

**DUPONT PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
2008 – 2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS
(September 1 through August 31)**

During 2008 and 2009 the Dupont Park Civic Association (DPCA) achieved the following accomplishments in support of its mission to promote the civic welfare of our community by providing citizens the opportunity to have a positive impact on:

- Healthcare
- Crime
- Recreation
- Neighborhood Cleanliness and Maintenance
- Traffic and Transportation
- Public Safety
- Education and Employment
- Environmental Issues and much more

In addition, DPCA served as an advocate for the residents. Also, through the monthly newsletter and website, served as a clearinghouse for civic information and community events.

HEALTHCARE

- ❖ Provided information on various health fairs such as the Wellness Fair at the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church and the Animal Disease Prevention Division of the Department of Health's free vaccination clinics for pets.
- ❖ Provided information to senior citizens including homebound meal and medical transportation services.
- ❖ Informed members of Howard University Hospital's offering of free medical treatment for low low-income and uninsured patients.

CRIME

- ❖ Used the DPCA monthly newsletter and website to provide information on identity theft, contractor scams, and crime prevention.
- ❖ Invited a PSA 605 Metropolitan Police Department representative to each monthly meeting to provide information on crime prevention and crime statistics in our area.
- ❖ Invited representatives from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to discuss crimes committed in the community and actions taken.
- ❖ Alerted the community of various crimes committed in the area especially the graffiti attacks on the "0" Street Wall.
- ❖ Provided other information to residents on how to protect themselves from potential crimes by registering their car in the "Watch Your Car Program."
- ❖ Sent a letter to Mayor Adrian Fenty, Chief Cathy Lanier, Council members – Vincent Gray, Yvette Alexander, Kwame Brown, Phil Mendelson, and Marion Barry and Ward 7 Community Leaders objecting to the potential

closing of the MPD 6th District Substation located at 2701 Pennsylvania Avenue SE.

- ❖ Sent a letter to Commander Alton Bigelow in recognition of his retirement from MPD and for the valuable contributions made to our organization.

RECREATION

- ❖ Provided information on a variety of activities and services available such as: tennis classes, skating lessons, community trips, and services provided by the various DC Recreation Centers.
- ❖ Supported the community regarding complaints at the DC Center for Therapeutic Recreation resulting from the partnership with DPR and Positive Partnership and the DC Department of Parks and Recreation.
- ❖ Provided information to senior citizens including help with the conversion to digital television and the Mayor's Annual Senior Holiday Celebration.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANLINESS AND MAINTENANCE

- ❖ Provided information to the community on various laws pertaining to lawn maintenance, clean-up of animal's waste, removal of trash cans, snow and holiday tree removal, leaf collection, etc.
- ❖ Encouraged residents to clean up and beautify their property and provided information to them on things they could do and appropriate laws that apply.
- ❖ Initiated and implemented a DPCA Beautification Project, which, to date, resulted in 40 complaints, issuance of citations, and on-going resolutions.
- ❖ Reminded residents of the following law enforcement: Anti-Littering Amendment Act of 2008, the booting of vehicles with outstanding photo enforcement tickets, snow and holiday tree removal, leaf collection, and parking meter charges.
- ❖ Requested a Ward 7 FIX-IT for Street Cleaning, which were conducted on April 2, and 17, 2009.
- ❖ Sent correspondence to William Howland, Director, DC Department of Public Works and other public officials requesting assistance with the graffiti clean-up at the O Street Wall.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

- ❖ Invited guest speakers to address the Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Corridor Land Development Plan; Final Report of Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Transportation Study; Final Report on the Middle Anacostia River Crossings Transportation Study; the Great Streets Framework Plan; the 11th Street Bridge Project; Department of Motor Vehicles services available at Penn Branch and the impact on the community; the schedule for alley paving in Ward 7; tree services; street lights in the community.
- ❖ Sent a letter to Council Member Kwame R. Brown in support of Bill 17-0915, the "Downtown Anacostia and Pennsylvania Avenue Eminent Domain Authorization Act of 2008" along with a list of stalled project and activities

pertaining to the redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue specifically Blocks 2300 - 2600 and 3200 - 3300 on both sides of the street.

- ❖ Implemented the Traffic Calming Study conducted for our area. As a result of the Study Speed humps installed on M, N, O, P & Q Sts ; DO NOT ENTER SIGNS changed from 7:00 AM TO 6:00 AM at Anacostia Rd, M, N, Nash O, P, Q, Carpenter and Branch; Cross Walk Signals and Markings placed on Branch Avenue; Lighting increased at Randall Circle from 250W to 400W; Trees trimmed at 30th & Nash and Nelson; Sidewalks repaired along Randall Circle, Branch, Massachusetts, Lyndale and Minnesota; and a Traffic Warrant Study conducted at Randall and Minnesota.
- ❖ Provided information on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) pertaining to the DC Neighborhood Circulation Study Project where WMATA and DDOT were seeking ways to enhance and improve bus service throughout District Neighborhoods;
- ❖ Provided information on the Metro Board hearings on reducing Metro bus service to close part of the agency's budget gap.
- ❖ Provided information to residents on the primary and general 2008 elections, as well as information on parking restrictions and street closing around the president's transition office.
- ❖ Provided information on exchanging the regular SmarTrip card for a Senior or Disabled SmarTrip card for free.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- ❖ Advised residents on a variety of community meetings such as the ones sponsored by the Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency designed to prepare residents for a variety of disasters and the DC Preparedness Workshops.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

- ❖ Provided community with information on jobs fairs, such as: Mayor Fenty, Eleanor Holmes Norton and the Economic Stimulus Job Fairs.
- ❖ Provided community with information on internships and volunteer opportunities, information on higher education opportunities and available funding, and free educational camps.
- ❖ Participated in the DC Public Schools Beautification Program.
- ❖ Provided information on DC Public Library's meetings to engage community residents and library patrons on the plans to build the new Francis A. Gregory Neighborhood Library and the Washington Highlands Library and to view the interior and vote on the furniture for the Benning and Anacostia Libraries.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- ❖ Informed the community of financial assistance available to install renewable energy systems on their homes, assistance in paying energy bills, free home energy audits, free smoke alarms, etc.

- ❖ Advised residents on a variety of community meetings such as: Council Member Mendelson on neighborhood concerns; Anacostia Waterfront Symposium; WASA's meeting on its 20- year plan to control Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO); Pepco's public hearing on power outages, WASA's Impervious Area Charge, etc.
- ❖ Advised residents of planned construction and development such as the New Department of Employment Services Headquarters next to the Minnesota Avenue Metrorail Station and the Anacostia Waterfront Park.
- ❖ Introduced the District's River Smart Program where DC Residents can receive up to \$1200 for projects (trees, bayscaping, rain gardens, pavers, rain barrels) to help eliminate storm water run-off on their property.
- ❖ Made residents aware of several important projects initiated by the Mayor such as "Potholepalooza" – the month long program to have potholes repaired, "Operation Fix It" – the program aimed at abating crime, blight and compliance issues, and "Green DC Agenda" - a plan to make the District a cleaner, healthier, greener city.
- ❖ Prepared a letter for ANC 7B to Neil Albert, Deputy Mayor, Office for Planning and Economic Development requesting a status of the redevelopment opportunity for the Penn Branch Shopping Center.
- ❖ Sent correspondence to Councilmember Muriel Bowser to recognize the outstanding work to keep the community informed of the latest issues affecting our public utilities performed by the DC Office of the People's Counsel under the leadership of Elizabeth A Noel.
- ❖ Notified residents of office moves and hiring changes in the DC government.
- ❖ Provided information on the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development September 10, 2008 "Downtown Ward 7 Development Process."
- ❖ Notified residents of Pope Branch Restoration efforts.

RESIDENT ADVOCACY AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

- ❖ Assembled and donated three Christmas baskets of perishable food items to Randle Highlands Elementary School for families in need of support. Randall Highlands Elementary School identified the families and made the arrangements for the families to pick up the baskets from the school.
- ❖ Participated in the 6th District Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) and MPD PSA 605 Annual Christmas Party for children in Ward 7 schools.
- ❖ Donated new toys to the 6th District Police Station in support of the Sixth District Holiday Toy and Coat Drive.
- ❖ Sent cards, fruit baskets, plants and/or donations to sick members and flowers for deceased members.
- ❖ Held Dupont Park Civic Association's Annual Christmas Holiday Celebration.
- ❖ Conducted the annual car raffle fundraiser for Dupont Park Civic Association.
- ❖ Sponsored a fundraiser trip to Harrington, Delaware.

- ❖ Supported the DC Federation of Civic Associations Luncheon on October 25, 2008 where Mr. Ralph W. Amis received the Outstanding Senior Citizen Delegate Award and Mrs. Thetus Boyd received the Outstanding Female Delegate Award.
- ❖ Participated in the 6th Annual Lorraine H. Whitlock Dinner on April 24, 2009 at the St. Luke's Catholic Church. Our president, Barbara Morgan received an award for her outstanding work in our community.
- ❖ Placed an ad in the CAC Sixth District Council's Annual Awards Banquet Program held on April 24, 2009. The ad congratulated the police officers, civilian employees of the police department, as well as at-large citizens who provided outstanding service to our community.
- ❖ Made the community aware of various community activities, such as: awards banquets, activities for seniors and families, free tax filings, homeownership and foreclosure prevention programs, Yvette Alexander's 2009 State of Ward 7 address,
- ❖ Voted to award a \$500.00 scholarship to a worthy student.
- ❖ Planned and sponsored a summer fundraiser trip to St. Michaels, Maryland.
- ❖ Conducted a drive for school supplies for Randall Highland Elementary School. Donated:

39 - Backpacks	10 Packs Notebook Paper
12 - 1 ½ in. Notebook Binders	15 - 1 in. Notebooks
45 - Rulers	8 - Glue Sticks
39 - 5 Tab Subject Dividers	24 - Pencil Erasers
23 - 100 pack Lined Index Cards	2 - 4 Tab Subject Dividers
25 - Scissors	67 - 2 Pocket File Folders
4 packs # 2 Pencils	10 - Pencil Sharpeners

- ❖ Continued research on the possibility of DPCA obtaining a Non-Profit 501 (c) (3) status.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- ❖ Maintained the DPCA website at www.dupontparkcivicassociation.org
- ❖ Published DPCA's Accomplishments for 2008 - 2009.
- ❖ Published DPCA's Business Plan for Calendar Year 2008 - 2009.
- ❖ Purchased an additional four (4) signs to advertise DPCA's monthly meetings.
- ❖ Published nine (9) monthly newsletters.
- ❖ Initiated plans for a "DPCA Community Day" designed to attract new members to the Dupont Park Civic Association.
- ❖ Conducted election of the 2009-2011 DPCA Officers.