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For the ANC 1A08 Community, and beyond. 

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MARCH ANC 1A REPORT

The March ANC 1A meeting was attended by Commissioners Marvin L. Johnson (1A01), Josue Salmeron (1A02), Tom Gordon (1A03), Matthew Goldschmidt (1A04), Thu Nguyen (1A05), Patrick W. Flynn (1A06), Darwain Frost (1A07), Kent Boese (1A08), Bobby Holmes (1A09), Rashida Brown (1A10), Dotti Love Wade (1A11), and Margaret Hundley (1A12). No Commissioners were absent.

During community announcements, Gabriel Rojo introduced himself as one of the Ward 1 Outreach and Service Specialists in the Mayor's Office. Along with Ben Case, Gabriel helps

residents with basic constituent service requests. Gabriel can be reached by email at Gabriel.Rojo2@dc.gov or by phone at 202.442.8152.

There were two presentations at the March meeting. The first was by Melinda Bolling, the interim director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). Ms. Bolling introduced herself, gave an overview on her goals and objectives for the Agency, and answered questions from the Commission and community. Questions largely centered on unpermitted construction, enforcement, and DCRA's lack of responsiveness in general.

The second presentation was from representatives of the property owner for 3209 13th Street, NW. The owner has filed for a zoning variance seeking to convert the row dwelling into a three-unit apartment house. Zoning allows for the property to be converted into two units by-right. The Commission will consider the merits of the application at their April meeting.

During official business, the Commission considered two items. The first was a Letter of Support for a Landmark Nomination for the Kelsey Temple Church of God located at 1435 Park Road, NW. The

nomination was filed by the D.C. Preservation League with the support of the Church. Representatives of both attended the meeting to answer questions. Commissioner Nguyen introduced the letter and moved to support the application, which passed unanimously. During the discussion, Commissioner Boese thanked Kelsey Temple for their years of service to the community and their outstanding example of stewardship.

The other official item considered was a Letter of Support introduced by Commissioner Brown for an apiary (aka the place where honeybees are kept) to be added to the Bruce Monroe Community Garden. Support for the apiary was unanimous. According to the presentation, the garden will begin with one hive, which is approximately 12 x 24 x 24 feet which will have a locked fence around it. Signage will also be posted in English and Spanish.

There are currently around 20 apiaries in Washington, with local examples as near as Wangari Garden and the Twin Oaks Community Garden.

Official ANC 1A minutes are available online at:
<http://anc1a.org/mins.html>

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The next ANC 1A meeting is scheduled for April 8 starting at 7 p.m., Harriet Tubman Elementary School.



**FOR THE RECORD:
ARTFULLY HISTORIC D.C.**

Join the Washington Historical Society, the D.C. Preservation League, the Capitol Hill Art League, and local artists at the inaugural opening reception of **For the Record: Artfully Historic D.C.** which is scheduled for April 22 at the Carnegie Library at Mt. Vernon Square.

For the Record: Artfully Historic D.C. is a new program that aims to capture and preserve scenes of the District’s built environment. The contest and juried exhibit is presented by the Historical Society of Washington, D.C., and co-sponsored by the D.C. Preservation League, the Capitol Hill Art League and the National Building Museum.

The exhibit opens April 22, 2015, and closes at the Society’s 121st anniversary party on May 27, 2015. The closing event will feature an award ceremony and a raffle of the remaining art and photos.

The top 75 artworks that made it into the semi-final round of the competition to preserve scenes of Washington’s fast-changing cityscape will go on display to the public at the opening

exhibit reception on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Paintings, photographs, and mixed media artworks in the exhibit focus on locations from the D.C. Preservation League’s “List of Most Endangered Places for Washington, D.C.” and include two photographs of the Soldiers’ Home submitted by community member Kent Boese.

Artworks in the exhibit will have a label describing the artist, the medium, and the location of the building in the image. The gallery will be open to the public during the Historical Society’s regular hours, Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For more information on the opening reception, and to purchase tickets, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/orngalt>



**ZONING COMMISSION
REVIEWING
AMENDMENTS TO
REGULATIONS RELATED
TO PENTHOUSE
STRUCTURES**

Amendments to the zoning regulations pertaining to rooftop penthouses are currently under consideration by the Zoning Commission (Case 14-13), in response to requests that the zoning regulations be updated to reflect recently adopted amendments to the Height Act. The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on November 6, 2014 on the originally proposed

amendments. In response to the public comments received, the Commission instructed the Office of Planning to prepare an amended set of alternatives for penthouse regulations, to be re-advertised for a new public hearing.

The Current penthouse regulations are:

- Permit a height of 18’-6” for a rooftop penthouse in all zones;
- Do not limit the number of stories within a penthouse;
- Require a 1:1 setback from the edge of the roof below; and,
- Do not permit most forms of “habitable” space within a penthouse.

The federal Height Act:

- Permits habitable space in a penthouse provided it is no more than 20 feet in height and one story.

The Proposed penthouse regulations are:

- Limit height to 10’ / 1 story in any zone which limits building height to 50’ or less.
- Permit a height of 20 feet / 2 stories in other zones, which permit a building with a height of more than 50 feet.
- Alternative: Do not permit a penthouse above a single family dwelling or flat in any zone.
- Alternative: Penthouses of 20’ in height would also be limited to one story, with a second story for mechanical equipment only.

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- Permit habitable space in a penthouse only in buildings permitting a height of 40 feet or more.
- Alternative: Permit habitable space in a penthouse only in buildings permitting a height of 50 feet or more.

More information is available on the Office of Zoning website (www.dcoz.dc) for Zoning Commission Case 14-13, including the Office of Planning report to the Zoning Commission. Additional information is also available on the Office of Planning blog site <http://op-inions.com/>

The Zoning Commission public hearing will be held on **April 30, 2015, at 6:30 pm.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PARK VIEW UNC

1. Park Morton Redevelopment Meeting – sponsored by the Park View UNC. Meet the new development team and ask questions! Wednesday, April 1 at 7 PM at the Park View Recreation Center, 693 Otis Pl., NW

2. Earth Day Neighborhood Cleanup sponsored by the Park View UNC.

When: April 18th 10am-1 pm

Where: Meet at Park View Recreation Center, 693 Otis Pl., NW.

Pizza lunch and tools provided. Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes.

Contact: parkviewuncdc@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer to help coordinate.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING HELD AT WARD 1 SENIOR WELLNESS CENTER

On Saturday, March 21, Neighborhood Watch Trainer Samantha Nolan conducted a Neighborhood Watch session at the Bernice Fonteneau Senior Wellness Center located on Georgia Avenue. The training began at 10:00 a.m. and ran for about an hour and a half.

The purpose of the session was to inform residents on how to prevent crime and reduce the likelihood of becoming a crime victim. More than 80% of crime in D.C. is preventable. By reducing these crimes, the police can concentrate on preventing and

solving more violent crimes.

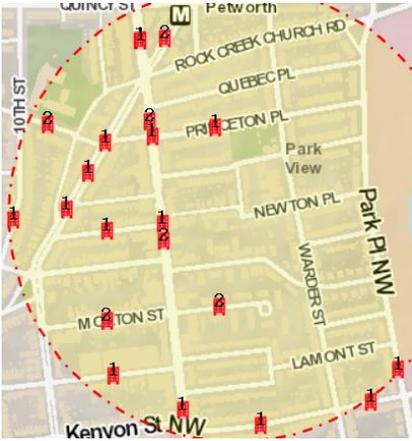
The following tips were among the things people can do to prevent crime:

- Keep all doors and windows locked. If you have an alarm, activate it. If you don't have an alarm, get one if you can.
- Never leave keys in doors near glass. Hang spare keys out of reach from doors and windows
- Never leave strollers, bikes, lawnmowers, tools, sporting equipment or any other valuable items sitting unattended around your home.
- Get to know all of your neighbors, so that you can recognize those who don't belong on the block, and form a buddy system with a neighbor to take in mail and papers while you are away. Report burnt-out street lights to **311**.
- More tips at <http://tinyurl.com/ospfegs>



Neighborhood Watch Training at the Ward 1 Senior Wellness Center, March 21, 2015.

CRIME REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2/15/14-3/15/15



In comparing crime for the past month with the same period last year, total crime was down. A year ago there were 34 reported crimes

within 1,500 feet of the intersection of 6th Street and Newton Place, NW, compared to 27 this year. Of the 27 incidents, 24 were property crimes and 3 were violent in nature.

The reported crimes were:

Robbery Excl. Gun	3
Burglary	1
Theft.....	10
Theft from Auto	13

Information from <http://crimemap.dc.gov/>

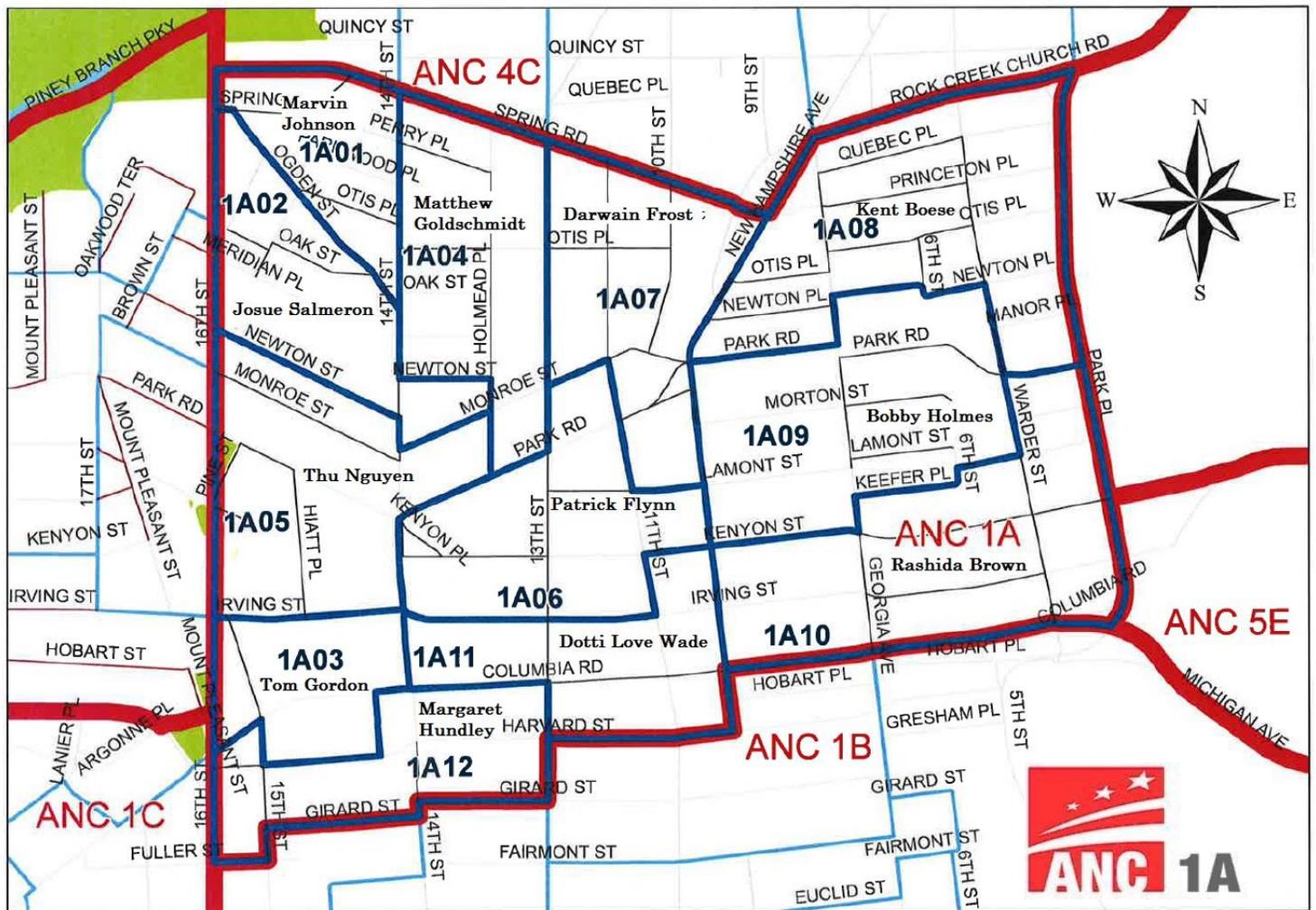
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AREA REAL ESTATE SALES REPORTING PERIOD: January 2015

641 Lamont	\$425,000
769 Morton	\$525,000
752 Park Rd. Unit R	\$610,000
731 Princeton	\$665,000

(Data from Redfin.com)

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ANC 1A Single Member Districts and Commissioners effective January 2015