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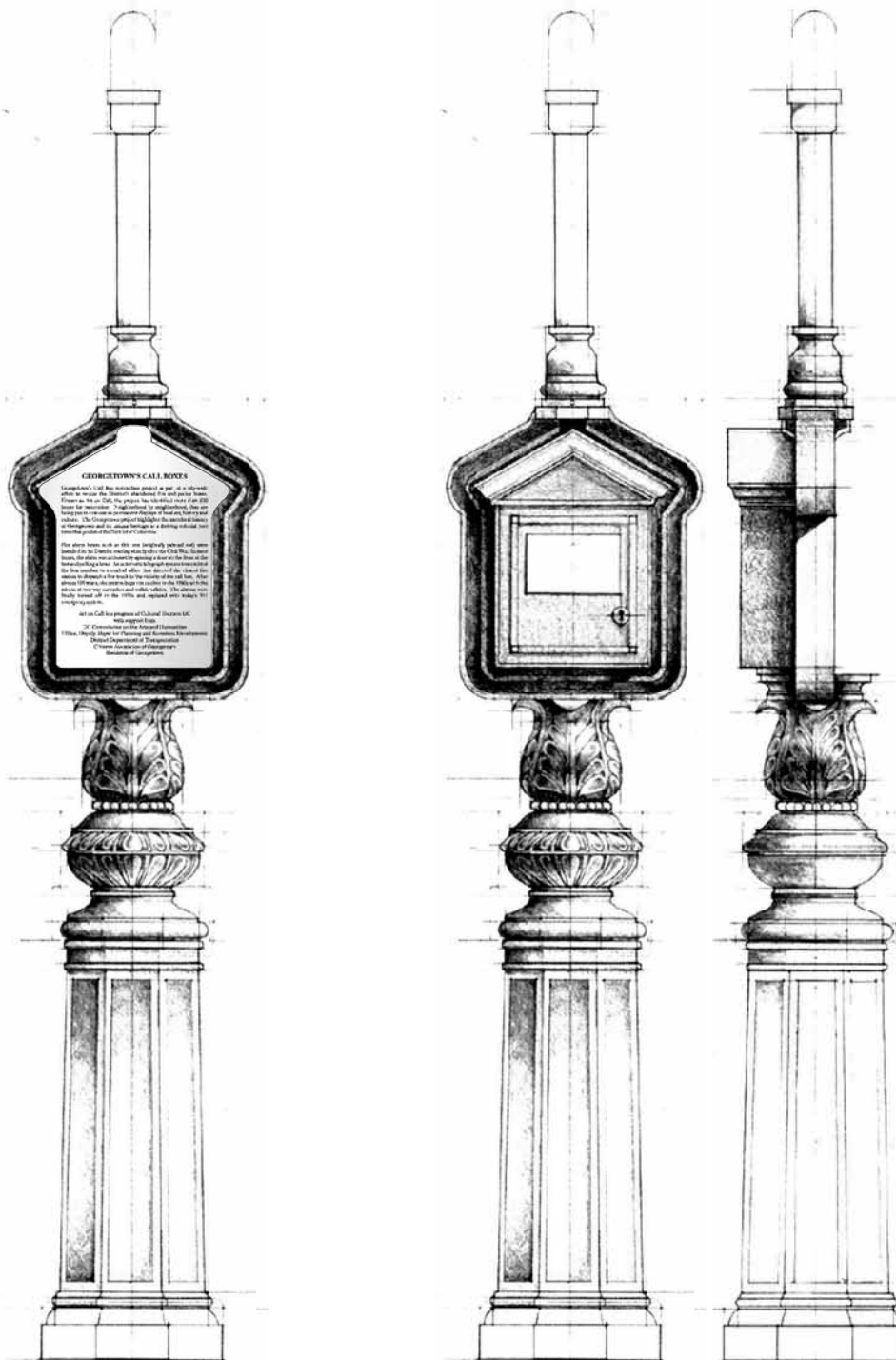
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# The Georgetown Call Box Restoration Project

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## GEORGETOWN'S HISTORIC CALL BOXES A Critical Need and a Unique Opportunity

Georgetown's 30 historic police and fire call boxes—the boxes once used to summon the police or fire department before homes had telephones—are in critical need of being restored. The call boxes, installed in the 1860s, became obsolete with the introduction of the 911 emergency system. Totally abandoned in the 1970s, these distinctive structures that dot our neighborhood have been neglected and are in disrepair and deteriorating—some are even in danger of being destroyed.

**The Citizens Association of Georgetown is spearheading the much-needed restoration of the charming old call boxes. These handsome structures will not only be saved but also become unique markers for our cherished local history.**

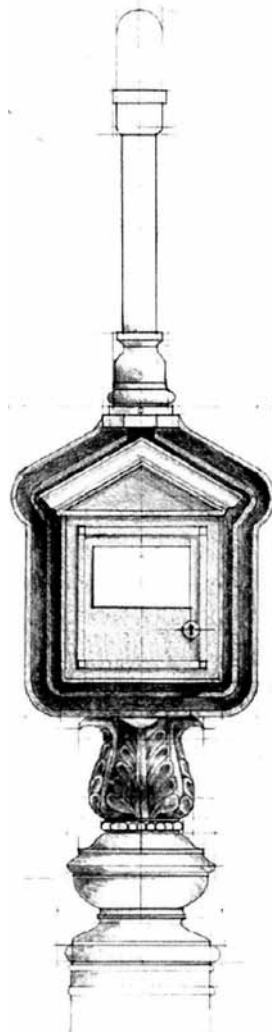
This Citizens Association of Georgetown project is part of a citywide initiative to restore all call boxes, neighborhood by neighborhood. Working with Art on Call (a program of Cultural Tourism DC), CAG has identified and surveyed Georgetown's call boxes and prepared a plan to reuse the boxes as showcases for our neighborhood history.

**RESTORATION PLAN**

CAG has already restored four boxes: one at Potomac and M Streets, one on R Street in front of the Georgetown library, one at 27th and P Streets, and another at Reservoir Road and 34th Street. The beautifully restored boxes will help raise awareness of this exciting project.

All the boxes will be restored in a dignified and elegant style, have a consistent look, and promote Georgetown's history, particularly our neighborhood anecdotal history. The open part of the boxes facing the sidewalk will contain a bronze plaque bearing the history of the surrounding neighborhood. The back of the boxes will display a plate with the names of the District sponsoring organizations and the local sponsors of each box. Since some of Georgetown's boxes are on commercial streets, CAG is also seeking sponsorships from businesses adjacent to the boxes.

Having received unanimous endorsement from the CAG Board, the ANC, the Old Georgetown Board, and the U. S. Commission on Fine Arts, Georgetown's project has received a seed money grant from Art on Call. This money has enabled CAG to do the four prototype boxes, but we need community donations to complete this important project.



**I WANT TO HELP RESTORE THE GEORGETOWN CALL BOXES!**

I will be a **Call Box Rescuer** by making a donation of **\$1500** to complete an entire Call Box. My name or business or designated honoree will be listed on the box as follows:

I will be a **Call Box Keeper** by making a donation of **\$500**. My name or business:

\_\_\_\_\_ will be listed on the box as one of three sponsors.

I will be a **Call Box Protector** by being part of a group making donations totaling **\$1500** to complete an entire call box. The contact person for our group is

\_\_\_\_\_ and my part of the total donation is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Our group name or designated honoree will be listed on the box, eg. Residents of 33rd Street, Merchants of the 1600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, Residents of N Street in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_.

I will support the **Call Box Restoration Project** generally by making a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization or Business

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, and Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
email address

Please make checks payable to **The Citizens for Georgetown Fund**, 1365 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20007.

I would like to join the **Call Box working group** and help research the history of the sites surrounding the Call Boxes.

**PLEASE HELP BY BECOMING A SPONSOR!**

Additional funding for the project will pay for replacement parts for the boxes, which require custom casting, the bronze plaques, priming and final painting. The average cost per box is \$1500. CAG is seeking donations from residents and businesses for this high visibility project with prominent tangible results. It will be featured in

newspapers, our newsletter, and at community meetings—and major donors will be permanently noted on the historic boxes themselves. These structures are a charming and integral part of our local history and they offer a rare opportunity to add significantly to the historic character of Georgetown. Your contribution is tax deductible.