

MVSNA



MOUNT VERNON SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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January 2008

Next MVSNA Meeting

Tuesday, January 15th, 7:30 pm

Metropolitan Community Church
Corner of 5th & Ridge Streets NW

Agenda:

- Public safety/crime report: MPD Officers from 1st & 3rd Districts invited.
- 2008 Officer Nominations
- Resolution - Parisa Norouzi, People's Property Campaign
- Zoning Presentation - 465-471 & 460 New York Ave NW - Bozzuto
- Zoning Presentation - 1251-53 4th St NW (Hoagie House) - Sherry Woods, One Ministries/Unique Learning Center.



A rendering of the Bozzuto project on NY Ave from last year. Full renderings available on ANC 2C02 Commissioner Chapple's website: http://www.anc2c02.com/anc/docs/465_471nyavenw01.pdf

Message from the President

Happy new year! I'm looking forward to working with you to make 2008 another exciting and productive year for MVSNA. Our thanks go out to Lydia Goring and Keith Byrd for again hosting our MVSNA holiday party last month. There was a great turnout and it was a very enjoyable evening for neighbors and friends.

This month, in addition to hearing about two development projects in our neighborhood, we will have nominations for our Board of Directors. Three of our board members will not be continuing their service. I'd like to thank Sam Farmer (2nd Vice President), Megan Lavin (Treasurer), and Melanie Mfume (Corresponding Secretary) for their commitment and the tremendous amount of work they have put into making our neighborhood a better place as members of the MVSNA Board. Congratulations to Megan and Scott who just had twins!

In accordance with our new bylaws, at the January 15 meeting, we will put forward a slate of nominations for the 2008 Board of Directors. The slate includes:

President: Cary Silverman
First Vice President: Si Kailian
Second Vice President: ***Please Consider Serving!***
Treasurer: Rob Amos
Corresponding Secretary: Nicole Manara
Recording Secretary: Jefferson Parke

At-Large Member: Deborah Ziska
At-Large Member: Lee Pellegrino
At-Large Member: Paul Corsi
At-Large Member: Rev. Adomio Boddie
At-Large Member: Thais Austin

We will accept any additional nominations from the floor at the January 15 meeting. February 19th is the annual election, meeting and awards night of the Association. The meeting will be held at **7:00pm** at the **City Vista common room** at Fourth and L Streets, NW, which will provide an opportunity to meet and welcome our new neighbors. After MVSNA Board elections, we will present the 2007 Hero of Mount Vernon Square awards. Watch our blog and yahoo list for an announcement of the recipients.

A reminder: please keep your exterior lights on at night for safety. I recommend getting a light sensor from a local hardware store. It can be inserted into your exterior light fixture and it will turn the light on at dusk and off at dawn automatically. It costs only about \$5-\$7 and is a sound safety investment for you and for your neighbors. Finally, you may have heard that there were four shootings last week in the greater Mount Vernon/Shaw area, a result of gang activity. I am pressing the police hard for new leadership in our area, immediate installation of Shotspotter, and additional police resources to get this situation under control.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting!

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Neighborhood News**Triangle Action**

The first result from our September Community Walk with Ward 6 Councilmember Wells and MPD 1D was the painting of the crosswalk at 5th and I/Mass. Ave. Several initiatives are taking place this week to help with the public safety around Mount Vernon Triangle on the 900 block of 5th Street:

1. 5th/I Park also known as Reservation 74: The fence on the far end of the park, by House of Ruth, was replaced and the bushes cut down. This is intended to eliminate a hiding spot for drug and prostitution activity. The Mount Vernon CID is also working to get lights on that park.
2. 5th and Eye Vacant Lot: A hole has been opened in the chain link fence. Guys regularly use a spot at the back of the lot (where the brick meets the Quonset hut) to store their stash. The City (which is the owner of the lot) has agreed to fix the fence and eliminate this stash spot.
3. Three abandoned cars have been parked behind Fun Fair Video and show evidence of drug and camping activity. They have finally been removed.

Vacant Property

In December, neighbors met with DCRA leadership & Ward 2 Councilman Jack Evans regarding ongoing vacant property issues. Some highlights: DCRA is implementing a new database over the next 6 months starting with vacant property. This will allow inspectors remote access to data and theoretically better means to enforce violations. Some form of public access should be available. DCRA is physically surveying the entire city (wards 8, 7, & 6 are done so far). Properties will be changed to class 3 by DCRA and will be back billed for the 2nd half of 2007. MVSNA will be surveying the Triangle early this year. Any progress by OTR & DCRA will be reflected in the next round of tax bills which will come out around March. We will then update our survey. Around April we plan to have DCRA to an MVSNA meeting where we will hopefully see results.

Election Information - Register to Vote!

Presidential Preference Primary

Election Day – February 12, 2008

Registration Deadline – January 14, 2008

Council Primary

Election Day – September 9, 2008

Registration Deadline – August 11, 2008

Presidential & ANC General Election

Election Day – November 4, 2008

Registration Deadline – October 6, 2008

To check your voter status , get absentee ballot & registration information, go to: www.dcboee.org

Upcoming Events

Jan 14 - 6th & N Park Meeting, UHOP, 601 M St NW, 6:30pm

Jan 15 - MVSNA Meeting, MCC Church, 5th & Ridge, 7:30pm

Feb 6 - ANC 2C Meeting, Africare, 440 R St. NW, 6:30pm

Feb 12 - DNA Meeting, 701 PA Ave NW, 7pm

Feb 13 - ANC 6C Meeting, 214 Mass Ave NE, 7pm

Feb 14 - PSA 101 Meeting, Golden Rule, 1100 NJ Ave NW, 6pm

Feb 19 - **MVSNA Hero Awards Event & Elections, City Vista
Common Room, 440 L St NW, 7pm**

**Reminder: The February 19th MVSNA Event will be Pot Luck.
Please call 202.256.9193 or email niello8@yahoo.com if you
are able to bring a dish or drinks to share.**

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