

Year in Review. What's Next in 2016?, Mayor Visits Park View

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Our 2015 in Review

It has been an exciting year for the UNC and the entire Park View neighborhood! In 2015 we put members and neighbors in contact with city leaders who make decisions that affect all of our lives.

- We heard from police officers from our local PSA about what they're doing to stop the increase in crime in the area and what we can do to protect ourselves and our property.
- We talked with representatives from the public and charter school lottery about the best ways for parents and students to get into the schools that best fit their needs.
- We worked with the city to get our street maintenance issues resolved. This conversation resulted in a newly refurbished alley between Newton and Manor and a new sidewalk with

What's next in 2016?

2016 promises to be another year of change in Park View and the UNC will be there helping to make sure your voices are heard. We'll be keeping an eye on these issues, as well as those that you, our members and neighbors, bring to our attention.

- The Park Morton redevelopment will require constant vigilance. As you know, the developers and the city have been going through a design process over the last couple of months to find out what Park Morton residents and the neighborhood are looking for. This encompasses not only physical design, but also the social framework that will be needed to ensure success. You can read write-ups of these design meetings from our ANC Chair Kent Boese at

upcoming trees on Otis by Bruce Monroe @ Park View Elementary.

- We talked with the new development team at the Park Morton public housing development and heard about their plans to move the project forward.
- And finally, we brought our issues to Mayor Muriel Bowser, making sure that our questions and concerns about public safety, housing and development, ethics, education and others reached the highest level of city government.

We also were on the ground, helping to make our neighborhood a cleaner and more social and welcoming place for everyone.

- We held our 1st Earth Day cleanup event, collecting huge amounts of trash from our neighborhood streets.
- We held park beautification planting and weeding events at the Park View Recreation Center.
- Our annual block party was a great success bringing people (including our Ward 1 Councilmember) dancing out into Princeton Place!
- Through the Friends of Park

<http://parkviewdc.com/tag/park-morton/>. Going forward, the entire Master Plan is being rewritten, site designs will be drafted and construction will (eventually) begin. Throughout all of this, the UNC will have a seat at the table, through both the Park Morton Steering Committee and through guests from New Communities, the Housing Authority, and the developers at regular UNC meetings.

- We had a great beginning last year with our meeting about street maintenance. Now we will keep DDOT's feet to the fire. We now have a Streets Working Group who is examining street maintenance and planning issues in Park View. That means we will have a knowledgeable voice when the Crosstown Multimodal Study is released, reenvisioning the east-west corridors through Park View.
- Development along Georgia Avenue is ramping up and the UNC will be there make sure that Park View's interests in a livable community are represented.

And of course, we'll have fun times too! We will continue the tradition of

View Park committee, we supported our local youth athletes on teams like the Park View Hurricanes football team.

the annual block party and the holiday potluck. We'll work together on lovely, warm days to beautify our neighborhood and our park --- and other fun events too

Information and meeting minutes from all of these topics and events can be found on our website at http://www.parkviewunc.org/?page_id=112.



Mayor Visits Park View (AGAIN!)

On December 29th, Mayor Muriel Bowser, with members of her staff, Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd, local ANC Commissioners and members of the community, participated in a walkthrough of the neighborhood from the

metro station down Georgia Avenue and into the neighborhood near Bruce Monroe @ Park View. Issues with streets, sidewalks, trash collection, crime spots and vacant buildings were all highlighted for the mayor. We appreciate her attention to our neighborhood and promise to keep up the pressure to make sure Park View's needs are addressed.

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership! All UNC memberships expire with the end of 2015 and must be renewed. Please go to http://www.parkviewunc.org/?page_id=36 to fill out a new membership form. This helps ensure that your vote counts.

New Board Members Needed

Two of our longstanding board members, Roger and Maria Peace, left the neighborhood in December. We'll miss them and we thank them for their service to our community, especially for their work with the Friends of Park View and on the block party.

We are seeking UNC members to fill these seats. The official duties are simple, come to board meetings and vote on issues before the board, but board members are an integral part of the UNC functioning. Your opinions and energies can help us to plan events, maintain our website and shape the

Next UNC General Meeting:

What do you want out of the UNC in 2016?

January 6, 7-8pm

Park View Recreation Center

Agenda

- Officer and Committee Reports
- New Board Member Nominations and Elections
- What Do You Want from the UNC in 2016?
 - Issues you are concerned about for the new year
 - Events that you want to have in Park View in 2016
 - How can we work

future of the organization. If you are interested and have questions please call Chris Waldmann at 202-421-5822.

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