

# DC blogger WashingTina highlights the oddly humorous moments of living in our nation's capital



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Local blogger WashingTina found herself in the spotlight due to a popular post about a [drinking game she and a friend created](#) while lamenting the inefficiencies of the [Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority](#) and the absurdities seen or endured while using public transit.

But the native Washingtonian doesn't just cover the oddities of life when on public transit, she also understands that while D.C. has a prim and proper side, it also has an underbelly in the streets as well; an underbelly that will make you wonder and shake your head in disbelief.

Given her unique sense of humor and an overnight success at creating a new pasttime for commuters, it was only proper to have a chat with [WashingTina](#) to find out more about this DC personality.

### What part of DC do you live in?

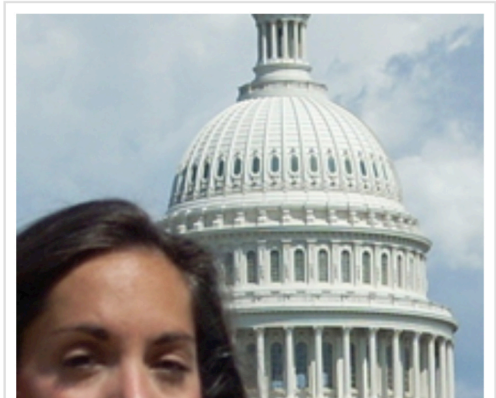
I live in Adams Morgan, though my real estate records say Kalorama, which sounds fancier. No stalkers, please.

### Did you grow up in that same area of the city?

I grew up in Silver Spring, and have lived in NW for more than a decade. My husband refers to Connecticut Avenue as "The Green Zone," so we don't often stray. We went to brunch at Art and Soul (Capitol Hill) about a month ago and it felt kinda strange. But those are the lengths we're willing to go to for a good brunch.

### What do you do for a living?

Oh, the quintessential D.C. question! Let's just say, I'm not one of the Real Housewives of D.C.



Washington, D.C. blogger [WashingTina](#)

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### **How long have you been blogging?**

I started the blog at the beginning of the year. But I've been talking about myself for years. Now I just do it with an audience.

### **What made you want to start a blog and how do you decide what to blog about in each of your posts?**

Believe it or not, my blog was a New Year's resolution. I never really make them, but this year I promised I would spend more time writing for myself instead of all the writing I do for work. Things happen to me that just don't happen to other people, like walking down the street with the back of my skirt unzipped and my underwear hanging out or dropping my bra on the middle of 18th Street. I can't deprive the world of those stories.

I carry a little notebook with me to jot down ideas and eavesdrop on conversations. Sometimes it's hard to get started, but I then I see a crazy woman having a picnic lunch on the bus and there's my inspiration. Riding the bus or Metro are always good for inspiration because it's a cross section of the population. You get the rich and poor, the employed and unemployed, the crazy and the sane. Besides, you never know what people will say when they think nobody's paying attention. You can really get some high comedy just by observing.

### **What is it that keeps you blogging even when traffic is low?**

As much as I love knowing that people are reading (and I really love that people are reading), I also really love writing for writing's sake.

### **What is it that you hope people take away from visiting and reading your blog?**

I hope that people who read WashingTina see how much I love D.C. and how fun and funny it can be to live here. There are quirky people and crazy things happen; the public transportation drives everyone nuts; the tourists get in our way; people are obsessed with their jobs; but this is really a fantastic city with so much to offer.

### **What's your favorite thing about D.C.?**

I think the people are my favorite thing about D.C. No matter where you go, you can find someone interesting to talk to, look at, or eavesdrop on. I'll never forget seeing my gynecologist walking down Connecticut Avenue dressed as a Buddhist nun. Or the guy riding Metro drinking a Yuengling during the morning rush hour. Or the guy at the pool who was telling the story of this lady who asked for his help making a "cheese pie," which consisted of a pie crust and block of Velveeta. This city's people are delightfully entertaining.

### **What do you dislike/hate/despise about D.C.?**

It's hard to say what I dislike about D.C., but if I have to pick one thing, it's probably how impressed some people are with themselves. I mean, just because you bring some Senator his coffee doesn't mean I should swoon every time you name drop.

**Name one thing that you think would surprise people to find out about you?**

Cher. I love her. That's all.

**Do you have a favorite type of food and where in D.C. is your go-to spot for it?**

My favorite food is definitely Italian . . . and for that I go to my parents' house. My mom is the best Italian cook ever. And for all the great restaurants we have in D.C., we are sorely lacking in good Italian. As far as going out, I really like Chinese and Mexican. For Chinese, the most authentic in the city is probably Full Kee, but another favorite is Meiwah. For Mexican, my husband and I love Mixtec in Adams Morgan. Their tortas, Mexican sandwiches, are unbelievable.

**What one word best sums up D.C. as you see it?**

Home. My husband and I were in Europe earlier this summer and we kept talking about all the great things that Europe has that the U.S. doesn't. But the truth is, as great as Europe is, it's not home. There's no place like home . . .

**Where are you hanging out on a typical night out?**

Our favorite bar, Timberlake's closed last year, so we've been sadly lacking a favorite watering hole, wandering like a man without a home. We love the bars at La Tomate, Ten Penh, and Ceiba for cocktails, but they're not the same as a great dive bar where everybody knows your name. Besides booze, we eat out far too often. A recent discovery is Kellari Taverna near Farragut Square. I really love the food at Cashion's, too. Mourayo in Dupont and Juniper on M Street are both also pretty fantastic. And I'm constantly on the lookout for a great brunch (especially one where you don't have to wait forever).

**If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?**

Ooh! That's an easy one. It has long been my dream to be a writer for Saturday Night Live . . . or a Nordstrom piano player.

**Do you have any advice for fellow bloggers?**

Keep writing. And do it for yourself, not because people are reading. And read other blogs, too (especially mine). You can learn a lot from other bloggers.

**Where can people find you on the web aside from your blog?**

I'm on [Twitter](#).

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