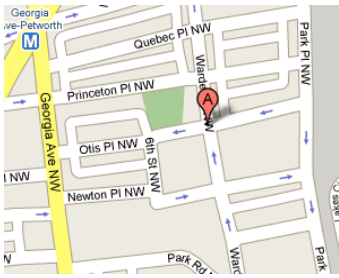


# Park View United Neighborhood Coalition (UNC)

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October 2015 Community Newsletter

## UNC Monthly Meeting



The United Neighborhood Coalition meets the first Wednesday of every month in the Park View Rec Center. Meetings are free and open to the public. Have an item

for the agenda? Contact the Secretary at 202-450-3871, or email [parkviewuncdc@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewuncdc@gmail.com).

### Community Meeting: Bruce-Monroe Park & UNC Elections

October 7, 7-8pm

Park View Recreation Center

*sponsored by the United Neighborhood Coalition*

#### Agenda

Officer Reports

Nominations for UNC Board

Discussion of Bruce-Monroe Park Site

## New Leaders Needed

Fall is election season for the UNC! Our Secretary, Sarah Sorscher, is stepping down this year to engage more with volunteer work at the neighborhood school, leaving a vacancy on the Board. In addition, the 7 remaining Board members are all up for re-election. Please consider nominating yourself or another member at the October UNC meeting. You can run for any officer position, including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, or for one of four "at-large" positions. The minimum



time commitment for UNC Board members is attending the one-hour Board meeting each month.

## Discussion of Bruce-Monroe Park

The site of the former Bruce-Monroe school, currently a temporary park, could be slated for new development soon. This may mean improving it as a park, or converting it to other public or private uses, including housing or retail space. At the October UNC meeting, we will discuss what neighbors in our area would like to see happen to this park, and decide whether the UNC will advocate for specific outcomes as development plans progress.



## Block Party Thanks

Thank you to everyone who made our September Block Party a success through your donations and volunteer efforts! We especially want to thank the following individuals and groups who contributed:

Kent Boese  
Marcus Hedrick  
Carolyn Matthews  
Stephanie Montague  
Roger and Maria Peace  
Janisha Richardson  
Sarah Sorscher  
Elanor Starmer  
Chris Waldmann  
Lion's Wine & Spirits

The residents of the 700 block of Princeton Pl

Also, we wanted to thank Ward One Councilmember Brianne Nadeau and ANC Commissioners Kent Boese and Rashida Brown for taking the time to come out and enjoy this event, and for all the support they give our neighborhood!

**Minutes of the September Meeting of the United Neighborhood Coalition**

September 2, 2015

Parkview Recreation Center

693 Otis Pl NW, Washington DC 20010

The meeting commenced at 7pm. Eleven members and nine guests were in attendance.

**Speaker: Gerard Brown, DC Rodent Control,**  
202-535-2636, gerard.brown@dc.gov

DC rodent control can visit your home and offer assistance in addressing man-made conditions that provide food, water, and shelter to rats and mice.

DC rodent control cannot come on your property without written permission. Neighbors can help set up a visit to address multiple properties on their block by having neighbors sign a petition. They must also be sure to leave any gates unlocked the day of the visits (but the gates need not be standing open). Officers will spray a powder poison into burrows, which rodents will groom off their fur, swallow, and die. This is more effective than bait.

Department of Public Works can also help address conditions on your block by writing tickets for residential trash problems, and department of health can issue fines for trash on commercial properties. Houses can also be ticketed for overgrown vegetation.

Department of Transportation may have authority to ticket for food trash improperly disposed of in construction dumpsters.

A UNC member asked if there had been any systematic effort to address rodent control city-

wide, and whether sterilization had been considered. There was a series of Rat "Summits" in four wards earlier this year, and sterilization was discussed. However, this measure has not proven effective.

There are two 311 application available for smart phones, which make it possible to upload photos when you file a 311 report. You can also use these apps to "vote" on issues neighbors have reported.

Please contact Gabriel Rojo, gabriel.rojo2@dc.gov (Mayor's Office), or Danielle Burs, dburs@dccouncil.us (Brianne Nadeau's Office) if you do not get a response from 311.

You can also schedule a "core team walkthrough" for your street and address multiple issues with multiple agencies. These walks can be scheduled after work (5-7pm), to make it easier for neighbors to be present during the walk-through and point out issues. Contact Gabriel Rojo from the mayor's office to learn more.

**Bruce-Monroe Site Discussion**

There was a brief discussion about whether the UNC should take a position on what ought to happen to the property that was once the Bruce-Monroe school, now a temporary park. The two ANC's in the area have initiated a task force to address what will happen to the park, and a survey was distributed to the community (now closed). The UNC has not taken a position yet on what should happen to the park but could.

Options include:

Keeping the site a park and improving it  
Mixed use, part private residential or commercial

Re-build a school on the property

Establish an early learning center for very young children (3 and 4 year olds)

Full commercial re-development

The meeting adjourned 8:05pm.

The UNC is a civic association located in the Park View neighborhood of Washington DC. Membership is free to those who live or own property within the UNC boundary. Join online at [www.parkviewunc.org](http://www.parkviewunc.org).

