

Park View United Neighborhood Coalition (UNC)

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Highlights

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Next Park View UNC Meeting – Wed Oct 6, 7-8pm at the Park View Rec Center



Please join us for our monthly meeting at the Park View Rec Center at Otis and Warder.

The following items are on the agenda. Community members will also have an opportunity to raise other issues of concern.

- Nominations from the nomination committee and the general membership for candidates to serve on the 2011 UNC Board
- Discussion and vote on expanding the UNC's borders to include the block bordered by Park Place, Manor Place, Warder, and Newton.

Don't miss it!

September UNC Meeting Report Highlights

- ANC commissioner Cliff Valenti reported that a voluntary agreement was reached with Top Spanish Restaurant at 3541 Georgia Avenue. ANC1A also asked the DC Council to delay their decision on regulations for medical marijuana clinics, as there is a concern that a clinic may open on Lower Georgia Avenue. A decision was scheduled for September.
- There was a proposal to expand the southern boundary of the UNC to Manor Place. This item is on the agenda for discussion at the October Meeting.
- Half of the UNC (east of Warder from Manor to Quincy) has been baited for rats. John Hanly is working with the city to cover the rest of the neighborhood and revisit problem areas in September. Community members can help by putting house numbers on the back of their properties and removing excess vegetation.
- The new Friends of the Rec Committee has been holding meetings to discuss options for renovating the Rec Center. They are collecting surveys and

informing DPR on community wishes before a decision on Sept 15 concerning the renovations to the playing field.

- Zakiya Brown, the new Rec Center Site Director introduced herself and reviewed the activities at the Rec Center and how she focuses on programs to make the inside of the Rec Center a safe haven for community members and young people while working with MPD.
- A representative for the new Ward 1 Senior Wellness Center spoke about the programs to be offered at the new center (see additional info in this newsletter).
- Officer Randy Rogers from MPD spoke about his efforts to keep crime under control in Park View and his support at the Rec Center. He can be reached at randy.rogers@dc.gov.

New Capital Bikeshare Station Open



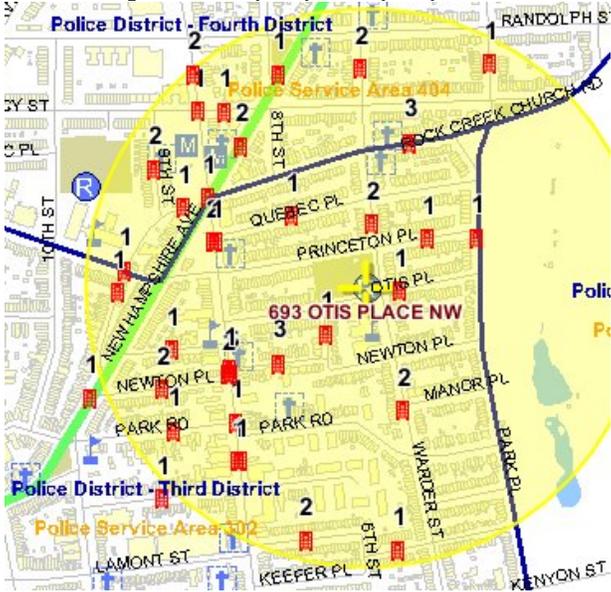
A Capital Bikeshare station was installed on September 20, 2010, at the intersection of Rock Creek Church Road and Georgia Avenue. It is one of 30 new stations opened in the 100+ station system. Over 1,200 people have already signed up for Capital Bikeshare. To sign up simply go to the Capital Bikeshare Web site, www.capitalbikeshare.com and click "Join". Membership options include 24-hour (\$5), 30-day (\$25) and annual memberships (\$75).

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Election of 2011 Officers and Board

Nominations for next year's officers and board members will close on October 6, 2010 at the end of the monthly meeting. This is a great way to become more engaged in our community. Officers include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four at-large members. If you are considering running for office, or can think of someone who would be a great candidate, please contact the nominating committee at 202.723.2407 or email unc.history@gmail.com. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting, and all nominees will be posted in the November newsletter. The election will be held at the November 3rd meeting. Anyone who has been a member for at least 20 days prior to the election is eligible to vote.

Crime Report for 8/12/10-9/23/10



In comparing crime for the six week period ending on September 23, 2010, with the same period last year, total crime increased 42%. A year ago there were 38 reported crimes within 1,500 feet of the Park View Rec Center compared to 54 this year. Violent crime was down 60%, but property crime increased by 109%.

The reported crimes were:

Robbery Excluding Gun:	1 (-83%)
Robbery with Gun:	0 (-100%)
Assault w/ Dangerous Wpn Excl. Gun:	5 (+67%)
Assault w/ Dangerous Wpn Gun:	0 (-100%)
Burglary:	7 (N/A)
Theft:	16 (+78%)
Theft from Auto:	22 (+83%)
Stolen Auto:	3 (+50%)

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

Senior Wellness Center Open for Registration!

The Ward One Senior Wellness Center at 3531 Georgia Avenue (Georgia and Newton) had its ribbon cutting on September 10 and the center is now open for registration. Programs will begin the first of October. Resources include:

- Nutrition Counseling and teaching classrooms
- Health Education Seminar Rooms
- Exercise and Fitness Area
- Computer Training Center
- Roof top terrace with walking trail path

The Center is open to District residents over age 60.



Ward 1 Senior Wellness Center - 3531 Georgia Ave

Top Spanish Restaurant Opens

Park View has a new sit-down restaurant option that residents will surely want to check out – Top Spanish located at 3541 Georgia Avenue. The menu has a healthy mix of continental Spanish and similar options. Diners who have already eaten there have reported back favorably.

In Remembrance: Horace C. Thomas (1925-2010)

It is with regret that we notify the community of the passing of one of its members, Horace C. Thomas – a resident of the 700 block of Quebec Street since 1947. Mr. Thomas began his education at James Adams School and entered the Army Air Force upon graduation. His service from 1943-1946 included participation in major campaigns in the China Burma-India Theater. Mr. Thomas later trained as a pastry chef and entered his career supplying the Distribution Center at the Hot Shoppes. He completed his nearly fifty-year career with the U.S. Department of Commerce. Mr. Thomas passed away on September 10, 2010. Services were held at his church of many years, Shiloh Baptist Church. Our condolences go out to his family.