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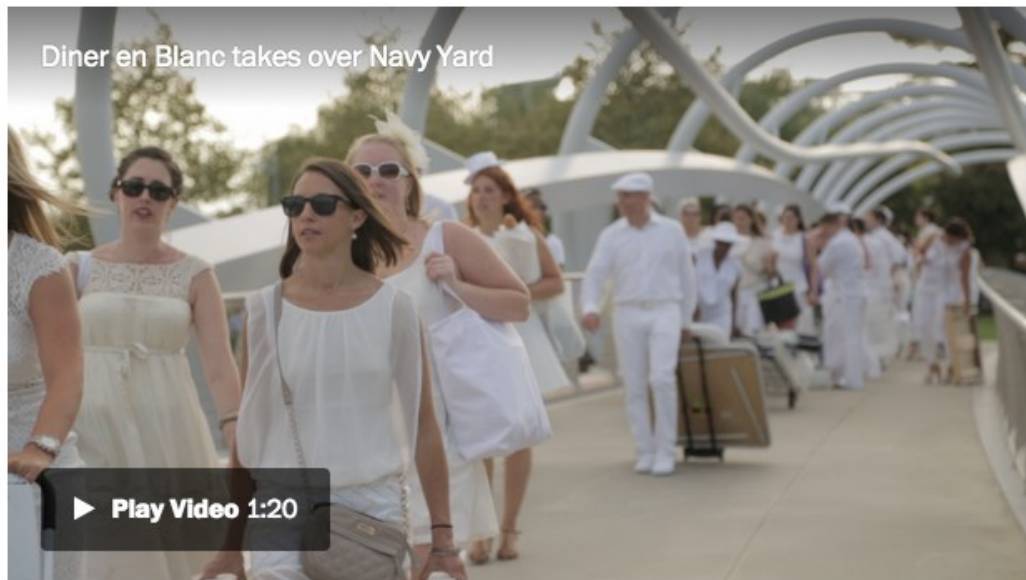
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Hundreds of people decked out in white had dinner at Yards Park last night, bringing his or her own white table, tablecloth, chairs and (not necessarily white) meals. PostTV tagged along to capture some of the napkin-waving and wig-wearing action. (Alice Li/The Washington Post)

The blanc is back.

In less than a month, Washingtonians who aren't on the list (or in the know) will be collectively scratching their heads as hordes of who's who wearing all white (not cream, not ivory, not navajo) spill out of Metro stations across the city, dragging portable tables for two in their wake. *What exactly is going on here?*

Diner en blanc, the \$100-plus-per-person party without a purpose, is once again descending upon the District. The exclusive and spontaneously choreographed evening picnic returns to Washington — which was finally dubbed cool enough last year when the city’s first “diner” arrived at Yards Park — on Aug. 29.

No one knows where the pop-up dinner will be until the very last minute (quelle surprise), but the venue has to be outside, accessible via public transit and hold at least 2,500 people. Put your all-white thinking caps on people.

Not that guessing the hot spot will earn one a spot at a bistro table. Only previous Diner en Blanc attendees or friends of attendees need apply and even then tickets are hard to come by. Our source says the wait list, which opens up on Thursday, is hundreds of names long. So this is one of those rare Washington events (here’s looking at you, [Prince concert at the White House](#)) in which business cards don’t do much to bump folks up the list.