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### For the ANC 1A08 Community, and beyond. 😋

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Public notices of weddings, deaths, anniversaries, or other subjects of general interest in Park View will be given space, and residents are invited to contribute such news.

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#### FEBRUARY ANC 1A REPORT

The February ANC 1A meeting was attended by Commissioners Lisa Kralovic (1A01), Sheldon Scott (1A03), Betty Pair (1A04), Laina Aquiline (1A05), William Brown (1A06), Thomas Boisvert (1A07), Kent Boese (1A08), Lenwood O. Johnson (1A10), and Dotti Love Wade (1A11). Commissioner Vickey Wright-Smith (1A02) was absent.

The Commissioners considered and approved two grant applications. The first was for the Columbia Heights Village Spring Tournament of Games in the amount of \$500. The second was for the Power Jam Music Alliance's Pep Rally for Peace in the Street program in the amount of \$1,000.

A letter of support was approved for the 2012 SunTrust Rock'n'Roll Marathon. The race is scheduled for March 17 with the course cutting through the community on Harvard Street.

Commissioner Pair introduced a resolution in support of residents on the 1300 block of Otis Place attempting to have speed bumps installed on that block. The Commission voted to support the request.

Two ABRA items were included on the agenda. The first was a resolution in support of, and voluntary agreement for, The Pinch. The Pinch is located at 3548 14<sup>th</sup> Street. NW. The second item was a resolution in protest of an application for Made in Mad Momos (3605 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW). Commissioner Boisvert will continue to work with Mad Momos to finalize a voluntary agreement, at which time the protest is expected to be withdrawn.

Commissioner Boese introduced a Resolution in Support of Co-Locating the Park View school and recreation center properties. This resolution requests that (1) the school modernization project be completed in a manner that supports colocating the recreation center functions within the school and (2) that DDOT perform a traffic study to determine the feasibility of a partial closure of Otis Place between the properties and determine what impact such action would have on residential traffic.

Lastly, Commissioner Scott introduced an amendment to the BZA variance approved in January for Jubilee Housing. The amendment was approved.

Official ANC 1A minutes are available online at: http://anc1a.org/mins.html

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### AREA REAL ESTATE SALES REPORTING PERIOD: December 2011

3545 6 <sup>th</sup> St	\$346,900
623 Irving	\$572,100
514 Kenyon	\$340,000
724 Kenyon	\$459,340
453 Lamont	\$419,000
737 Morton	\$275,000
766 Newton	\$255,000
524 Park Rd	\$260,000
3205 Warder	\$450,000

(Source: Redfin.com)

### WILLIAM C. HUESTON RESIDENCE ADDED TO AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL

The African American Heritage Trail Advisory Committee reviewed the nomination for the Residence of Judge William C. Hueston, 744 Park Road, NW, in January 2011 and accepted it for addition to the African American Heritage Trail database. It was scheduled to be added to the database at the end of the February. The site was nominated in April 2011 by Commissioner Boese.

The African American Heritage Trail identifies sites that are important in local and national history and culture. The trail consists of a searchable database, a free booklet, and sites marked with historical plaques.

Judge Hueston resided with his family at 744 Park Road, NW, from 1930 to 1961. He was born in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1880. His family later moved to Kansas City, Kansas. He was a graduate of the University of Kansas and an active community leader in Kansas City. He became the first African American graduate of the University of Chicago Law School. During this period he also lived parttime in Gary, Indiana. Beginning in 1927 he served as president of the National Negro Baseball League. Hueston is reported to be the first Black judge in Kansas and Gary, Indiana.



Judge William C. Hueston (1880-1961)

Hueston was appointed by President Hoover to the National Memorial Commission for the building of the National Museum of African American History and Culture that was to have been built in 1929. He left Indiana in 1930 for Washington, D.C. Indiana Senator James E. Watson was instrumental in Hueston's move to the District and helped bring about his appointment to become Assistant Solicitor with the U.S. Post Office. Hueston's appointment at the Post Office Department was the first time a Black attorney had ever served in the Department in a professional capacity. He later had his own law firm in Washington.

Hueston was active in setting up the law libraries at the Post Office Department and Howard University. He also served for many years as Commissioner of Education for the Grand Lodge of Colored Elks, a position established after Hueston created the Elks Education Department. The Education Department had awarded more than 800 scholarships to boys and girls through the Elks Annual Oratorical Contest and other activities by the time of Hueston's death on November 25, 1961.

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### CLEAN ALLEYS DO MORE THAN JUST BEAUTIFY THE COMMUNITY

(The following is reprinted in part from the April 2010 newsletter in response to requests to do so)

Clean streets, sidewalks, and alleys not only make for a more attractive community, they also promote a more safe and healthy neighborhood. Broken bottles and sharp tin can seriously injure children ... and inappropriately stored garbage supplies rats and other pests with food.

One of the most effective ways to combat rodents is containerization. Heavy duty plastic carts with tight fitting lids to contain garbage help residents to cut off one of the main sources of food in an urban rat's diet.

To do your part in keeping the community clean and safe, the Department of Public Works suggests the following tips:

• Visit collectionday.dcgis.dc.gov for your trash/recycling day(s).

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- Place trash and recycling containers out for collection after 6:30 pm the night before collection or before 6 am on collection day. Residents are required to remove trash and recycling containers from public space by 8 pm on your collection day.
- Between collections, store trash and recycling containers on your property rather than in the alley or on the sidewalk. Otherwise, you may receive a solid waste ticket.
- Paint your address on your trash and recycling containers and record the

number that appears on these containers to help prevent theft or loss.

- If your 32-gallon trash can or recycling container is missing, stolen, badly damaged, or if you need an additional trash or recycling container, call 311. Additional or replacement 32-gallon trash and recycling carts are \$45 each.
- Did we miss a collection or do you have another service problem? Call 311, the Mayor's Citywide Call Center.

### DOG WASTE

Leaving dog waste behind is

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not just unsightly and irresponsible, it's a health hazard. Excrement left behind on the ground also can pass diseases, intestinal parasites, and infections on to dogs, adults, and children. And, you or your dog can step into the waste then track it into your home or car.

DPW reminds residents walking their dogs to Pick Up the Pieces!

Have a Bag it Up Plan! Keep a stash of bags in your car, coat pocket, or in a small purse fastened to your dog's collar.

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### PARK VIEW COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join DPR on Thursday, March 8th, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss improvements for the park.

Park View Community Center 693 Otis Place, NW



www.dpr.dc.gov



## Park View Kids Zone March 2012

Park View Kids Zone

Park View Kids Zone seeks to create opportunities for children to learn. to be empowered, and to have fun. We provide a safe place for kids to learn, grow, and just be kids. Through one-on-one mentoring we create relationships that will help children to succeed in their education. life skills, and their community.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2	3 Family Fun Saturday 1 to 3pm * Park View Rec Park Outside
	4	5	6 Teen Art Night 6:30 to 8:00pm *Invitation only	7 Reading Circle 5:30 to 6:30pm *Bruce Monroe @ Park View Cafeteria	8	9 <b>2</b>	10 Family Fun Saturday 1 to 3pm * Park View Rec Park Outside
	11	12	13 Teen Art Night 6:30 to 8:30pm 'Invitation only	14 Reading Circle 5:30 to 6:30pm *Bruce Monroe @ Park View Cafeteria	15	16	17 No Family Fun Saturday St. Patrick's Day
:	18	19	20 No Teen Art Night	21 Reading Circle 5:30 to 6:30pm *Bruce Monroe @ Park View Cafeteria	22 22	23 Pl No School	24 Family Fun Saturday Kite Festival 1 to 3pm * Park View Rec Park Outside
	25	26	27 Teen Art Night 6:30 to 8:30pm 'Invitation only	28 Reading Circle 5:30 to 6:30pm *Bruce Monroe @ Park View Cafeteria	29	30 12:15 School Dismissal	31 Family Fun Saturday 1 to 3pm * Park View Rec Park Outside

### WWW.PVKZ.ORG

PVKZ is completely volunteer and donation based non-profit through Greater DC Cares. PVKZ has gone through some changes due to not being able to use the Field House at Park View Rec Center any more. We are still in Park View and are committed to providing fun, educational and empowering activities for the kids of Park View. We operate our programs at several different locations throughout Park View. Please contact Mrs. Angela at 615-496-0834 or Ang.Strange@Gmail.Com for information and location of events or if you are interested in volunteering to help the kids of PVKZ. We are always eager to have neighbors volunteer or join us for our events!

### DC WATER: SPRING CLEANING THE DISTRICT'S WATER PIPES

Beginning in March, DC Water will begin its annual flushing program to clean the District's water distribution system. During this program, DC Water opens fire hydrants and flushes water mains throughout the city. Each year, the flushing program and a temporary switch in water disinfection are conducted to enhance drinking water quality and minimize the impacts of aging pipes. The average age of a water main pipe in the District is 77 years old.

Customers will be notified when DC Water flushes hydrants in their area. Crews will perform flushing between 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., when water usage is typically low. Flushing may cause temporary water discoloration and customers are recommended to run cold water taps for a few minutes until water clears. For more information or to report a water quality issue, contact the Drinking Water Division at (202) 612-3440.

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### CHARLES LOWE NEW SITE MANAGER AT PARK VIEW RECREATION CENTER

Starting on January 30, 2012, Charles Lowe became the new site manager for the Park View Recreation Center.

Mr. Lowe has had a career with DPR for the past 17 years, working his way up from a Recreation Assistant to Managing centers throughout the District. He has served on committees involving athletics and policies, as well as the design of some of DPR's newer centers currently under construction.

Prior to coming to Park View, Mr. Lowe worked as a **Recreation Specialist at** Edgewood Recreation Center. While at Edgewood, he implemented 2 programs the Drum Line program which provided youth an opportunity to learn basic drum playing techniques and the Young Ladies on the Rise (YLOR) program which proved a safe and informative environment to help young girls learn about adolescence and development issues that are faced in today's society by young women.

Contact information:

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### BRUCE-MONROE @ PARK VIEW RECEIVES SPACE SHUTTLE TILE

On Monday, February 27, Leland Melvin, NASA's associate administrator for education and a former space shuttle astronaut, presented a space shuttle tile to the Bruce Monroe at Park View School and spoke to the students.

During the presentation, Melvin shared his experiences as a crew member aboard the space shuttle Atlantis on two missions, STS-122 in 2008 and STS-129 in 2009. He also discussed NASA careers, including how to become an astronaut, and the opportunities available to students who pursue science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) studies.

NASA's education programs use the agency's missions to inspire learners of all ages. The space shuttle tile program is an example of how the agency uses its unique assets to engage student audiences.



### CRIME REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1/22/12-2/22/12



In comparing crime for the past month with the same period last year, total crime was up 100%. A year ago there were 23 reported crimes within 1,500 feet of the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Newton Place, NW, compared to 46 this year.

The spike in crime this period is attributed mostly to theft, which was up 133%, and thefts from autos, which was up 600%. Of the 46 incidents, 40 were property crimes and 6 were violent in nature.

The reported crimes were:

Robbery Excl. Gun2 (-60%)
Assault w/ Dangerous
Wpn Excl. Gun 3 (N/A)
Assault w/ Gun 1 (N/C)
Burglary 3 (-57%)
Theft14 (+133%)
Theft from Auto 21 (+600%)
Stolen Auto2 (+100%)

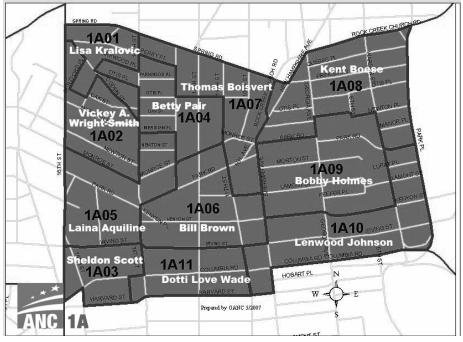
Information from <u>http://crimemap.dc.gov/</u>

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 7: Park View United Neighborhood Coalition monthly meeting – Park View Recreation Center, 693 Otis Place, NW, 7 p.m.

March 8: Design Review of Park View athletic field – Park View Rec Center, 693 Otis Place, NW, 6:30 p.m.



ANC 1A Single Member Districts and Commissioners

March 12: Georgia Avenue

- March 14: ANC 1A Meeting Harriet Tubman Elementary School, 3101 13th Street, NW, 7 p.m.
- March 21: Metropolitan Police Department PSA 409 Community Meeting – 4D Substation, 750 Park Road, NW, 7 p.m.

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### REMINDER STREET SWEEPING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS BEGIN MARCH 1ST

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