## **Woodley Park News**

WPCA will host senior officials from the **National Zoo** to discuss the Zoo's proposal to build a security fence around the perimeter of the Zoo and to reduce the number of pedestrian entrances from 13 to three, as well as parking and traffic issues. You can read the fencing proposal <u>here</u>. Tuesday July 31, 7:30 pm at Stanford.

Also from the Zoo: "We are now in the position of having to close our bike path gates until we can assess the damage of the blacktop that has been undermined by recent flooding. The worst case scenario is that the path will remain closed until the DC DDOT revitalization project reaches NZP. They are currently working in Georgetown." See the Zoo website.

Several neighbors have been meeting with the Superintendent of Rock Creek Park and others from NPS about the **Woodley Playground** area. NPS says that there are no indications of standing water or mosquitoes nesting within the park. They are going to put up bat boxes, but following the recent park assessment they determined the mosquitoes are coming from outside the park grounds, from the nearby neighborhood. They also report that it is an aggressive daytime mosquito that breeds profusely in standing water. Therefore, we would encourage all those in the areas surrounding the park to check their yards for places where mosquitoes can breed (including in as little as a tablespoon of standing water). You can read some tips on reducing mosquitoes in your yard here.

If you are interested in hearing more about neighborhood efforts to improve the park or helping with the project, contact <u>Stacia George</u>.

DDoT will begin resurfacing **Hawthorne Street** between Cathedral Ave and Connecticut Ave "on or about Monday August 6," and the project will take ten days. Watch for signs. Questions, call DDoT at 202.671.2700.

There will be a **free outdoor concert** at the Zoo, featuring student musicians from the National Symphony Orchestra's Summer Music Institute. At the Zoo's Great Meadow, Thursday July 26 from 1 to 2 pm. More info <a href="here">here</a>.

## Calendar

Wednesday September 5, 7:30 pm at Stanford. **WPCA Executive Committee** meeting. The agenda should be on the website a few days before the meeting. All are welcome.

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