# PARK VIEW NEWS

#### 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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#### SEPTEMBER ANC 1A REPORT

The September ANC 1A meeting was attended by Commissioners Lisa Kralovic (1A01), Vickey Wright-Smith (1A02), Betty Pair (1A04), Laina Aquiline (1A05), William Brown (1A06), Thomas Boisvert (1A07), Kent Boese (1A08), Bobby Holmes (1A09), Lenwood O. Johnson (1A10), and Dotti Love Wade (1A11). Commissioner Sheldon Scott (1A03) was absent.

Commissioner Boese presented and filed a Report ... on Historic Landmarks, Potential Landmarks, & Sites of Historical or Cultural Importance with ANC 1A. The report's purpose is to increase awareness of culturally important properties among the Commissioners and community. Boese stated that he hopes that residents with knowledge of important properties that are not represented – particularly with the African American Heritage Trail – will make those sites known to the Commission. A copy of the report is available at http://www.ancla.org/library. html

Two grant requests were considered. One was for Project Giveback in the amount of \$1,400. The grant would assist with their annual Thanksgiving food distribution. The other grant was for \$1,000 to the Park View United Neighborhood Coalition to assist with printing a historic neighborhood walking trail brochure. Both grant requests were approved.

Several Letters of Support were considered and approved. These included Commissioner Pair's letter supporting a community picnic at the 11<sup>th</sup> & Monroe Park, Commissioner Boisvert's support for the Maru Montero Dance Company's Latin Dance Night performances at the Columbia Heights Plaza during Hispanic Heritage Month, and Commissioner Brown's support for outdoor seating at Columbia Heights Coffee on 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Brown's support for the Convoy of Hope was also approved.

Commissioner Wright-Smith introduced a request to purchase advertising space in the Thrive DC Gala Commemorative Booklet in the amount of \$400. The request was approved.

Lastly, three Board of Zoning Administration issues were considered. Commissioner Brown introduced a measure to relieve the developers of 1300 Park Road, NW, from the off-street parking requirement and request the DC Council take action to remove the Building Restriction Line from the property. Both requests were approved.

Commissioner Kralovic introduced letters of support for a variance to convert 1400 Spring Road from a church to an apartment building and to convert 3616 14<sup>th</sup> Street from a retail/office building to a structure with retail on the first story and apartments on the upper stories. Both requests were approved.

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

#### CITY CELBRATES COMPLETION OF *THE* AVENUE

The September 21st ribbon cutting and opening celebration of *The Avenue* the 83-unit mixed-use apartment building located at 3506 Georgia Avenue NW went off without a hitch. The event was well attended and included both a tour of two of the building's units and a sampling of food from nearby Georgia Avenue businesses.

Completion of the building is a mile-marker for "The Park Morton New Communities Initiative", which has realized only a small part of its potential. The \$170 million initiative was established under then DC mayor Anthony Williams to replace an aging public housing complex on Georgia Avenue. The initiative is a collaboration between the **District's Housing Authority** (DCHA), which owns and manages the complex, and the **Deputy Mayor for Planning** and Economic Development.

The entire Park Morton redevelopment is being carried out by the Park Morton Development Partners (PMDP), a joint venture between Landex Corporation and the Warrenton Group. Wienecek + Associates designed the project. Hamel Builders is the general contractor. The overall plan calls for 317 market-rate housing units, 206 affordable housing units, a 10,000 square foot park, and a new community center with green designs throughout.

The newly completed Avenue, which has 81,044 square feet of residential space and 2,388 square feet of ground floor retail, includes a mix of oneand two-bedroom apartment units. Residential space features lounge, a fitness center, meeting rooms, and underground parking. It also will include ground-floor retail. While overall the Park Morton Redevelopment plan calls for some market-rate housing, the Avenue is 100 percent affordable under the city's affordable housing laws.

The development was funded by a mix of city agencies and departments, as well as Freddie Mac, Prudential, Hudson Housing, and Capital One.

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#### 6TH ANNUAL COLUMBIA HEIGHTS DAY

The 2012 Columbia Heights Day is schedule for Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, on the grounds of Harriet Tubman Elementary School. The Community celebration features live music and arts performances, family activities, local artisans, food trucks and more. The event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For additional information see the advertisement on page 5.

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Mayor Gray prepares to cut the ribbon, flanked by Councilmember Jim Graham and Victor Hoskins, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development



## BERNICE FONTENEAU SENIOR WELLNESS CENTER PLEASE JOIN US FOR A HARVEST FEST & YARD SALE

### **Parkview Recreation Center**



693 Otis Place, NW (Warder Street NW & Otis Place NW) Saturday, October 6, 2012 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



#### OKTOBERFEST AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME – OCTOBER 7TH

The Friends of the Soldiers' Home in cooperation with the Armed Forces Retirement Home will be hosting an Oktoberfest open to the community. The event will feature live music, dancing, local food vendors, craft beer, kite flying, storytelling, family fun, picnicking, art bazaar, and antique cars.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, October 7th, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the southern grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home (Gate Entrance 333 Rock Creek Church Road, NW, intersection of Rock Creek and Randolph).

The Oktoberfest will star the Polka Hall of Fame inductees, Washington DC German Band! along with the Bairisch und Steierisch Dancers. The DC German Band has entertained audiences from Munich to Milwaukee since 1942, including Presidents Reagan and Clinton, with authentic German music.

Below are additional details:

#### <u>FOOD</u>

Carry in a picnic or purchase local craft beer and food, including treats from:

• Captain Cookie: Back by popular demand from July 4 -- now with freshbaked pretzels in addition to cookies, local



Washington DC German Band

creamery milk and made-to-order ice cream sandwiches.

- DC Crepes: Brings excitement of freshly-made crepes, as they are enjoyed throughout Europe. You watch the delicacies being made fresh right in front of you.
- Rolls in Rolls: Healthy Indian food serving Kathi Rolls, meal-sized wraps stuffed with choice of fillings, topped with cabbage, carrots, homemade chutneys.

#### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The event will have a supervised crafts station for children to create, and a supervised kite-flying area for kids to stretch a line skyward in the beautiful open space.

Storyteller JOHN FARISS will share special tales from

the South involving life in the Appalachian mountains, home remedies, the Civil War and things that go bump in the night, as he carries on the tradition of Johnson Jones Hooper, Will Rogers and Jerry Clower.

#### KIDS IN SPORTS

(kismetro.com) will offer tug of war, races, obstacle courses and more activities geared for children ages 3 to 10.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Artists from the community as well as veterans from the Armed Forces Retirement Home will be displaying their creations for your viewing enjoyment and possible purchase.

#### ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

The Armed Forces Retirement Home will have its annual antique car show that morning (which you are invited to attend) and several of the cars will be parked on display on the lower grounds during Oktoberfest for you to enjoy.

Of course you are also welcome to bring in your bike and go for a ride, or simply take a hike and enjoy the beautiful rolling hills and trees of the Armed Forces Retirement Home

#### ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- No glass containers.
- Please help keep the grounds clean by using the trash bin or removing your own waste.
- This event will happen rain or shine.

The Friends of the Soldiers' Home is a volunteer nonprofit organization serving members of the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Friends extends enormous thanks to the veterans and staff of the Home for inviting the community inside the gates for this very special event.

More information: www.facebook.com/FriendsOf Soldiers (please `like' us)

Follow us on Twitter: @FriendsSoldiers

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#### NEWS FROM THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

According to the by-laws of the United Neighborhood Coalition (UNC) – the

## 6th Annual COLUMBIA HEIGHTS DAY live music • family activities • local artists • food • fun

	ROBA HEIGHTS ROBALLE R		Saturday October 6 10 am to 6 pm Tubman Elementary Field 11th & Kenyon St. NW	
	Food & Drink	Schedule of Ev	ents	Plus: * Cupcake eating
	Wonderland Ballroom	10 am - QuietMind Yo	am - QuietMind Yoga workshop	
	El Floridano	11:30 am - Tara Trinity 12:15 pm - Organized Disruption 3 pm - The Chariots 4:15 pm - Dyverse City		* Kids stage with
	DC Slices The Big Cheese			Young Women's Drumming Empowerment Project,
	Pleasant Pops BBQ Bus			
	Rita's Water Ice			DanceEthos,
	Meridian Pint Oktoberfest @ 11th & Park	5 pm - Black Masala	-	BloomBar, DancePlace Youth Step
		More than 60 vend	dors all day!	Group, School of
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neighborhood civic group serving the northern Park View and southern Petworth area – the UNC is due to have elections for new officers this fall.

The current officers (2011-2012) are:

President : Dr. Adrian Wilson

Vice-President : Geoffrey Tate

Secretary: Geoffrey Tate (Acting) Treasurer: Lauri Hafvenstein (Acting)

The general membership will need to vote for officers to serve for the 2012-2013 year.

The UNC would also like to stress the importance of the 2012 Presidential General Election by ensuring that you, as a resident, are registered to vote and exercise your right by voting in this year's election, every vote counts !

#### Next meeting October 3rd.

#### AREA REAL ESTATE SALES REPORTING PERIOD: July 2012

526 Kenyon #203 \$183,000					
3606 New Hampshire					
\$564,900					
3642 New Hampshire					
\$300,000					
719 Princeton \$315,000					
3011 Warder \$375,000					
3544 Warder \$376,390					

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#### CRIME REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 8/17/12-9/17/12



In comparing crime for the past month with the same period last year, total crime was up 42%. A year ago there were 40 reported crimes within 1,500 feet of the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Newton Place, NW, compared to 57 this year.

The majority of crimes this period continued to be thefts from autos (29). Of the 57 incidents, 47 were property crimes and 10 were violent in nature.

The reported crimes were:

Sex Abuse	1 (N/C)
Robbery excl. Gun 5	(+25%)
Robbery with Gun	1 (-50%)

Assault w/ Dangerous	
Wpn Excl. Gun3 (+200%	5)
Burglary 3 (-25%	)
Theft12 (+71%	5)
Theft from Auto 29 (+61%	5)
Stolen Auto 3 (N/C	9

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

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#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 3: Park View UNC Meeting – Park View Recreation Center, 691 Otis Place, NW. 7:00 p.m.

October 6: Senior Wellness Center Harvest Fest and Yard Sale – Park View Recreation Center, 691 Otis Place, NW. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

October 6: Columbia Heights Day – Harriet Tubman Elementary School, 3101 13th Street, NW, 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

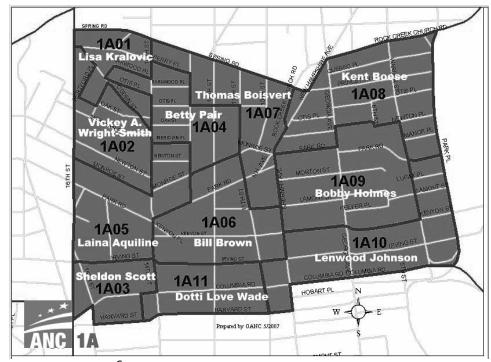
October 7: AFRH Oktober Fest – South grounds of the Old Soldiers' Home 1:00-5:00 p.m.

October 10: ANC 1A Meeting – Harriet Tubman Elementary School, 3101 13th Street, NW, 7:00 p.m.

October 15: Bruce-Monroe @ Park View Hispanic Heritage Assembly Program – BMPV Elementary School, 3560 Warder St. NW, 1:30 p.m.

October 17: Metropolitan Police Department PSA 409 Community Meeting – 4D Substation, 750 Park Road, NW, 7 p.m.

October 23: Bruce-Monroe @ Park View Homeless Walk – BMPV Elementary School, 3560 Warder St. NW, 10:30 a.m.



#### ANC 1A Single Member Districts and Commissioners