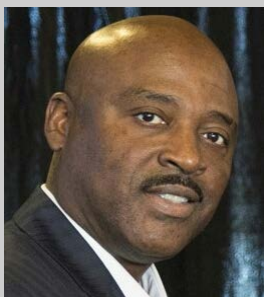




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Leon Johnson Joins MVT CID as Director of Operations

The Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District (MVT CID) is pleased to welcome Leon Johnson as Director of Operations.

Mr. Johnson's responsibilities include directing the Clean Team crews, leading public space maintenance & safety efforts, interfacing with property managers and retailers, and working in a concerted manner with City agencies, MPD, and Mount Vernon Triangle stakeholders. He will play an active role in achieving the MVT CID's goals and objectives.

MVT CID President, Claire Schaefer Oleksiak, commented, "Leon has a focus on detail and a passion for customer service which defines his work. I have had the opportunity to see first-hand his ability to create positive and effective working relationships with stakeholders, residents, retailers, MPD, and DC government agencies. I believe he is an asset to the Mount Vernon Triangle community and look forward to introducing him in the coming weeks."



Meridian II Tops Out on Thursday 2/6

The Meridian at Mount Vernon Triangle - Phase II is a 393-unit luxury apartment building. It is located at 415 L St, NW and is being developed by Paradigm Development Company and the Stuart Investment Company. With the second phase, they have taken the opportunity to expand the amenities to include a large rooftop deck featuring grills, fire pits, multiple seating areas and an outdoor television, all available for year round use. The rooftop deck will be connected to the Phase I pool deck via an expansive bridge, allowing residents of both buildings to share in the complementing amenities of both properties.

Additionally, Phase II will have a fitness center in excess of 4,500 sf, which will include a separate exercise studio available for yoga or spin workouts. Like Phase I, this property will have a spacious, well-appointed lobby, 24-hour concierge service, and below-grade parking. For the pet owners in both buildings, there will be a pet grooming station in Phase II as well as an enclosed, outdoor dog park. The partnership is excited to offer these amenities as well as a wide array of unit layouts, all with hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. Delivery is projected for the third quarter of 2014.



MVT Education Forum on February 12th: How Growing Downtown Families Approach Education

For the past five years, Johnson played a leading role in the operations and safety of the Capitol Riverfront BID. First, he was the manager of the Clean and Safe team crew through a contract with Service Group, Inc. and then he was the Director of Parks and Public Realm. Prior to his work at Capitol Riverfront, Johnson served as Regional Operations Manager for Metropolitan Health Services and with Verizon Wireless as Manager of Operations for their Clinton, MD retail store and Verizon Wireless Customer Service supervisor. Johnson also holds his residential real estate license with Coldwell Banker House Hold Realty.

Join us on Wednesday, February 12th at 7:30 pm for a discussion with DC public school leadership. The forum will focus on the growing changes and needs of the downtown community as DC families navigate the changing landscape of DC public schools and public charter schools. There will be a moderated panel presentation, followed by a question and answer period.

PANELISTS:

Kaya Henderson, Chancellor, DC Public Schools
Scott Pearson, Exec. Director, DC Public Charter School Board
Michael Moss, Principal, Walker Jones Edu. Campus
Moderator: Claire Oleksiak, President, MVT CID

The meeting will be held at Mount Carmel Baptist Church at 901 3rd St. NW. Accessible by Gallery Place Metro. Limited parking available. The education forum is organized by Kids in the Triangle and the MVT CID. Questions? Email info@mvtcid.org



Brunch Now Served at Alba & Silo

Alba Osteria serves brunch with live music on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. The brunch menu includes a mix of Italian-inspired dishes and breakfast classics such as waffles topped with mortadella, egg, and saba sauce (pictured above), fried eggs and meatballs, egg white frittatas, and brunch pizzas. Alba offers a bottomless food and drink option for \$29.95 or guests can order from the menu and add bottomless cocktails for \$18 per person. A more detailed menu is [here](#).



Q-West Nail & Spa II Grand Opening

Q-West Nail & Spa II invites the Mount Vernon Triangle community to the Grand Opening on Saturday, February 15th from 9:30 am to 7 pm. Q-West II is taking over the Buddha Tree location at 468 K St. This will be the second location for the much-loved Q-West shop located on 18th St NW in Dupont Circle. Q-West II will offer manicure, pedicure, waxing, and massage. The hours will be 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday, and 11:00 am to 6:00 pm on Sundays. Pictured above is Q-west owner, Kathy Tran and MVT CID president, Claire Oleksiak.



MVT Spotlight: MPD Officer Leaty



Silo serves brunch on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. The brunch menu includes eggs benedict duo (pictured above), shrimp & grits, salmon trio, steak & eggs, and more. Silo offers a \$14 bottomless mimosa. You can view the menu on Silo's Facebook page [here](#).

Also, don't forget other neighborhood favorite brunch spots at Busboys & Poets, Tel 'Veh, and Le Pain Quotidien.



UDC GIS Students to Map Development of MVT

The University of the District of Columbia's Mapping the City course introduces students to GIS (geographic information systems) software -- software for creating maps of all kinds. Each semester, students apply their newly-learned skills to creating maps for a DC organization. In the spring of 2014, the students, under the guidance of Prof. Amanda Huron, are creating a series of maps for the Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District. The maps will show how the neighborhood has changed in the ten years of MVT CID's existence -- and student visions for the area's future.

Mount Vernon Triangle is proud to have some of the city's best police officers keeping our streets safe. Their presence is essential to the vitality and revitalization of MVT. As part of a running feature, MVT CID interviewed Officer Leaty about his background, job, and favorite MVT place. Officer Leaty, Officer Charles and Sergeant Littlejohn are pictured above.

MVT CID: How long have you been working the Mount Vernon Triangle beat and tell us a little about your background in DC?

OFFICER LEATY: Officer Charles and I have been working the Mount Vernon Triangle beat for 2 years on mountain bike. We both originally started patrolling in SW. Officer Charles has been with the department for eight years and myself for six years, currently residing in the NE area of DC for four years. Our areas of patrol in the past included the SW waterfront, around Union Station, Chinatown, and parts of the NOMA BID.

MVT CID: How does a neighborhood beat work and what do you like about this approach to crime prevention?

OFFICER LEATY: The neighborhood beat is a type of community policing approach which encourages a closer partnership among police officers, community leaders, and citizens within a targeted area to create problem-solving techniques with a goal of long term solutions. The effectiveness of the neighborhood beat depends on the involvement of all parties in the community and how well the philosophy of community policing is embraced. The best idea behind this philosophy is that there is a more personable approach to officers and community members and less of a barrier.

MVT CID: Can you share public safety tips that would be helpful to our residents and businesses?

OFFICER LEATY: Try to refrain from using electronics [such as cell phones] or valuables in public view. When robberies do occur, they almost all come down to crimes of opportunity. Seeing something they want and taking advantage of that person because it can be a quick snatch and grab which is usually the case.

MVT CID: On a fun note, what are your favorite spots to eat in Mount Vernon Triangle?

OFFICER LEATY: Taylor's or Sweetgreen!



New MVT Real Estate and Economic Development Intern

Jerome Raymond has joined the MVT CID as a winter/spring intern. Jerome is currently studying Real Estate at Georgetown University and has a background in urban planning and economic development. He will help the MVT CID track development data, create resources to promote retail and businesses attraction, and map public space improvements and activation throughout the neighborhood. He previously interned for local real estate developer, Akridge, and worked as a consultant to business improvement districts in Montreal, Canada.

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Ace Hardware's 4th Annual Ladies Night

On February 4th, Ace Hardware hosted its 4th annual Ladies Night. Over 250 guests attended the event. This year's theme was Express Your Inner Do It Yourself (D.I.Y.). The store lined up a roster of local pros with expert advice on getting organized, easy D.I.Y. fixes around the house, eco-cleaning, choosing window treatments and painting like a pro. It was a night filled with D.I.Y. solutions and a party!



Dacha 2 Beer Garden Plans

On Tuesday, February 4th, Dacha 2 presented at the ANC 6E meeting to request opening a beer garden at 923-25 5th St NW. The ANC approved the liquor license request with the understanding that there will be a voluntary agreement. Dacha 2 anticipates opening this summer.

The plans for the new space include a permanent pavilion on the lot that will house the bar and some seating. The majority of the space will be filled with picnic tables and green space. The beer garden will be open in the morning for coffee and will offer free WiFi. Dacha 2 could offer another great space for locals to gather and enjoy the MVT community.



Eye Street Cellars Projecting March

Opening

The new 3,000 square foot Eye Street Cellars, now under construction at 425 Eye Street, will feature select (and customer requested) wines and spirits from around the world, Craft and IPA beers, artisanal cheeses, pastas, and other gourmet foods, along with delicious frozen desserts. The owners of Eye Street Cellars also own Capitol Hill Wine & Spirits and Harry's Reserve. The owners tell us that they are planning a number of neighborhood-oriented events including wine tastings and cookouts in the spring and summer, wine clubs and classes. They are hoping to open in March 2014.

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