

# MVSNA



# MOUNT VERNON SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

[www.mvsna.org](http://www.mvsna.org)

**Winter 2010**

## Next MVSNA Meetings

*January 19th, February 16th  
& March 16th at 7:30 pm*

**Yale Condo - 437 New York Ave NW**

*New York Ave between 4th & 5th in the Lobby Common Room*

### 1/19 Agenda

- Public Safety Report - New PSA 308 Lt. Carroll
- 216 Morgan Street Renovation
- McKennas Wagon Discussion
- New Community Garden preliminary update
- 2010 MVSNA Board nominations

### 2/16 Agenda

- Public Safety Report - PSA 101/308 Police invited
- 2010 MVSNA Board Election

### 3/16 Agenda

- Public Safety Report - PSA 101/308 Police invited
- 2010 MVSNA Goals
- Beautification Day Planning

MVSNA meets regularly on the **3rd Tuesday** of the month at **7:30pm**. Meeting location is at the Yale Loft Condo, **437 New York Ave NW** in the lobby common room unless otherwise noted. MVSNA boundaries cover the Mount Vernon Square Historic District & the Mount Vernon Triangle. For more info please visit [www.mvsna.org](http://www.mvsna.org)

## Community Calendar

**Jan 19 - MVSNA Mtg, Yale Laundry, 437 NY Ave NW, 7:30pm**

**Jan 19 - Help Martin Fundraiser, Long View, 1234 9th St NW, 6-8pm**

**Jan 19 - MVTICD Consolidated Condo Tax Mtg., 4th & I NW, 6pm**

**Jan 26 - CCCA, Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th Street NW, 7pm**

*Councilmember Catania!*

**Feb 3 - ANC 6C Planning & Zoning, NPR, 635 Mass. Ave NW, 7pm**

**Feb 3 - ANC 2C Mtg., Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th Street NW, 6:30pm**

**Feb 9 - DNA/PSA 101, Calvary Church, 8th & H Sts. NW, 7pm**

**Feb 10 - ANC 6C Mtg. Heritage Foundation 214 Mass Ave NE, 7pm**

**Feb 11 - PSA 308 Mtg., Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th Street NW, 6:30pm**

**Feb 16 - MVSNA Mtg, Yale Laundry, 437 NY Ave NW, 7:30pm**

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**Mar 16 - MVSNA Mtg, Yale Laundry, 437 NY Ave NW, 7:30pm**

**Mar 30 - CCCA, Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th Street NW, 7pm**

**Apr 7 - ANC 6C Planning & Zoning, NPR, 635 Mass. Ave NW, 7pm**

**Apr 7 - ANC 2C Mtg., Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th Street NW, 6:30pm**

**Apr 8 - PSA 308 Mtg., Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th Street NW, 6:30pm**

**Apr 13 - DNA/PSA 101, Calvary Church, 8th & H Sts. NW, 7pm**

**Apr 14 - ANC 6C Mtg. Heritage Foundation 214 Mass Ave NE, 7pm**

**Apr 20 - MVSNA Mtg, Yale Laundry, 437 NY Ave NW, 7:30pm**

## Message From the President

There's a lot in Mount Vernon Square to be excited about in 2010! We have more places to dine in and around our neighborhood. The Passenger, a neighborhood bar, has opened on 7th Street in The Warehouse space. And there's more than prostitution at 4th and K Streets NW with a new casual soul food restaurant, Henry's Soul Café. Our Vice President Si Kailian swears by their mac and cheese. Taylor's Deli in CityVista is a big hit. Most recently, a dim sum spot, Ping Pong, opened on 7th Street just below Massachusetts Avenue NW. Kushi, a sushi restaurant in CityVista and Buddha Bar on the 400 Block of Massachusetts Avenue are expected to open later this year.

In residential development news, after a long hiatus, work recently resumed in the large hole that will be Phase II of the Yale Lofts. That is a positive sign for several other stalled construction projects in the Triangle. Smaller projects are moving forward. Several new townhouses are underway on the 1200 block of 4th and construction is continuing at 471 Ridge Street NW, even after a partial collapse in early January.

The 900 -1100 Block of 4th Street (below New York Avenue) will have a complete makeover in 2010, including repaving, new sidewalks, and new landscaping. It will also become a two-way street. Recently, MVSNA, working with DDOT, had the block designated "No Parking/No Standing" to curb prostitution-related traffic. MVSNA is exploring the possibility of establishing a community garden on the vacant lot at 4th & L. Finally, don't forget the MVSNA Board elections are coming up. Wishing you the best in 2010, Cary

*Keep up to date with community news & events!*

**Your Public Neighborhood Blog:**

[lifein.mvsna.org](http://lifein.mvsna.org)

**(that means YOU can contribute!)**

**Neighborhood listserve:**

[groups.yahoo.com/group/mvsna/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mvsna/)

**(instantly email ~500 of your closest neighbors!)**

**The Triangle blog has a new home!**

[mvtriangleblog.com](http://mvtriangleblog.com)

**(and a new contributor, welcome Kim from the K!)**

**Meeting primer:**

**DNA/PSA 101-** 2nd Tues. Calvary Church, 8th & H Sts. NW, 7pm

**MVSNA** - 3rd Tuesday, Yale Condo 437 NY Ave NW, 7:30pm

**CCCA** - Last Tuesday, Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th Street NW, 7pm

**ANC 2C** - 1st Wed., Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th St. NW, 6:30pm

**ANC 6C P&Z** - 1st Wednesday, NPR, 635 Mass. Ave NW, 7pm

**ANC 6C** - 2nd Tues., Heritage Found. 214 Mass Ave NE, 7pm

**PSA 308** - 2nd Thurs., Kennedy Rec., 1401 7th St. NW, 6:30pm

**Don't know which Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) & Police Service Area (PSA) covers your house or condo?**

**Fear not! Handy maps available here:**

[mvsna.org/map/](http://mvsna.org/map/)

**Help Martin**

Dedicated neighbors & friends are holding a fundraiser to help invaluable Shaw activist, Martin Moulton, in his defense against recent legal actions taken by Leroy Thorpe. The event will be held Tuesday January 19th from 6-8pm (right before the MVSNA meeting) at Long View Gallery, 1234 9th Street NW. If you value Martin's amazing and vast contributions to our neighborhood, please consider attending and lending your financial support. Its also a great opportunity to see your neighbors and check out Long View's incredible new space! Kindly RSVP to [info@longviewgallery.com](mailto:info@longviewgallery.com) If you are unable to attend the event, you can still support Martin's legal defense by sending a check payable to "Harmon Curran" (the law firm representing Martin), at 1726 M Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036 . Please include "Martin Moulton Legal Fees" on the note line at the bottom of your check. Any amount helps and is greatly appreciated.

We are excited to welcome you to visit, see and learn more about our school programs in 2010. At Scott Montgomery Elementary School, a part of the DC Collaborative for Change (DC<sup>3</sup>), our exceptional team of teachers and staff offer:

- ✓ The Reggio Emilia inspired program for 3 and 4 year olds
- ✓ Reader and writer workshops
- ✓ Individual attention to your child's skills and needs
- ✓ And so much more



**(Re-)Discover  
Scott Montgomery ES**


OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULES

**8:45-11am**  
Tuesday,  
January 19

**8:45-11am**  
Tuesday,  
January 26

**6-7pm**  
Thursday,  
January 28

Light refreshments will be served.

 Scott Montgomery ES  
421 P Street NW

If you have questions, contact:

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(202) 863-2486 or  
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**2010 Election is upon us! Nominations for the 2010 MVSNA Board will be announced at our January MVSNA meeting and Elections will be held at the February meeting. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact any current board member. We have 5 Officer positions and 6 At-large positions. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.**

**Consolidated Condo Tax Meeting**

The Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District (MVTCID) is hosting a meeting to discuss the topic of a proposed Consolidated Condo Tax. They are exploring the idea of mailing one tax bill to each condo building as opposed to individual owners in the interest of reducing errors and paperwork. Residents wishing to have input on this subject are encouraged to attend. The meeting will take place at the former Madrigal Sales Trailer at 4th and Eye NW on Tuesday January 19th at 6:00PM. (right before the MVSNA meeting) If you cannot attend, commentary on this important issue is compiled at [www.mvtriangleblog.com/?p=944](http://www.mvtriangleblog.com/?p=944)

**DDOT Comment Period Ends January 22nd for 7th & 9th Street Traffic Options**

Neighbors have an opportunity to be heard regarding planning options for the 7th & 9th Street corridors in the Mount Vernon Square area. As part of the larger Mount Vernon Square District Project, DDOT is soliciting community comments until **January 22nd**. Check out the [4 alternatives](#) which incorporate different combinations of bikes lanes, cycle tracks, 2 way streets, one way streets, wider sidewalks, mid block crosswalks, streetcar, & transit only streets - and then email your preferences to [Christopher.ziemann@dc.gov](mailto:Christopher.ziemann@dc.gov). Be heard!

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**PSAs 308 & 101 Have New Lieutenants**

MVSNA crime liaison Merc Fox recently met with our new PSA 308 Lt. Jeffery Carroll to discuss MVS, Triangle and Shaw border crime issues including graffiti, gang violence, vagrancy related to abandoned lots, late night church noise, and prostitution. In a show of excellent neighborhood communication, he has already announced via the MPD-3D listserv the swift arrest of 3 armed robbery suspects; the incident occurred on the 1100 block of 5th Street NW. Lt. Carroll will be attending the next MVSNA meeting and we look forward to working with him. Many thanks to Lt. Pate for his service and we wish him luck with his new PSA. Lt. Eddie Fowler joins PSA 101 to replace departing Lt. Craig Royal who has been transferred to the Special Operations Division. Many thanks to Lt. Royal for his spirited attendance at MVSNA meetings & service to our community.

**Feel like blogging about the neighborhood, but don't want the commitment of your very own blog? Post your musings at the public MVSNA blog! Just go to [lifein.mvsna.org](http://lifein.mvsna.org) and click the right side link to contribute!**

**Report all Crime! Dial 911 for ALL Crime  
Need City Services? Call 311 for all City Services!**

This is the MVS District project Site: <http://planning.dc.gov/planning/cwp/view.a.1423.q.647286.asp>

**Our sincere condolences go out to ANC 2C03 Commissioner Doris Brooks, who recently lost her daughter, Regina Brooks Holland, lovingly known as "Pie."**

**Police Contacts**

- PSA 308 (NEW!)**  
Lt. Jeffery Carroll - (202) 506-0743  
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