

# PARK VIEW NEWS

For the ANC 1A08 Community, and beyond. 

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## July ANC 1A REPORT

The July ANC 1A meeting was attended by

Commissioners Lisa Kralovic (1A01), Vickey Wright-Smith (1A02), Laina Aquiline (1A05), William Brown (1A06), Thomas Boisvert (1A07), Kent Boese (1A08), Lenwood O. Johnson (1A10), and Dotti Love Wade (1A11).

Commissioners Sheldon Scott (1A03), Betty Pair (1A04), and Bobby Holmes (1A09) were absent.

There was no meeting in August.

Commissioner Kralovic requested a moment of silence at the beginning of the July meeting for the victims of the

July 9, 2011, shootings on the 1400 b/o Parkwood Place, NW.

Official business consisted chiefly of liquor license and grant applications. With voluntary agreements in hand, ANC 1A voted to support the ABRA applications for Zeba Bar & Grill (3423 14<sup>th</sup> Street), The Dunes (1402 Meridian Place), DC Reynolds (3628 Georgia Avenue), and La Morenita Restaurant (3539 Georgia Avenue).

The application for Georgia Liquors (2917 Georgia Avenue) was protested on the grounds that Georgia Avenue has too many liquor stores and the location is too close to the Bruce Monroe Park.

Grant applications were submitted and approved for SOL & SOUL, Bloombars (for a mural at the Park Rd. Giant), and Columbia Heights Day.

A public space application by Z Burger to use the Park Road frontage of the Tivoli Theater was approved pending public review of the applicant's impact on the public realm project. The application as submitted will require the movement of one of the public benches at that site.

The Commission voted in approval of a zoning variance

at 3601 13<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, supporting the owner's desire to build a third level. The design was considered to be in keeping with the surrounding row houses in height, scale, and style.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.



## AREA REAL ESTATE SALES REPORTING PERIOD:

May/June 2011

601 Columbia .....	\$432,650
413 Hobart .....	\$467,620
433 Irving .....	\$429,000
512 Irving .....	\$494,500
521 Irving .....	\$279,000
436 Kenyon .....	\$442,000
526 Kenyon .....	\$188,000
732 Kenyon .....	\$330,000
453 Lamont .....	\$220,000
512 Lamont .....	\$205,000
529 Lamont #102 ....	\$123,900
434 Manor .....	\$450,000
3639 New Hampshire .....	\$420,000
426 Newton .....	\$330,000
741 Newton .....	\$326,000
479 Park Rd. ....	\$318,000
744 Princeton .....	\$562,000
605 Rock Creek Church Road .....	\$275,000
3226 Warder .....	\$389,000
3577 Warder #102 ..	\$344,900

(Source: Redfin.com)



WARD 1 ANC/SMD  
REDISTRICTING PROCESS  
GETS STARTED

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> the Ward One Task Force for Advisory Neighborhood Commission/Single Member District Redistricting began the process of assessing current ANC and SMD borders with their first public meeting. The Task Force consists of members of all four Ward 1 ANCs and residents of the ward. It is chaired by Alan Roth.

The meeting was very general and laid out the big picture of the process that would be taken. It was noted that one thing that makes this redistricting process easier than the process 10 years ago is that the boundaries of Ward 1 didn't change much this time.

There was a discussion on how large an ANC should be. Based on the official population from the 2010 Census and that each SMD is ideally to have a population of 2,000 plus or minus 5%, ANC 1D would shrink to 5 SMDs whereas ANC 1B could grow to 13 SMDs if the current ANC borders are maintained. This isn't unusual since there is currently one ANC (2D) that has two SMDs and several have 12 SMDs.

Finding a way to equitably distribute the population and balance out the ANCs while maintaining neighborhood cohesiveness can get tricky. Overall, there seemed to be a desire to have ANCs that are

more equal in population if possible.

One suggestion was to move the boundary of 1D to 14th Street and then adjust the 1A/1B border accordingly to bring some balance to all of the Ward 1 ANCs. Another idea was to keep the borders of ANC 1C and 1D as they are and create a fifth Ward 1 ANC encompassing the Georgia Avenue corridor communities. Such an ANC would likely focus on issues related to Georgia Avenue and Howard University.

ANC 1A08 should not be impacted much. The official population for this SMD is 2,079 which falls within the allowable variance. It is possible that a slight border shift may occur to balance out neighboring SMDs, but the impact should be minimal.

Overall, though, after careful consideration, I believe that it is in the best interest of the ANC 1A08-1A10 communities to remain in ANC 1A and keep the borders of the existing ANCs as close to their current boundaries as possible.

Additional public meetings are scheduled for September and October (see calendar page 6). To express your opinions and concerns, please contact Commissioner Boese at (202) 525-7682 or [kent.boese@and.dc.gov](mailto:kent.boese@and.dc.gov)



MIDDLE GEORGIA  
AVENUE GREAT STREETS  
PROJECT MONTHLY  
PROJECT UPDATE,  
AUGUST 2011

The following is from DDOT's August Update about the Middle Georgia Avenue Great Streets project, which is largely impacting the area between Princeton and Otis Places at this time.

CONSTRUCTION  
ACTIVITIES:

Work will continue along Georgia Avenue between Otis Place and Princeton Place, NW. The DDOT team will be installing concrete base, new sidewalk, pavers and completing the bump-out. Installation of new street lights will continue from Quebec Place to Otis Place, NW.

We are pleased to report that the project remains on schedule. This month we will also break down the existing staging area located at Taylor Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

ANTICIPATED  
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC  
IMPACTS:

Various Locations:

- Construction tasks will require temporary, daytime parking lane closures on Georgia Avenue between Princeton Place and Newton Place from **7:00am-5:00pm**, and temporary travel lane closures, **9:30am-3:30pm**.

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- Pedestrian traffic will be re-directed with detours along sidewalks where excavation is occurring. Access to businesses and residences will continue to be maintained.
- Paving/Resurfacing will take place in the evening hours.

NEW, PERMANENT TRAFFIC AND PARKING IMPROVEMENTS:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Upshur to Kansas: Parking may change from parallel to diagonal parking on the East side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The travel lane will remain one-way northbound.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Taylor to Upshur: Parking has changed from parallel to diagonal parking on the West side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Travel lanes will change from (2), two-way travel lanes, to (1) travel lane, one-way southbound.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLANS:

To assure successful coordination, we will continue engaging all affected residents, businesses, and other key stakeholders by completing the following this month:

- Distribute weekly construction notices to any affected businesses or residents along the project limits.
- Continue to post “Rebuilding D.C.” signs along the most impacted work areas.

- Follow-up on any e-mails or phone calls pertaining to questions about this project.
- Participate in the monthly Construction and Policy Meetings.

STAYING CONNECTED:

Please call us at 202-541-1526 with your questions or comments. Or e-mail the project team at [middlegeorgiaavenue@ddotprojects.info](mailto:middlegeorgiaavenue@ddotprojects.info).

To add your name to the project e-mail update distribution list, please forward your contact information to [middlegeorgiaavenue@ddotprojects.info](mailto:middlegeorgiaavenue@ddotprojects.info).

Construction Contract Amount: **\$7,906,624.05**

Percentage completed to date: **73%**

Estimated Project Completion date: **November 2011**



**ANC 1A TO PROTEST REPROGRAMMING OF GEORGIA AVENUE GREAT STREET FUNDS**

The *Washington Business Journal* reported on August 10th that Mayor Gray intends to reprogram the final \$1.44 million away from the Georgia Avenue Great Streets Project for other construction projects in the District. In response, Councilmembers Jim Graham and Muriel Bowser issued a

joint disapproval of the reprogramming.

Following their lead, Commissioner Boese will introduce a resolution opposing the reprogramming and urge the Mayor and City Council to not only retain the \$1.44 million but also make the Lower Georgia Avenue Great Streets project a funding priority. Boese believes that the momentum of the streetscape work currently underway between Webster and Otis needs to continue.

**11TH AND MONROE PARK RENOVATION BREAKS GROUND**

Renovation of the Trolley Turnaround Park at 11th and Monroe officially broke ground on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. Mayor Vincent C. Gray began the ceremonies by speaking about the importance of public green spaces and how they are essential to communities.

The Mayor also took the opportunity to refer to the site’s original use as the old streetcar loop that was the northern terminus of the line on 11th Street. While on the subject of streetcars the Mayor spoke briefly about the plan to bring streetcars back to the District and confirmed his commitment to that project.

But, the star of the day was the park. In addition to Mayor Gray other speakers included DPR Director Jesús Aguirre, Councilmember Jim Graham’s

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# Park View Kids Zone **September 2011**



## 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 and tutoring we create relationships that will help children to succeed in their education, life skills, and their community.

For more information you can contact Mrs. Angela...

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Ang.Strange@Gmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 After-School 3-6pm Extra Tutors Today	2 After-School 3-6pm End of Week Party	3 <b>FUN Saturday 12-4pm</b>
4 <b>Closed</b>	5 <b>Closed</b> Labor Day No School	6 After-School 3-6pm Extra Tutors Today	7 After-School 3-6pm  Reading Circle 5:30 to 6:30	8 After-School 3-6pm Extra Tutors Today	9 After-School 3-6pm End of Week Party	10 <b>FUN Saturday 12-4pm</b>
11 <b>Closed</b>	12 After-School 3-6pm	13 After-School 3-6pm Extra Tutors Today	14 <b>Closed</b> *After-School & Reading Circle will be closed*	15 After-School 3-6pm Extra Tutors Today	16 After-School 3-6pm End of Week Party	17 <b>FUN Saturday 12-4pm</b>
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Park View Kids Zone provides free after- school, weekend, and summer programming for the children of the Park View area. PVKZ is located in the "Field House" on the grounds of Park View Rec Center near the corner of Princeton PL NW and Warde ST NW

[www.facebook.com/ParkViewKidsZone](http://www.facebook.com/ParkViewKidsZone)

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Chief of Staff Calvin Woodland, and ANC 1A Commissioners Laina Aquiline (1A05) and Kent Boese (1A08). Woodland referred specifically to how important this project was to the community and Councilmember Graham, noting the many years it has taken to get the project underway.

Related to Woodland's remarks, Director Aguirre spoke about the many public meetings with community stakeholders in the planning of the park. Both Commissioners Aquiline and Boese expressed the importance of parks and green spaces to young families and communities that have little green space to speak of. Boese in particular noted the absence of significant public green space east of New Hampshire Avenue.



(Mayor Gray with ANC 1A Commissioners Aquiline and Boese)



### TREE WORK ON 600 B/O PRINCETON PLACE

After reviewing the trees on the 600 block of Princeton Place, representatives from DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration determined that two of the large oaks at the west end of the block contained too much rot and insect damage to continue shading the community safely. These trees were cut down on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

After contacting DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration, it was learned that eight new trees are planned to be planted on this block during the next tree planting season. Two overcup oaks will replace the trees recently cut down. The east end of the block will get one smoke tree and two katsura trees. The west end of the street will get a smoke tree and two red horsechestnuts. Six trees will be entirely new to the street and fill empty tree boxes on the east and west ends of the street.

According to the UFA, streets are no longer planted with just one type of tree in the District as has been done in the past. By planting a variety of trees on one street, the City avoids losing all the trees on a single block at the same time due to diseases and other problems. It also adds visual interest.

The chief thing residents can do once the trees are planted is to help water them during the first couple of years. This is especially critical in the hot dry summer months. Once established the trees will cease

to need that extra help unless there are extreme weather conditions.



### NEW HARDWARE STORE OPENING IN NOVEMBER

Park View resident Anne Stom announced on Sept. 31<sup>st</sup> that she will be opening a new area hardware store at 1240 Upshur Street in November called Annie's Ace Hardware. More details to come as the opening date nears.



### REMNANT FROM GEORGIA AVENUE STREETCARS

The sign below is from one of the scrolling signs that were installed in D.C. Transit streetcars traveling on Georgia Avenue before service was discontinued in 1962. The stops listed here were from the 70, 72, & 74 routes.



**CRIME REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 6/22/11-8/22/11**



In comparing crime for the past two months with the same period last year, total crime decreased 9% this period. A year ago there were 82 reported crimes within 1,500 of the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Newton Place compared to 75 reported crimes this period.

The increases in crime this period were in burglaries and thefts. Last year there were 4 reported burglaries to 5 this period. There were also 22 reported thefts this year compared to 18 reports last year. Of the 75 incidents, 60 were property crimes and 15 were violent in nature.

The reported crimes were:

- Sex Abuse ..... 2 (-33%)
- Robbery Excl. Gun ... 10 (-10%)
- Robbery w/ Gun ..... 1 (-50%)
- Assault w/ Dangerous Wpn Excl. Gun..... 2 (NC)
- Assault w/Dangerous Wpn – Gun ..... 0 (-100%)
- Burglary ..... 5 (+25%)
- Theft..... 22 (+22%)
- Theft from Auto ..... 25 (-14%)
- Stolen Auto ..... 8 (-20%)

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



**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

**September 13:** Ward 1 ANC/SMD Redistricting Task Force Public Meeting: Presentation and

discussion of Chairman’s Mark – Columbia Heights Youth Club (Lounge), 1480 Girard Street, NW, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

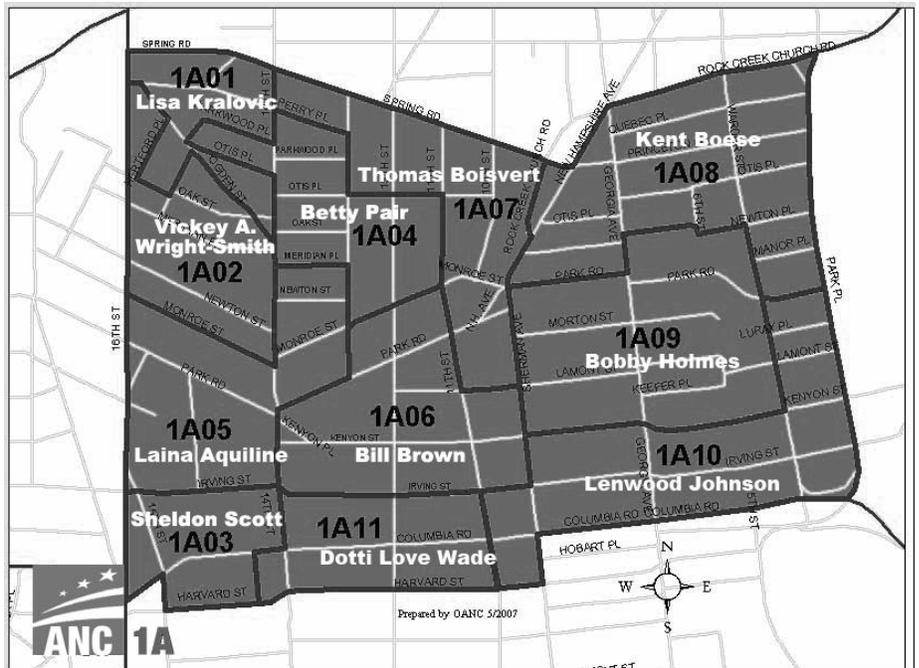
**September 14:** ANC 1A Meeting – Harriet Tubman Elementary School, 3101 13th Street, NW, 7 p.m.

**September 15:** Metropolitan Police Department PSA 302e Community Meeting – Park View Recreation Center, 693 Otis Place, NW, 7-9 p.m.

**September 27:** Ward 1 Redistricting Task Force Meeting: Public Forum – Columbia Heights Youth Club (Lounge), 1480 Girard Street, NW, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**October 3:** Ward 1 Redistricting Task Force Meeting: Final Vote – Columbia Heights Youth Club (Lounge), 1480 Girard Street, NW, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

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



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