

## Safeway Opens!

Mayor Adrian Fenty opened Mount Vernon Triangle's urban lifestyle Safeway on September 12, 2008 at CityVista. It is the first full-service grocery store to open in downtown Washington, D.C. in 11 years.

The 57,000 square-foot Safeway is the retail anchor in the newly opened CityVista development at 5th and K Streets, NW. Safeway will sell groceries to residents occupying the 685 condo and apartment units above the store, along with the thousands of other residents living in Mount Vernon Triangle, Shaw, NoMa and Penn Quarter.

The CityVista Safeway features many of the company's latest amenities, such as an open-flame hearth oven within the full-service scratch bakery. The hearth oven, where artisan breads are baked fresh daily, is the focal point of the bakery. A nut bar offers a wide selection of warm,



Mayor Fenty joined ANC Commissioner Keith Silver as he announced the selection of Donohoe to spearhead the 5th and Eye project.



The new urban lifestyle Safeway's dazzling displays have garnered the store the moniker "the Sexy Safeway"

ready-to-eat nuts that can be flavored or ground on-site to create spreads and butters.

Customers will also enjoy a Starbucks Coffee bar and a Bergmann's Dry Cleaners, along with the traditional offerings of a full-service deli, meat counter, floral shop, fresh seafood

department, and a pharmacy.

The new store will employ 150 people, many of whom reside in the immediate neighborhood (more than 50 percent) or live elsewhere in the District of Columbia. Safeway worked closely with the

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## Plans Announced for 5th and Eye Site!

Mayor Adrian Fenty announced on September 19th that the District government has selected the development team led by the Donohoe Companies to build a 260-room luxury hotel, 166 apartments, a jazz club, and retail on the vacant city-owned parcel at 5th and Eye Streets, NW.

"This project is the perfect gateway between our bustling Chinatown and the emerging Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood," said Mayor

Fenty. "It is also a great example of a development team working with community leaders to put together the best project for their neighborhood."

The 475,000-square-foot project, called "Arts at 5th and I," will be anchored by ME, a Melia Hotel from Barcelona. It will also include a music venue called the Boisdale Jazz Club, a bike shop, a bookstore, a café, and the

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## A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Triangle,

The Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District has been awarded a \$75,781 grant from the Department of Public Works through the Department of Local and Small Business Development to augment clean services throughout Mount Vernon Triangle. The grant will be used over the next year to double the size of the Clean Team – expanding it from two to four members each day, and to weed and mulch the tree boxes within the MVTCID boundaries.

As a 501 (c) (6) organization, identifying grant money is a challenge because many grant makers only consider 501 (c) (3) organizations. This fiscal year, we are proud to have been awarded \$100,000 in grants and in-kind support.

Thank you DPW!

Bill McLeod  
Executive Director



## High Tea Hosts a Charming End to Summer

The High Tea Society celebrated the success of the second annual High Tea Society's "Charming By Design" leadership and life skills program – a participant in Mayor Fenty's Passport to Work Summer Youth Program. The closing ceremony was held on Friday, August 22, 2008 at Second Baptist Church; 816 Third Street, NW.

The closing program included scenes from *The Wiz* by William Brown, *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lor-

raine Hansbury, and other literary and theatrical works celebrating the achievements of the 112 young ladies who participated in this challenging program. The program is designed to introduce the young ladies to careers in the fields of theatrical makeup, costume design, staging, set design, and acting. In addition to learning the dramatic arts, students are educated in decorum, manners, dining etiquette, diction, grammar, and vocabulary during rhetoric and charm school classes.

Second Baptist Church partnered with Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, the D.C. Historical Society, and Georgetown Law Center to make this educational program possible. To learn more about the program or to send a young lady to The High Tea Society next summer, contact Mariessa ▶



Four young stars shine in the High Tea Society's standout production of "The Wiz".

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## Busboys and Poets Opens Its Doors

A new Busboys and Poets, at 5th and K Streets, NW, opened on September 24, 2008. Part of the CityVista development, this is the third location for owner Andy Shallal and his hugely popular restaurant group and includes an expansive outdoor dining area.

“Almost overnight the Mount Vernon Triangle area has been transformed into a vibrant, 24-hour destination – first with the openings of 5th Street Ace Hardware and the urban lifestyle Safeway, and now with the launch of the two-story Busboys and Poets. And, we’re looking forward to the opening of Results the Gym.” said Jeff Miller, Chairman of the Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District. “Not only will these amenities serve the new residents in Mount Vernon Triangle, but they will also draw people from all over the District of Columbia.”

Busboys and Poets is known for its broad appeal with its modest prices, creative décor, diverse clientele, and

wide variety of events. Entrees vary from meatloaf to crab cakes with prices ranging from \$8 to \$21. Events will include art openings, poetry readings, lectures, book signings, fundraisers, and receptions – a true gathering place for the Triangle.

Busboys and Poets strives to create an environment where shared conversation over food and drink allows the progressive, artistic and literary communities to dialogue, educate and interact. The new Busboys and Poets is located at 1025 5th Street, NW. To learn more, visit [www.busboysandpoets.com](http://www.busboysandpoets.com). ▶



*A smiling Andy Shallal takes a well-deserved break from his preparations for the opening of his new Busboys and Poets.*

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*–Jeff Miller, Chairman  
Mount Vernon Triangle CID*



*The new urban lifestyle Safeway says it with flowers.*

### Safeway!

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Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, local churches, MVTCID, and other community-based organizations to identify people for the new store’s workforce.

Bryan Jacobs is the store’s first manager. Jacobs, a second-generation Safeway employee, has been a store manager for the past three years, most recently in the company’s South Lakes store in Reston. He has also worked in Bethesda and Silver Spring during his five years with Safeway. ▶

### 5th and Eye!

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Zenith Art Gallery – a local gallery from 7th Street, NW.

The development will also feature 166 apartments, with 50 units reserved for renters earning less than 60 percent of the area median income. The development team has also proposed a 238-space underground parking garage. ▶



*Cory Wilson, Patrick Spencer, Sidney Jackson, and Supervisor Johnny Williams are part of the Clean Team that works seven days a week to keep Mount Vernon Triangle streets spotless.*

## Calendar of Events

November 6	6 pm	Walk with Tommy Wells	Meet at at 555 Mass NW
November 12	10 am	Property Managers Committee Meeting	Downtown BID Boardroom
November 15	9 am	Park Clean-Up	2nd and Mass NW
December 6	7 pm	Results the Gym Grand Opening	445 K Street NW
December 12-14	8 am	5th Street Ace Hardware Grand Opening	1055 5th Street NW
January 22	4 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Downtown BID Boardroom

## Annual Meeting



*Charles (Sandy) Wilkes (right) presents the MVT CID Public Service Award to ANC Commission Mark Dixon at the annual meeting.*

## Busboys and Poets



*Owner Andy Shallal tends to last minute details as he prepares for the opening of another art-filled Busboys and Poets. (story on page 3)*

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