



K Street Streetscape Ribbon Cutting

On Saturday, June 1, 2013, the K Street streetscape was officially dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony led by Mayor Vincent Gray, DDOT Director Terry Bellamy, ANC Commissioner Maceda, Commissioner Nigro, and Commissioner Judd. The event was held at the intersection of 5th and K Streets, NW – the new town center of Mount Vernon Triangle.

“The District of Columbia is committed to the revitalization of Mount Vernon Triangle,” said Mayor Vincent Gray. “This is the second streetscape DDOT has completed in recent years, and because of this \$7 million investment in public infrastructure, the Triangle is booming! And this fall, the New Jersey Avenue streetscape will begin.”

The Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District organized a community festival to celebrate the completion of the 15-month, \$7 million streetscape that has helped transform Mount Vernon Triangle with a new linear park, new tree boxes, wide sidewalks, and new streetlights – spurring four groundbreakings in 2012 and three more groundbreakings in 2013.

“This project represents another successful collaboration between DDOT and the community to create a new, revitalized streetscape,” said DDOT Director Terry Bellamy. “The new sidewalks, streetlights, and green areas create a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors to enjoy all the amenities that Mount Vernon Triangle has to offer.”

“This is DC’s new K Street – a vibrant corridor with great public space, exciting restaurants and amenities, and new residential buildings filling up as fast as they’re built,” exclaimed Councilmember Tommy Wells. “The city’s investment in this new streetscape helps deliver on the promise to this great neighborhood.”

Attendees celebrated the completion of the streetscape with music, food, a moon bounce, ball crawl, and other activities throughout the afternoon.

This event was organized by the MVTICID and sponsored by ANC6E, m.flats – Mount Vernon Triangle, Quadrangle, The Wilkes Company, and sponsored in-kind by DDOT, DSLBD, and DCRA.

History of Mount Vernon Triangle



When Boss Shepherd ordered the demolition of the old Northern Liberties Market in Mount Vernon Square during

the middle of the night in 1872, two people were killed from falling debris inside the market. An old butcher and a young boy working with his terrier on rat detail were crushed and found the next morning when the rubble was removed.

With the relocation of Northern Liberties Market to 5th and K Streets in 1874 (where Safeway and Busboys & Poets are now), many food retailers located to the 900 block of 5th Street, NW, which became known as Purveyor’s Row. Many of the old buildings remain, such as the Subway Liquor on the southwest corner of 5th and K, and the old Fun Fair Video store, which was a live poultry merchant.

Boston Properties Update

Boston Properties is moving full speed ahead demolishing its building at 635 Massachusetts Avenue, NW – the former NPR site. You can see the scrap metal being removed and the building coming down floor by floor. Soon, a polished, new office building will rise up from the rubble with glass walls and gleaming marble – the new home of the law firm Arnold & Porter.



Bike to Work Day Success

In the Washington region, Bike to Work Day has grown from a few hundred cyclists in 2001 to over 12,000 participants. This year’s Bike to Work Day was held on Friday, May 17th around town. BicycleSpace hosted another pit stop at 5th and K Street NW – in Mount Vernon Triangle. Hundreds of residents from Mount Vernon Triangle and Shaw stopped by for breakfast, grabbed a t-shirt, got a massage, and walked the red carpet with Councilmember Wells, the Metropolitan Police Department, staff of BicycleSpace, and your neighbors on their way to work.

Letter from the Executive Director

It is time I say farewell to Mount Vernon Triangle after six and a half years of work helping to transform the neighborhood. The K Street streetscape is finally complete, the 4th Street streetscape was completed three years ago, and the work on the New Jersey Avenue streetscape is queued up to start this fall.

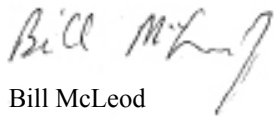
The Clean and Landscaping Teams are the largest teams we have ever had, and we are taking on more maintenance of public space than ever before. Our budget has more than doubled since I started at the end of 2006.

With all the progress achieved in recent years, and the completion of some of the larger capital projects, now is a great time for me to step aside and allow new leadership to take the Mount Vernon Triangle CID through the next phase of growth.

I will miss so much of this neighborhood: the residents, merchants, board, staff, and contractors. But I am still a resident of the City and my new position is not far away. I've accepted a new job at Dupont Circle Main Street to help them build their budget and form a BID for their neighborhood.

My time here has gone so quickly, and the neighborhood has changed so much in that time. I am sure our paths will cross again, so I don't want to say goodbye, but see you soon!

Best wishes,



Bill McLeod



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Welcome Jonathan Amador, Operations Manager

Jonathan Amador is the new Operations Manager for the Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District. Prior to working for MVTCID, Jonathan was a foreman with Moon Site Management, a landscaping and management company in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Before that, he worked for the Brickman Group in Moosic, Pennsylvania where he was a maintenance

supervisor for the landscaping company. Jonathan earned his MBA at Turabo University of Puerto Rico in 2013, and his Bachelor's degree in Horticulture at the University of Puerto Rico. Please take a moment to say hello to Jonathan when you see him working in the field. We are fortunate to have him with us.



Mount Vernon Triangle Mini-golf at the National Building Museum

This summer, the National Building Museum brought back its popular indoor Mini Golf exhibition. The expanded attraction features two 9-hole mini-golf courses, with all new holes designed and built by leading Washington-area architects, landscape architects, designers, and contractors. The courses reflect this year's theme of "Building the Future," with twists and turns sure to challenge golfers young and old.

The Museum invited firms and individuals to sponsor, design, and construct a hole with the theme of "Building the Future." Mount Vernon Triangle CID sponsored a hole with Steuart Investment Co.; Designer: E/L Studio; Builder: Think Make Build.

To showcase the golf hole, MVTCID sponsored a community night on June 18th to allow Triangle residents to play a round of golf free of charge – with a VIP postcard. The Museum will present a "Best in Show" award, determined by a jury of design experts, and players will vote for the "People's Choice" award.

The National Building Museum is located at 401 F Street, NW. Designed for ages four and up, the one-of-a-kind courses are located in air-conditioned comfort during Museum hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day, with special evening events throughout the summer.



Public Service Award

Daniel P. Hickson began his career with the Metropolitan Police Department in 1973 when he became a Police Cadet. During his early years, he served as a police officer in both uniform patrol and tactical assignments while assigned to the First District and the Special Operations Division, Tactical Branch. In 1978, Hickson began serving in investigative assignments within the Narcotics Branch and the Criminal Investigations Division. In 1992, Daniel Hickson was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to the Fourth District. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1994 and assigned to the Fifth District, where he remained until being transferred to the First District as an Acting Captain and the Commander of the First District Support Sector. Hickson retired from the Metropolitan Police Department in 1996.

Since his retirement from MPD, Commander Hickson has worked for several universities and as a contract Special Investigator with the Federal Bureau of Investigations for eight years. In 2008, he returned to the Metropolitan Police Department where he served as the Intelligence Branch Director, advising the Chief of Police and Command Staff on all criminal intelligence issues.

In December 2009, Daniel Hickson was promoted to the Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division. During his tenure there, the division continued to excel, having been recognized for outstanding performance and innovative investigative techniques on several occasions. In June 2011, Hickson was named Commander of the First District, including the Mount Vernon Triangle area.

The 2013 Public Service Award was presented to Commander Hickson at the MVTCID Annual Meeting on April 18th. Thank you, Commander Hickson, for your hard work making The Triangle a safe community once again!

Lights Out for Wildlife

Collisions with buildings kill more wild birds than any other single human factor besides habitat loss. In urban areas, the problem is worse during periods of migration during the spring and autumn. Most songbirds migrate at night to avoid turbulence in the air and rest during the day. Passing over cities, they are often attracted to artificial lights and frequently strike windows, confused by light and reflections. The blows can be fatal or they can leave the birds injured and vulnerable to predators.

Lights Out DC asks building owners and managers to turn off unnecessary lights at night during critical migration periods. In addition to helping ensure the survival of migratory birds, the program saves energy and lessens light pollution.

To reduce fatal bird/glass collisions, Lights Out DC encourages building owners to turn off unnecessary lights between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. during spring and fall migrations. Lights Out DC volunteers walk a four-mile route in downtown Washington to inspect buildings and collect dead or injured migratory birds found on the sidewalks. Injured birds are monitored and released or taken to Second Chance Wildlife Center in Gaithersburg, Maryland, for rehabilitation if their injuries are more severe. Dead birds are tagged, saved and donated to the Smithsonian Institution. Please do your part by turning off your lights at night after 11:00 p.m.

MVTCID Calendar of Events

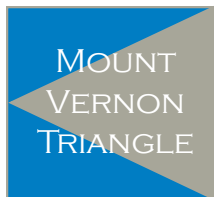
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| July 10 | Noon | Property Managers Meeting | 901 4 th Street, NW |
| July 18 | 5:00 p.m. | Board of Directors Meeting | 901 4 th Street, NW |
| August 6 | | Night Out Against Crime | Sites around town |
| August 14 | Noon | Property Managers Meeting | 901 4 th Street, NW |
| September 11 | Noon | Property Managers Meeting | 901 4 th Street, NW |



Parks in Mount Vernon Triangle

The Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) wants your help developing a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the city. This Master Plan will be used as a guide for DPR to advance its strategic vision for DC's parks and recreation resources. From small pocket parks to large recreation centers full of active programs, DPR wants to provide you with the best park system in the nation!

There are several public visioning sessions in June and July, so be sure to attend one of those events, and please take a few minutes to complete their survey. Visit www.playdc.org to find out about the latest visioning workshop dates and participate in their on-line survey.



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