

Park View United Neighborhood Coalition (UNC)

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Highlights

- **Park View UNC Meeting Wed July 7 at 7pm at the E.L. Haynes Public Charter School**
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- ANC1A Update & Meeting Announcement
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- *June Crime Report*
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Next Park View UNC Meeting – Wed July 7, 7-8pm at the E.L. Haynes Public Charter School



Join us for our monthly meeting at the E.L. Haynes Public Charter School's Cafeteria. The school's entrance is on Otis Place.

Community concerns with the safety and operation of the Park

View Rec Center will be the primary agenda item this month.

Community members will also have an opportunity to raise other issues of concern.

Don't miss it!

June UNC Meeting Report

- ANC1A Commissioner Cliff Valenti reported on recent activities of the ANC. They are working on the issue of Morgan's Seafood (Georgia and Kenyon) – which is seeking a liquor license – and a new development plan for the former Center Union Mission site (Georgia between Park Road & Newton Place)
- Representatives from DDOT (DC Department of Transportation) discussed the streetscape improvements being made on Georgia Ave. between Otis Place and Webster Street. They are spending \$7.9M to improve the streets, sidewalks, streetlights, and do other infrastructure improvements.
- John Hanly is leading an effort to control the rats in the neighborhood. He is seeking volunteers to "captain" their alley and get residents to sign a form giving the city permission to come onto their property for baiting purposes. See the form on the back of this newsletter for more information or email johnhanly@mac.com.
- Officer Jenkins is the current MPD officer assigned to the Rec Center. He'll be working to help reverse recent trends in illegal activity on or around the site.

- Benton Heimsath is the new community liaison for Ward 1 Councilmember Jim Graham. He can be reached at bheimsath@dccouncil.us.

ANC1A Report and Meeting Announcement

At the June ANC1A meeting the commission voted to support 5 of 6 areas of relief from zoning requirements requested by Landex, Inc. Landex is the developer proposing a new 7-story mix-use building at 3508 - 3512 Georgia. The commission did not support the request to lower the required number of parking spots from 45 spaces to 29. The zoning hearing was June 22nd, but the Board of Zoning Adjustment postponed their decision until July 16th. They are expected to approve it according to Steven Modfin of the Office of Planning, but the delay of decision could be a sign that the BZA is asking the developer to revise or provide some form of community mitigation for the parking requirement before approving the project. Other areas of relief they were requesting involved reducing the ceiling height of the ground floor retail from 14ft to 12ft, relief from being required to have a roof that was a single level (they want to reduce height toward Newton Place so the building will transition better into the existing townhouses), and a shorter loading dock than is required. ANC1A was successful in getting the developer to add a green roof to the building and to include balconies, brick, and other design elements to enhance the area. The developer will also be adding improvements as laid out in the Georgia Avenue Great Streets design guidelines.

ANC1A also elected a new Chair and Vice-Chair at its June meeting. Valenti resigned as chair after a year and a half to free up time to focus on other community activities. The new chairman is Bill Brown from ANC1A 06. The Vice-Chair is Lisa Kralovic from ANC1A 01.

The next ANC1A meeting is July 14th at Harriet Tubman Elementary School, 3101 13th Street, NW at 7:00pm

Here's What's in Your Tap Water

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) has released its 2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, the most comprehensive drinking water resource delivered to District residents each year. The report provides valuable information about the water flowing from the Potomac River to taps throughout the District.

Drinking water quality in the District has met all federal regulatory standards for the past five years, except for a turbidity violation on a single day in 2008. The Drinking Water Quality Report provides information on water quality monitoring, regulated contaminants and how our drinking water compares to federal standards. DC Water conducts more than 30,000 water quality tests each year

Ensuring high-quality water from the Potomac River to District households and other buildings is a shared responsibility among DC Water, residents, and the Washington Aqueduct (the federal agency responsible for treating the drinking water). DC Water encourages residents to learn about District drinking water and how household plumbing can affect their water. Annual reports, monthly water quality testing results and tips on ensuring water quality are available on the DC Water Web site at www.dcwater.com. For more detailed information contact the Water Quality Division at (202) 612-3440.

To view the 2009 Water Quality Report, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/2009WaterReport>

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Rat Prevention Update

Last month we started working on a neighborhood-wide Rat abatement effort. Right now we are collecting signatures on a petition that allows the inspector to come onto people's properties to check for problems. If you wish to allow the inspector onto your property please sign the form below in this newsletter and return to the UNC at the meeting on July 7th or drop off at the following addresses before Sunday, July 11th. We also have volunteers for some blocks who are collecting signatures so if you have already signed the petition you don't have to sign again. If you are interested in volunteering for your block email johnhanly@mac.com.

Tear off this portion and return to 632 Quebec Pl., 608 Rock Creek Church Rd., or bring to the July 7 UNC Meeting

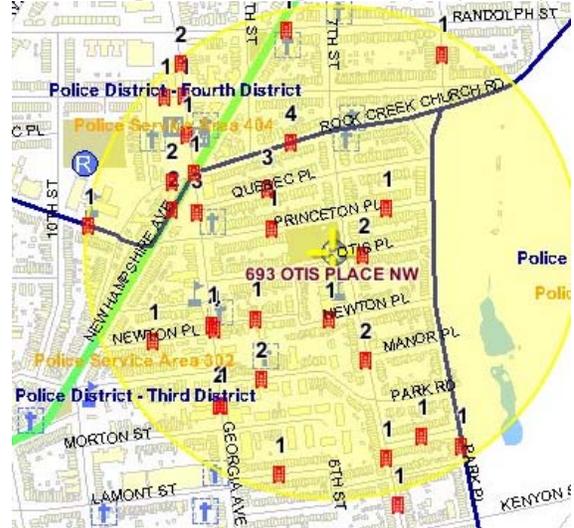
I certify that I have given permission to have my premises inspected and baited by DC Rodent Control staff to reduce rodent activity. My address and signature are affixed on this petition. I will remove my dog(s) from my yard and unlock my gate(s) so that staff can properly bait on the date that Rat Control comes to my community.

Name

Signature

Address

Crime Report for the period 5/23/10-6/23/10



In comparing crime for the past month with the same period last year, total crime increased 4% this month. A year ago there were 45 reported crimes within 1,500 feet of the Park View Rec Center compared to 47 reported crimes this month. While violent crime is down 42%, property crime is up 21%.

The reported crimes were:

Homicide:	0	(-100%)
Robbery Excluding Gun:	2	(-50%)
Robbery w/ Gun:	0	(-100%)
Assault w/ Dangerous Wpn Excl. Gun:	4	(-20%)
Assault w/ Dangerous Wpn Gun:	1	(N/C)
Burglary:	0	(-100%)
Theft:	14	(+40%)
Theft from Auto:	23	(+92%)
Stolen Auto:	3	(N/C)

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