

## Lower Georgia Ave Community Graffiti Removal Event

**What: Come clean up Georgia Avenue! (Between Kansas Ave and Florida Ave)**

**When: Saturday, August 15, from 10:00am to 1:00pm**

**Where: Meet at Torrie's Restaurant at 700 V St NW for Supplies and Training**

**Why: Georgia Ave is Littered with Graffiti and You Can Help Make a Difference**

### **The Problem: Graffiti on Lower Georgia Avenue**

Graffiti is a major problem for business owners along Lower Georgia Avenue. If not removed, graffiti can cause blight, increase criminal activity in the surrounding neighborhoods, reduce property values, and give the impression that Georgia Avenue is not a clean and safe environment for residents and visitors. As part of the Lower Georgia Avenue Main Street Feasibility Study, a community graffiti removal project is being organized by local stakeholder groups and city agencies. We will cover the area between Kansas Ave and Upshur St to the North all the way down to Florida Ave to the South.

### **The Solution: Let's Empower Neighborhood Volunteers to Fight the Graffiti Ourselves**

A community graffiti removal event will be hosted on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> (at 10am at Torrie's Restaurant). Here, community volunteers will learn the appropriate way to remove graffiti and then spread out along Georgia Avenue and address problem areas on previously-identified sites. The community is developing a list of partner businesses and property owners that have given the community the right to address graffiti on their properties. The graffiti removal event on August 15<sup>th</sup> will help address many of the most problematic graffiti currently on Georgia Ave. However, this is not the end. Volunteers will be able to use donated equipment and continue to address graffiti whenever they see fit for properties in which permission has been obtained. This is an exciting opportunity to make a real difference.

**Please join us on August 15<sup>th</sup> and help clean up Lower Georgia Ave.**

**We're looking forward to seeing you there!**