

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Triangle,

The Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District will hold its Annual Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 20th, at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, located at 901 Third Street, NW. At the meeting achievements of the previous year will be highlighted and the election of new directors to the board will be held. We urge you to attend and learn more about your Community Improvement District.



Bill McLeod
Executive Director

The Northern Liberties House Riot

The Know Nothing Party was a political movement of the 1850s that grew out of fear that major cities in the U.S. were being overrun by Irish Catholic immigrants who were victims of the potato famine. The title of “Know Nothing” came from the response members would give when they were questioned about their semi-secret organization: “I know nothing”.

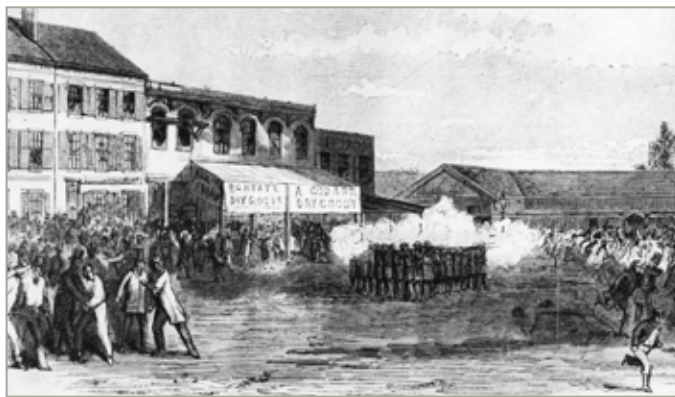
On June 1, 1857, a band of Know Nothing supporters traveled by train from Baltimore to Washington, DC to help local party members control the polls

during a DC municipal election. Word of their arrival spread and rioting began at several of the polling stations. President James Buchanan called out U.S. Marines from the barracks near the Washington Navy Yard to quell the uprising. In a clash with Know Nothing Party members at the polling

station at Northern Liberties Market (now Mount Vernon Square), the Marines opened fire, killing ten men.

Buchanan’s use of military force was condemned but no criminal prosecution ensued and, with the Civil War looming, the Northern Liberties House Riot was quickly forgotten.

The Know Nothing Party led to the



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demise of the Whig Party in the U.S. It had few prominent leaders, and most of its members were absorbed by the Republican Party.

To learn more about these events, read *Hanging Henry Gambrill: The Violent Career of Baltimore’s Plug Uglies, 1854–1860* by Tracy Matthew Melton. ►

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The Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District provides clean, safe, economic development, and marketing services to the Mount Vernon Triangle community.

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Public Safety Program Begins

The Mount Vernon Triangle CID Public Safety Program was launched on August 3rd. A uniformed Metropolitan Police Department officer is now walking the Triangle every Friday and Saturday night from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

This initiative utilizes the Police Department's Reimbursable Detail Program. As our budget grows, MVTCID hopes to add more nights, and we may even add one or more hospitality ambassadors as streets in the Triangle become increasingly animated with shoppers, office workers, tourists, and residents.

Get involved in public safety by attending the monthly PSA 101 East meeting at Golden Rule Plaza (1050 New Jersey Avenue, NW) every second Thursday of the month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. And, if you witness a crime, please call 911 immediately. For non-emergencies, call 311. ▶



Officers Schneider (shown) and Hoban patrol the Triangle Friday and Saturday nights

Busboys

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Known in Washington for a series of popular eateries such as Skewers, Café



Andy Shallal's second Busboys & Poets will be opening at 5th and K.

Luna, Mimi's, and his current jewel, Busboys & Poets, Mr. Shallal plans to create another gathering place for intellectuals and activists.

The CityVista Busboys & Poets is expected to open in the summer of 2008. While the space will be primarily a restaurant, there will also be an adjoining bookstore, a screening room, and performance spaces, as at the flagship loca-

It is wonderful to be a part of a new, vibrant community. Our mission is to enhance the space and connect it to the surrounding community. It will be a space with early and late hours and one that will allow people to linger and meet their neighbors.

Andy Shallal
Owner, Bus Boys and Poets

tion on 14th Street. Cuisine influences will range from Middle Eastern to Italian, and the menu will be replete with comfort foods – meatloaf, pulled pork, and crab cakes. Sandwiches will start at

Clean Team Continues Great Work

The Mount Vernon Triangle CID's Clean Team is doing an amazing job. In spite of the smallest budget of all the Business Improvement Districts in the city, our team has been cleaning



Brian Redd and Eric Johnson maintain the streets and sidewalks.

the streets and sidewalks in the Triangle seven hours a day, seven days a week. During the month of July, the team picked up 17,610 pounds of trash from public space. ▶

Charmed

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District of Columbia while also providing a program designed to boost self-esteem, inspire academic achievement, and create ambassadors of change — poised, confident, college-bound young women willing to share their experiences and values with family and friends.

The ceremony showcasing the accomplishments of participants from Wards 4, 5, 7 and 8, featured an awards presentation, a keynote speech by former model and current Ground Crew CEO Audrey Smaltz, a fashion show and fashion arts exhibit showcasing apparel, accessories, and event storyboards. ▶

\$8 and entrées will range from \$9 to \$21. Two other Busboys & Poets locations will be launched next year, one in Shirlington and another in Hyattsville. To learn more, visit www.BusboysandPoets.com. ▶

Volunteer for MVTCID

If you're willing to volunteer for the neighborhood clean-up scheduled for October 13th, plan a special event, help with the redesign of the website, etc., please come to the next meeting of the Marketing Committee on October 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Downtown DC BID boardroom at 1250 H Street, NW, Suite 1000.



Dollar City owner Jamil Ayouch moved down from New York to open a general store in Mount Vernon Triangle in 2004. Since then, he has seen a lot of change for the better. Dollar City sells a variety of goods—from clothing to house wares—and is located at 315 K Street, NW.

Calendar of Events

September 20	4:00 pm	Annual Members Meeting	Mount Carmel Baptist Church
September 29	12 noon	Mount Vernon Triangle Walking Tour	Mount Vernon Square
October 10	5:30 pm	Marketing Committee Meeting	Downtown DC BID Boardroom
October 13	9:00 am	Park Clean Up - 5th and Mass	Meet in the Park
November 14	10:00 am	Property Managers Committee Meeting	Downtown DC BID Boardroom

Charmed in the Triangle

This year, one hundred teenage girls participated in the 2007 High Tea Society Summer Youth Program, "Charming By Design". The program's closing ceremony was held on August 3, 2007 at Second Baptist Church, located at 816

Third Street, NW.

The High Tea Society was launched in 1997 by Judge Mariessa Terrell as a vehicle for introducing young girls to the rich cultural offerings of the



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Madrigal Lofts Opening

Designed by Davis, Carter, Scott Ltd., *Madrigal Lofts* features 259 loft units with open floor plans and ten-foot ceilings. For decades Quadrangle Development Corporation

and The Wilkes Company have been committed to the renaissance of Downtown. *Madrigal Lofts*, which will deliver this fall, is their second residential building in Mount Vernon Place following the *The Sonata*, last year's highly successful 12-story, 75-unit condo. ▶



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The L Opens

The first condominium building on the north side of Mount Vernon Triangle, The L, will be opening this fall at CityVista. Built by a partnership led by Lowe Enterprises, The L is the first of three residential buildings at CityVista. It has 149 units, and 95% have been sold.

Designed by the award-winning architectural firm of Torti Gallas and Partners, The L is situated in the middle of the 400 block of L Street. The building

presents a narrow facade to the street, giving it a strong vertical emphasis. Floor-to-ceiling glass bays in the living area of each unit provide expansive views of the neighborhood.

The L offers up-scale amenities, including a boutique lobby with a staffed front desk, a clubroom with plasma TV and a catering kitchen, a library lounge with a reading area, a private courtyard, and a rooftop pool.

The next of the three CityVista resi-



The L is almost ready to open on the north side of the Triangle.

dential buildings to open will be The V, with 244 rental apartments, followed by The K condominiums with 292 units. ▶

New Memorial on South End of Triangle

The Memorial to the Victims of Communism — located just south of Mount Vernon Triangle at the intersection of Massachusetts and New Jersey Av-

enues — was dedicated by President Bush in an unveiling ceremony on Jun 12, 2007.

The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation was established by an Act of Congress in 1993 “to honor those who successfully resisted communist tyranny; to educate current and future generations about communism’s crimes against humanity; and to pay tribute to those who helped win the Cold War.”

The memorial features a bronze statue modeled on the papier-mache “Goddess of Democracy” fabricated in 1989 by Chinese students who were protesting communist oppression in Tiananmen Square. The inscriptions on the memorial were conceived by scholar Lee Edwards and former Ambassador Lev Dobriansky. They read: “To the more than 100 million victims of Communism and to those who love liberty” and “To the freedom and independence of all captive nations and peoples”. ▶



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New Busboys & Poets

Busboys & Poets’ owner Andy Shallal has announced that he will be opening a second DC location at CityVista, on the corner of 5th and K Streets, the former site of the city’s first Convention



Hall and later the Wax Museum.

“This is a very exciting addition to the retail lineup along 5th and K Streets,” stated MVTICID’s executive director, Bill McLeod. “Busboys & Poets is a successful destination restaurant that attracts a diversity of people from all parts of the City with its funky poetry readings and entertainment. We can expect the same lively scene in the Triangle.”

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