

Madrigal Lofts Opens

Madrigal Lofts at 4th and I Streets NW is now open – the fourth new condominium to open in Mount Vernon Triangle. This is the second residential building at Mount Vernon Place, the 2.1-million-square-foot project being developed by Quadrangle Development Corporation and The Wilkes Company.

“We are very proud of our latest addition to Mount Vernon Place and of the role we continue to play, with others, in the development of Mount Vernon Triangle,” stated Charles “Sandy” Wilkes, chairman of The Wilkes Company. “Madrigal Lofts is a particularly good choice for people who are tired of the commute and want to live downtown.”

Located half a block from Massachusetts Avenue, the 12-story, loft-



Madrigal Lofts' distinctive lighting adds sparkle to the East End.

style condominium was designed by the architectural firm Davis, Carter, Scott. All units have 10-foot-high ceilings. Stylish blue balcony lights punctuate the skyline, distinguishing the building from others downtown. Madrigal Lofts adds 259 units to our fast-developing neighborhood.

To learn more about Madrigal Lofts, visit the web site at www.madrigallofts.com or drop by the sales office at 811 4th Street NW. ▶

AIPAC at Home at 251 H Street

After more than fifty years in Washington, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) has established a



AIPAC's daring modern design is right at home in today's stylish Mount Vernon Triangle.

permanent home in the Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood. The 100,000-member grassroots organization opened its new national headquarters at 251 H Street NW, just off of Massachusetts Avenue, on February 25.

Designed by Smith Group, the building fuses cutting-edge architecture with traditional American and

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Safety Bike Ride

Join Metropolitan Police Officer James Hoban and your neighbors for a Safety Bike Ride on Thursday, May 8th, 6:00–7:00 p.m. Meet in the driveway of 555 Mass at 6:00 p.m. This event will take place rain or shine. After the bike ride, you can learn more about security and safety in Police Service Area 101 East by attending monthly meetings of the Metropolitan Police Department at Golden Rule Plaza, 1050 New Jersey Avenue NW. They are held on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m. ▶



Officer Hoban will lead a community bike ride on May 8 starting at 6:00 p.m.

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Triangle,

The Mount Vernon Triangle CID needs volunteers! We're looking for hard-working, self-motivated people who are willing to help enhance the visibility of our neighborhood. If you're a self-starter, work well with others, and understand the budget constraints of a small non-profit, then the Marketing Committee is the place for you. We need help with writing press releases, making connections with the media, planning events, coordinating neighborhood clean-ups, and updating our website. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 30th at 8:00 a.m. at 1250 H Street NW, Suite 1000. Help us leverage our small budget by lending your skills!

Also, Mount Vernon Triangle is home to six parks—little green oases that need us as much as we need them. So if you enjoy rolling up your sleeves and don't mind getting a little dirt on your hands, please volunteer for the Triangle Spring Park Clean-Up on Saturday, April 26th, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon.

Make new friends, make our budget go a little bit further, make a difference!



Bill McLeod
Executive Director

455 Mass Opens

The first new Class-A office building to be developed in Mount Vernon Triangle in more than 25 years, 455 Massachusetts Avenue, NW officially delivered on February 15, 2008. The 12-story building contains 250,000 square feet of rentable office space, four levels of below-grade parking, 14,000-



455 Mass completes the Massachusetts Avenue street wall with distinction.

square-feet of ground floor retail space with outdoor seating and presents an ideal opportunity for a fine dining establishment or upscale retailer.

Bathed in natural light, the triangular lot and the glass and aluminum Gensler-designed facade present a striking gateway to the vibrant East End of Downtown. Fine quality materials are used throughout. The rich stone and wood finishes of its exquisite lobby complement the upper floors' dramatic vistas of the resi-

dential, retail, and commercial activity of Massachusetts Avenue.

Owned by prestigious Bethesda-based national commercial real estate investment firm ASB Capital Management, 455 Mass was developed and is managed by The Penzance Companies, a real estate investment firm that focuses on high-quality commercial properties in the Washington, DC area.

For more information, visit www.455massave.com. ▶

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Mount Carmel Baptist Adds School of Tomorrow

Mount Carmel Baptist Church, located at 901 3rd Street NW, is partnering with Gospel Rescue Ministries' School of Tomorrow to provide computer classes and other workforce training to youth in the District of Columbia.

"This great partnership between two faith-based organizations will address one of the most pressing issues facing our city today: education," stated Chrystal Jones, Director of the School of Tomorrow. "I am excited about this arrangement, and hopeful that it will promote further collaboration between other organizations in the city."

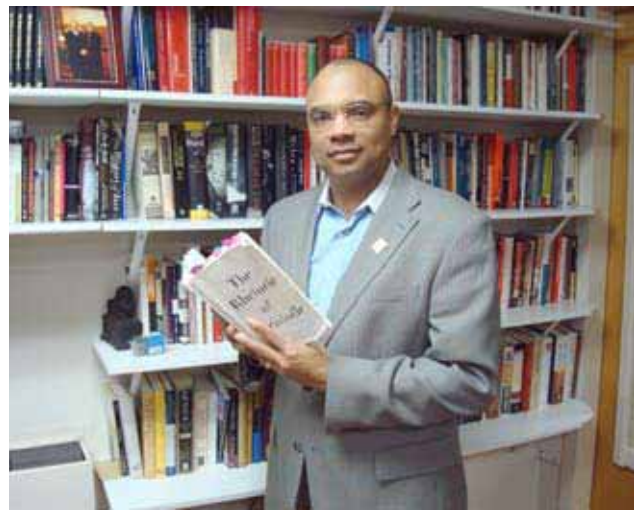
Courses offered by the School of Tomorrow at Mount Carmel will include Microsoft Office Certification, Commercial Driver's License training, G.E.D., and Cisco Certification, as well as computer lab sessions.

"Mount Carmel offers many programs that reach out to the community, including the School of Tomorrow," says Dr. Joseph Norman Evans, Senior Pastor of Mount Carmel. "We have the Excel after-school mentoring program that supports students at Dunbar High School, helping them to overcome

diverse challenges, and the Safe Harbor Christian Counseling program, which provides private counseling by appointment. We also support global missions, such as our trip to Ethiopia to aid women who have been working in the sex trade and retrain them for employment in sewing, cooking, and cosmetology."

Mount Carmel Baptist Church was founded in 1876 by departing members of Second Baptist Church, who worshiped at several sites in northwest Washington, including the Old Columbia Law Building on Fifth Street. In 1914, the growing congregation moved to 901 Third Street NW, where a new church building was completed in 1980 under the pastorate of the late Dr. Rossie Leonard Patterson.

During its 132-year history, Mount Carmel has had only ten pastors, including the Reverend Dr. William H. Jernigan, who served from 1912 to 1958. Among Dr. Jernigan's many achievements was



Dr. Evans consults his eclectic book collection to prepare his sermons, remarks & writings.

the founding of the Washington Baptist Seminary, and Mount Carmel received considerable national and international recognition during his pastorate. The tenth and present pastor, the Reverend Dr. Joseph N. Evans, teaches in the School of Divinity at Howard University, is a frequent contributor to the *Washington Times* as well as numerous other publications, and appears regularly on local television and radio broadcasts.

To learn more about the programs of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, visit their website at www.mcbbc-dc.org. ▶

Clean Team



Charles Wilson and George Crawford work hard to keep the Triangle neat and clean.

AIPAC

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Israeli materials, a blend that reflects the organization's mission of strengthening the alliance between the United States and Israel. The building, with approximately 80,000 square feet of office space spread across eight floors, occupies one of eleven sites in Mount Vernon Place, the mixed-use project being developed by Quadrangle Development Corporation and The Wilkes Company. To learn more about AIPAC, visit their website at www.aipac.org. ▶

L Street Update

City Vista will rebuild L Street, including the sidewalks, in anticipation of the opening of the new Safeway. L Street will be widened and two-way traffic will return to the street. The pocket park at 5th Street and New York Avenue will also be re-landscaped. DDOT will then undertake the streetscaping of 4th Street. Projected to begin in autumn of 2008, it will take around nine months to complete. Look for more Triangle streetscape updates in the next issue of *Triangle Times*. ▶

Calendar of Events

April 24	4 pm	Board of Directors' Meeting	Downtown DC BID Boardroom
April 26	9 am - 12 n	Park Clean-Up	Meet at 5th and Mass.
April 26	1 pm	Walking Town DC: Tour of the Triangle	Meet at 8th and K NW
April 30	8 am	Marketing Committee Meeting	Downtown DC BID Boardroom
May 7	10 am	Property Managers' Committee Meeting	Downtown DC BID Boardroom
May 8	6 pm	Safety Bike Ride	Meet in front of 555 Mass.

Job Training Fair

On Tuesday, March 18th, more than sixty DC residents took advantage of a free job-training fair hosted by the Mount Airy Baptist Church at 1100

North Capitol Street NW. Participants learned about opportunities in construction training, life-skills training, résumé-writing, networking, and retail training.



Martin Burkes from Goodwill Industries explains their construction training program.

The MVTCID commends Mount Airy Baptist for their continuing contribution to the community, and extends best wishes to all our neighborhood participants. ►

Citywide Call Center

Do you need to report problems, such as broken streetlights, gas leaks, illegal dumping, or other non-emergencies? Now it's easier than ever. Just call 311, the new number for the DC Government's Citywide Call Center.

Have an emergency? As always, call 911 to contact the Metropolitan Police or Fire Department. For public phone or cell phone users, the call is free. ►

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