



Next MVSNA Meeting

Tuesday, June 17th, 7:30 pm

**"The L" at City Vista Community Room
(L Street between 4th & 5th NW)**

Agenda

- Public Safety Report - 1st & 3rd District Police invited
- Zoning Variance request - 219 M Street NW, Ray Valentine & Primal Fitness
- 2nd & Mass Park Discussion

Upcoming Events

- June 17** - MVSNA Meeting, City Vista, L bet. 4th & 5th, 7:30pm
- June 19** - BAA Marriott briefing, Convention Center, Rm. 151, 7pm
- June 24** - CCCA, Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th Street NW, 7pm
- June 26** - Ward 2 Democrats, 1526 NH Ave NW, 6:30pm
- July 2** - ANC 6C Planning, NPR, 635 Mass. Ave NW, 7pm
- July 2** - ANC 2C, Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th Street NW, 6:30pm
- July 8** - ANC 2C02, Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th Street NW, 7pm
- July 9** - ANC 6C Meeting, 214 Mass. Ave. NE, 7pm
- July 15** - MVSNA Meeting, Location TBD, 7:30pm

Keep up to date with community events:

<http://chappleanc.com/public/index.php/meeting>
www.anc6c.org

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Reminder:

PSA (Police Service Area) meetings will break for the summer & resume in September. mpdc.dc.gov

Neighborhood News

MVSNA and Councilmember Tommy Wells Discuss Plans for Renovation of Park at 2nd and Mass NW

As a follow-up to the concerns raised at the April MVSNA meeting, members of the community met with Councilmember Tommy Wells to discuss plans to revitalize the dilapidated park located at 2nd St. and Massachusetts Ave., NW. Also representing the city were Sarah Latterner, Director of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, and Jason Turner, Chief of Planning and Capital Projects for the Department of Parks and Recreation. Both Councilmember Wells and MVSNA President Cary Silverman expressed their strong support for a community-driven effort to clean up the park to make it a vibrant part of the new Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood. If you are interested in becoming involved with this project, please contact Nicole at manara14@hotmail.com.



MVSNA and DNA Meet with Community Leaders to Discuss Homelessness

MVSNA and the Downtown Neighborhood Association held a joint meeting on May 19th to discuss the current state of homelessness in the downtown area: its causes, its solutions, and the impact that the Mayor's Housing initiative will have on our community. Leading the discussion was a panel of community leaders and city officials including BID Director Chet Grey, Catholic Charities Director Chapman Todd, Central Union Mission's CEO David Treadwell, and Department of Housing Services Director Clarence Carter. The discussion focused on the Franklin School shelter, (expected to close by October 2008) and the relocation of the Central Union Mission shelter to the Gales School, located at 65 Massachusetts Ave, NW (expected to open in 2010). There was a consensus both among residents and the members of the panel that "warehousing" our homeless neighbors is not the correct solution. Instead, the Mayor's initiative is focused on providing small-scaled supportive housing spread throughout the city. City representatives answered residents' questions and dispelled rumors new homeless housing at two locations in the Mount Vernon Square boundaries (2nd & Mass. Ave. NW and 4th St. and L NW). The meeting marked what residents hope will be a continued dialogue between the city and the community on this very important issue.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

September 9th PRIMARY

The voter registration deadline for the **September 9th** Congressional and **Council Primary** is rapidly approaching. All mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked no later than **MONDAY AUGUST 11, 2008** in order to be eligible. This election is partisan so you must register with a party to vote in that party's primary.

November 4th GENERAL ELECTION

All mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked no later than **MONDAY OCTOBER 6th, 2008**. The November 4th General Election will include **Presidential, Congressional, Council, & ANC positions.**

Complete your voter registration online by visiting:
www.dcboee.org



Election News

ANC Race

Jessica Lanza has announced her candidacy for **ANC 2C03**. Learn more about Jessica at: www.lanzaanc.com

Ward 2 Council Race

Our very own MVSNA president **Cary Silverman** is running hard against 17 year incumbent **Jack Evans** as the campaign continues through the petition phase. Check out the **Ward 2 Council** candidate websites here:

www.caryforcouncil.org

www.evans2008.org

Ward 2 Democrats will be holding an **endorsement meeting** on Thursday **June 26** at 6:30pm at the Women's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave NW. Any Ward 2 registered Democrat may attend and vote by secret ballot to determine which Ward 2 Council Candidate is endorsed by the Ward 2 Dems.

Message from the President - Cary Silverman

Over the last few weeks, the Mount Vernon Square Neighborhood Association has been hard at work for you. As featured in this newsletter, we've joined with the Sonata to initiate the process for renovating the park at 2nd and Massachusetts Avenue NW. Our goal is to make it a proud gateway to our neighborhood and downtown DC that serves the community. As I write, sensors for ShotSpotter, which will allow the police to respond quickly and with pinpoint accuracy to gunfire, are being installed along our rooftops. Hopefully, the system will be fully operational within the next month, in large part a result of the pressure our neighborhood has placed on public officials over the past two years. In addition, this month, the DC Council enacted a new law with respect to vacant properties that have plagued our area. It will both increase the higher rate placed on vacant properties to reflect the cost they place on the surrounding neighborhoods and close loopholes that have allowed derelict owners to avoid paying their fair share for so long. Council Members cited our neighborhood association as crucial in moving this legislation forward. The work of MVSNA Vice President Si Kailian and others has led the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to reclassify many of the vacant properties in our area.

If you are interested in volunteering or serving as a board member, please contact me. I hope you will join us as we continue to move forward toward our goal of making Mount Vernon an even better place to live.

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