

MVSNA



MOUNT VERNON SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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May 2008

Next MVSNA/DNA Meeting

Tuesday, May 20th, 7:30 pm

Location : Mt Calvary Baptist Church
755 8th St. NW

Agenda: *Forum on Housing and the Homeless*

Upcoming Events

May 20 - MVSNA/DNA Mtg., 755 8th Street, NW, 7:00pm

June 4 - ANC 6C Planning & Zoning, 215 G Street NE, 7pm

June 4 - ANC 2C, Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th St NW, 6:30pm

June 10 - DNA/PSA 101, Location TBD, 7pm

June 11 - ANC 6C, 214 Mass. Ave NE, 7pm

June 12 - PSA 308 **Community Walk**, 6:30pm, Kennedy Rec.

June 17 - MVSNA, Location TBD, 7:30pm

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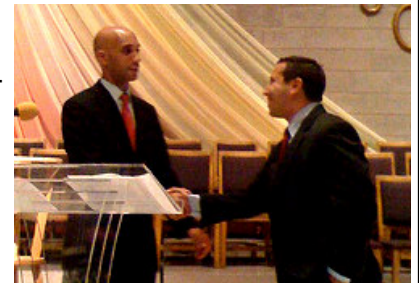
Neighborhood News

Joint Meeting on Housing and the Homeless: MVSNA has teamed up with the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) to hold a community meeting on **Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00pm at the Calvary Baptist Church** (755 8th Street, NW) to discuss the city's response to the growing homeless population. Discussion leaders will include representatives from the Deputy Mayor's office of Planning and Economic Development, Catholic Charities, and the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID).

5th and I Development Plans: The RFP process continues as the developers met with members of the community on April 23rd to present their respective plans for the site. Four developers are currently competing: JBG, Donohoe/Holland, Potomac Investment Properties (PIP), and Buccini/Polland. All proposals included local involvement, green elements, and substantial parking. The city is looking to narrow the field to two proposals within the coming week, and they are expected to make the final decision by June 1st. Detailed descriptions of the proposals including renderings of the site are available at: <http://dcbiz.dc.gov/dmped/cwp/view,a,1365,q,606714.asp>

MVSNA Welcomed Mayor Fenty to April Meeting

Mayor Adrian Fenty joined us for our monthly meeting on April 15th. The Mayor came to discuss community concerns and to gauge the progress that has been made on issues discussed during his last visit in 2007. The main topics of discussion were homelessness and convention center development. He committed to a continued dialogue with the community including an upcoming meeting between MVSNA and the Department of Parks and Recreation to improve Circle Park (2nd and Mass Ave NW).



Message from the President

This was an exciting month for the Mount Vernon Square Neighborhood Association. At our April meeting, we were joined by Mayor Adrian Fenty, bringing to his attention MVSNA's goals of renovating parks, addressing vacant property, and improving pedestrian safety, and confusion stemming from newspaper reports regarding homeless services and housing slated for our neighborhood. We also discussed safety concerns and the implementation of ShotSpotter (now anticipated by July 1) with Assistant Chief Diane Groomes. Stemming from our meeting, MVSNA will meet later this month with Council Member Tommy Wells, Department of Parks and Recreation Director Clark Ray, and residents of the Sonata to develop a plan of action for renovating the park at Second and Massachusetts Avenue NW to make it a true asset to the community. Also as a result of the meeting, we have planned a joint forum with the Downtown Neighborhood Association on May 20 to clarify and discuss the new homeless shelter at the Gales School as well as plans for homeless housing in and around the Mount Vernon area. Representatives of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development's office and various homeless services will be on hand to answer questions.

We are also very excited to watch as the city considers bids for development at 5th and I Street NW, where our driving out Fun Fair Video and criminal elements on the block will soon lead to a new retail, a hotel, and possibly housing—
with more on the way!



MVSNA Membership Application Form - 2008

Membership Information

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 Address _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Membership Type

Resident / Property Owner
 Business
 Non-Profit
 Religious Institution

 Yes, I'd like to receive an online copy of the monthly newsletter.

MVSNA depends on the generous support of its members to fund its activities, including membership meetings, monthly hand-delivered newsletter, web site, clean-up and beautification programs, neighborhood advocacy, social events, and achievement of goals of the Association. Membership dues are required but any amount is appreciated.

\$20 Individual \$40 Household \$100 Leader \$250 Champion Other _____

I want to help. Please sign me up to participate in the following MVSNA committee(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Task Force | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory Affairs Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Neighborhood Committee Liaison | <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Business Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Beautification Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events and Fundraising Committee |

Other _____

Please return this completed form and your membership dues to Mount Vernon Square Neighborhood Association, PO Box 50526, Washington DC 20091-0526 or bring it to the Association's next monthly meeting. Please make your checks payable to "MVSNA".

A Successful Spring Cleanup

Bright and early on April 19th, a group of neighbors joined together to clean up the streets and sidewalks of the MVSQ neighborhood. A special thanks to ANC2C01 Commissioner Alex Padro, Shaw Main Streets who provided the flowers for the project; they have added a much-needed dose of springtime color to the neighborhood. Hope to see everyone out for the next cleanup!



New Voting Precinct Announced for Mount Vernon Triangle

Thanks to the hard work of the Downtown Neighborhood Association and Councilmember Tommy Wells, a new voting precinct has just been approved which serve residents of the Mount Vernon Triangle. The new precinct is Number 143 and the new polling location is the Chinese Community Church located at 500 I Street, NW. If you are a registered voter, you should receive a notice of your new polling location in the mail. If you're not registered, you can do so by visiting www.dcboee.org.

Add your thoughts to the MVSNA neighborhood blog: <http://lifein.mvsna.org>

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