous other obstacles to construct the famous "White City" around which the fair was built. His efforts to complete the project, and the fair's incredible success, are skillfully related along with entertaining appearances by such notables as Buffalo Bill Cody, Susan B. Anthony, and Thomas Edison. This book was very well-reviewed when it came out, and currently a movie is being made based on this true story. Join us at the home of Toni Russin, 3400 O St. for the discussion

Our October book will be My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante. Described as 'A modern masterpiece from one of Italy's most acclaimed authors, *My Brilliant Friend* is a rich, intense, and generous-hearted story about two friends, Elena and Lila. Ferrante's inimitable style lends itself perfectly to a meticulous portrait of these two women that is also the story of a nation and a touching meditation on the nature of friendship.

The story begins in the 1950s, in a poor but vibrant neighborhood on the outskirts of Naples. Growing up on these tough streets the two girls learn to rely on each other ahead of anyone or anything else. As they grow, as their paths repeatedly diverge and converge, Elena and Lila remain best friends whose respective destinies are reflected and refracted in the other. They are likewise the embodiments of a nation undergoing momentous change. Through the lives of these two women, Ferrante tells the story of a neighborhood, a city, and a country as it is transformed in ways that, in turn, also transform the relationship between her protagonists, the unforgettable Elena and Lila. We are discussing this book on Oct.12 at 1417 33<sup>rd</sup> Street NW

## Private Tour of Lincoln's Cottage for GV Members Sept. 25 11 am

President Lincoln developed the Emancipation Proclamation while living in a Gothic Revival Cottage at the Soldiers' Home in Washington, DC. Lincoln's time at the Cottage served as bookends for Civil War — he first visited the grounds three days after his inauguration and last rode out to the site the day before his assassination. While living at the Cottage for 13 months from June-November of 1862-1864, Lincoln regularly commuted to the White House. The Cottage opened to the public in 2008, and is run by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a private, non-profit organization, through an agreement with the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

If you have never visited Lincoln's Cottage join us for a special interactive tour that will have you thinking about Lincoln's time and accomplishments in a new way. Cost of the tour is \$13.00 a person, and you must RSVP to GV office by 9/11. The cottage is located on the Armed Forces Retirement Home Campus, street address is 140 Rock Creek Church Road NW, Washington DC 20011. We will arrange carpools once you sign up-there is free parking on site.