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WELCOME FROM NEW MOUNT VERNON TRIANGLE PRESIDENT: CLAIRE OLEKSIK

In July, I joined the Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District (CID) to lead the organization at an important time of growth. Mount Vernon Triangle is at the heart of the city -- both geographically and culturally. It is a lively and livable downtown DC neighborhood. I am inspired by the neighborhood's richness of history, significant amount of residential, retail, and office currently under construction, and the engaged and diverse residents and leaders.

I look forward to working with the community and to bringing my passion for economic development, placemaking, operations, and transportation to the neighborhood. I appreciate the outgoing and welcoming nature of everyone I have met so far.

Please enjoy the newly launched e-newsletter, join our Facebook page and follow us on twitter. I am accessible by phone and email, or visit the office at 901 4th St., NW.

ALBA OSTERIA & LE PAIN QUOTIDIEN JOIN MOUNT VERNON TRIANGLE RETAIL

The Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood is known for its exceptional and diverse restaurants. The neighborhood's go-to spots include Busboys & Poets at 5th & K, Kushi, Mandu, Henry's Soul Café, Tel Veh, Taylor Gourmet, Sweetgreen, and more. Mount Vernon Triangle is a desirable retail location with 16,000 residents within 0.5 miles and another 800 residential units under construction. In addition, the neighborhood is home to 1.7 million SF of existing and under construction office, including the new headquarters for the American Association of Medical Colleges and the law firm Arnold & Porter.

Two new retailers coming to the neighborhood are [Alba Osteria](#) and [Le Pain Quotidien](#).

Alba Osteria has installed signage and is finishing interior build out for the new 155-seat Italian restaurant at 425 I St., NW. Part of the Al Dente family of restaurants, Alba Osteria will serve contemporary Italian cuisine and offer a



large inside bar area and outdoor patio dining experience. Plans also include live entertainment for weekend brunch. The restaurant anticipates opening in early December. Mount Vernon Triangle also is pleased to welcome Le Pain Quotidien (LPQ). LPQ recently announced that it signed a lease for 433 Massachusetts Ave, a unique brick building in the neighborhood. LPQ will bring their bakery, handmade organic breads, and menu of farm-fresh products to the Mount Vernon Triangle. Opening date has not yet been announced.

Interested in leasing retail space in the Mount Vernon Triangle? Check out the Mount Vernon Triangle [2013 Development Map](#) or contact the CID for info on brokers and owners of available space.



FIRST ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PERCEPTION SURVEY

320 people participated in the 2013 Mount Vernon Triangle Perception Survey between 8/19- 9/30. A summary of the survey results is available on the [CID website](#). 84% of survey respondents were Mount Vernon Triangle residents. Some key survey results include that 80% of respondents get to work by walking or riding public transit (without a car). The top three 'very important' factors in respondent's decision to locate in the Mount Vernon Triangle include transportation access, proximity to work & restaurants/entertainment.

The survey shows that 78% of respondents perceive the neighborhood to be "clean" and "very clean" and 54% of the respondents perceive the neighborhood to be "safe" and "very safe". Respondents said that they would like to see events such as a farmer's market, concerts, seasonal festival & movies. Some of the common words/phrases used by respondents to describe the neighborhood include "up & coming", "changing/transitioning" and "growing".

FALL FUN DAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th VOLUNTEER, PARADE, & CELEBRATE

The Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District presents a Fall Fun Day on October 26th from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at the 5th & K Street NW plaza.

Join your neighbors, family & friends for a day of festive fall activities. View the [event flyer](#).

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10:30 am - VOLUNTEER to plant flower bulbs at 5th & K planters and at Cobb Park. Meet at 5th & K St to sign up for teams & pick up supplies.

11:00 am - MINI MONSTERS KIDS PARADE. Meet at Mandu for parade & treats

11:30 - 1:30 pm - ARTISTIC pumpkin painting at 5th & K St. Paint your own mini pumpkins and face painting for all ages at Taylor Gourmet

12:00 Noon - ZOMBIE ZUMBA fitness class by Vida Fitness - free class outside Vida Fitness

1:00 pm - PET COSTUME PARADE. Meet at 5th & Eye St. Park. Parade to Busboys & Poets for judging & prizes

All Day! - Free Popcorn and 10% off Ace Hardware

MURAL AT CAPITAL VIEW HOSTEL IN THE MOUNT VERNON TRIANGLE

During the week of September 9th, Argentinean mural artist, Ever, painted two expansive murals on the exterior building walls of the Capital View Hostel located at 301 I St NW. The project was presented and funded by the Heineken Mural DC Project in



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLEAN TEAM MEMBER MS. GLOVER

Congratulations to Clean Team member, Ms. Glover, for her hiring as a permanent employee with Miller & Long Construction working on the residential building at 450 K St. Ms. Glover joined the Ready to Work (RTW) program in August of 2012 and was assigned to the Mount Vernon Triangle CID. She demonstrated a strong work ethic and leadership by helping her teammates both on and off the job. Soon after she joined the team, she was promoted to be a team leader. Ms. Glover has been a model RTW participant and we wish her much success in the future.

Mount Vernon Triangle launched its Clean Teams in partnership with RTW in 2007. RTW is a transitional job program that helps formerly homeless men and women by providing them job training, case management, financial literacy, spiritual counseling, business etiquette and technology skills. The work readiness and job placement programs reflect the demands of the workplace and provide comprehensive support to RTW employees to obtain jobs upon completion of the program. Since 2007, over 100 men and women have gained valuable work experience at the Mount Vernon Triangle CID and have successfully completed the RTW program.

partnership with the Art Whino Gallery. Ever, who is a street art artist from Buenos Aires, painted the mural to reflect his idea that people create their unique reality and world by experiencing life events. The Mural DC Project included four bi-cultural artists creating original artwork inspired by the "Open Your World" message. The Mount Vernon Triangle CID and Capital View Hostel are pleased to have been a part of the project. Opened in the Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood in 2010, Capital View Hostel offers the charm of a historic brick DC row house from the outside with the quality of a recently renovated interior, 4 bed female dorms, 6 bed mixed dorms, a full kitchen, and a luxurious roof top terrace overlooking the Capitol building.



REMEMBERING THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON: A CONVERSATION WITH VIVIAN MOZON

Vivian Mozon, age 83, is a lifelong member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, located at 3rd & I Street, NW in the Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood. In August, Ms. Mozon, like many other members of the church, recalled and shared stories of her experience participating in the March on Washington. In 1963, Ms. Mozon was a young mother, concerned, as many moms would be, about taking her 10 year old son to an event that was rumored to attract a large

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crowd and had the potential for violence. But her late husband was an avid historian and told her, "We all need to go because we have to be there for history in the making." On the day of the March, her husband left home early to meet up with his teachers union. Ms. Mozon and her son walked to the National Mall later in the day. In a conversation with us, she noted that once she and her son arrived on the Mall, she was impressed with "how organized" and peaceful everything was at the event. They stayed the whole day and Ms. Mozon spoke about being grateful that her husband urged them all to go to the March 50 years ago.



As she watched the 50th Anniversary events on TV from her Northwest DC home, she was impressed with the similarity in the "quietness and organization." She enjoyed the speeches- especially John Lewis and Presidents Obama, Clinton and Carter - and said she was "proud to see the rain didn't bother them (speakers)." That day 50 years ago lives on in her memory and she concluded that this year's 50th anniversary event was "a dignified day and worthy of celebrating the

occasion."

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