

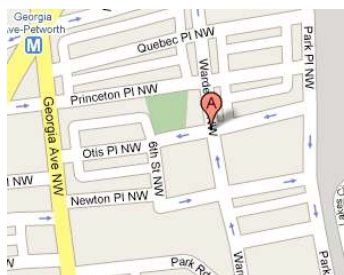
# Park View United Neighborhood Coalition (UNC)

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## Highlights

- Park View UNC Meeting Wed Mar 3, 7pm, Park View Rec Center
- February UNC Meeting Report
- February ANC 1A Meeting Report
- Park View UNC Budget Meeting
- Reminder to join the UNC for 2010
- Newsletter volunteers needed
- Neighborhood crime report

## Next Park View UNC Meeting – Wed Mar 3, 7-8pm at the Park View Rec Center



Join us for our monthly meeting at the Park View Rec Center at Otis and Warder.

During our meeting we will be covering the

following issues in the community, you also have an opportunity to raise other issues.

- Update on status of interim and long-term plans for Bruce-Monroe school
- Special UNC Budget Meeting (see below)

## February UNC Meeting Report

The February UNC meeting included the following topics:

- A report from ANC 1A08 commissioner Cliff Valenti who mentioned a possible development on the 400 block of Newton Place.
- ANC 4C commissioner Timothy Jones mentioned the groundbreaking at the former Billy's Simpson's and the 4c newsletter.
- Board member and chair of the Standards and Compliance committee Deborah Colvin talked about the progress that the committee has been making. They've already met and developed a list of priorities that the group will look at, such as rats, mosquitoes, and code violations.
- Nuri Heckler of Greater DC Cares addressed the assembly with an update on the progress of painting the Rec Center. To date the walls have been painted yellow about two-thirds the way up and painting the doors will be next. They are also developing plans for a community mural. Heckler also mentioned that DC Cares is

planning a cleanup of Georgia Avenue on April 24th from Raymond Elementary school south. Additionally, addressing Heckler's request the assembly voted to write a letter of support for DC Cares to adopt the Park View Rec Center in a mentoring capacity. Lastly, DC Cares, partnering with the Howard Business School, is providing a free tax clinic for those earning less than around \$46,000. It is by appointment on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The number to call is 202-777-4456.

- The guest speaker at the meeting was Cecilia Jones, President of the Northwest Columbia Heights Community Association (NWCHCA). The topic of her presentation was the Neighborhood Watch Program. In addition to crime, Jones stated that other aspects of the program can include city services, infrastructure repair, and block parties. Any activity that helps neighbors get to know each other makes an area safer and builds community.

## February ANC 1A Report

ANC 1A did not meet in February due to the snow, so there is nothing to report. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 10th at the Harriet Tubman Elementary School. At this meeting the developer of the Park Morton project, Landex, will be presenting their latest plans.

## Park View UNC Budget Meeting

All UNC members are invited to participate in the 2010 budget meeting, which will be held after the regular monthly meeting on March 3rd. It will end promptly at 9:00 p.m. At the meeting the UNC Treasurer will outline what, from a financial perspective, is required to effectively run the UNC

and ask for feedback from members on how funds should be allocated to best accomplish the organization's goals, including setting aside a prudent reserve. If time permits, fund raising will also be discussed. Members, please mark your calendars for this important meeting.

### **Time to Join or Renew Membership in Park View UNC**

Your annual membership helps support the community in many ways, including the publication of this newsletter. It also entitles you to vote on issues affecting the neighborhood, participate in elections, and run for office. The only requirement is completion of a membership form. Memberships **must be renewed annually** and is based on the calendar year. Suggested dues are \$10, but we encourage you to give more if you can. Because the United Neighborhood Coalition is a registered 501 c3, contributions are tax deductible. Dues will be collected at the monthly meeting. Thank you for your support. A membership form has been included in this newsletter which can be completed in advance or mailed in if you are unable to attend the monthly meeting.

### **Park View's Kim Roberts Compiles Poetry Anthology Focused on Washington**

A new poetry anthology – [\*Full Moon on K Street, poems about Washington, DC\*](#) – has recently come out and we have Park View's own Kim Roberts to thank. In a review of the work published in *The Washington Post*, Sunday, February 10th, it was described as “the first anthology of modern poetry to be wholly for, about and by current and former Washington residents — [teeming] with poets who've distilled the region's lifeblood into verse over the past 50 years.”

Roberts has lived in Washington since 1987, with much of that time working out of her home in Park View. Its hard to believe that a work such as this could have been compiled and edited by anyone other than Roberts, an accomplished poet in her own right with a deep appreciation for the city she calls home.

### **Call for Historic Images**

Have you lived in the neighborhood for 30, 40, 50 years or more? Did you photograph your community, local parades, school events, or activities at the recreation center? Then Kent Boese and Lauri Hafvenstein would like to hear from you. They are working on a pictorial history of Park View and would like to capture the history and culture of the neighborhood from 1950 to 1990. Images from this period are lacking in local history collections. If you have images you can contribute, please contact Kent at 202-904-8111.



(Southeast corner of Georgia Avenue and Rock Creek Church Road, March, 1965)

### **City Leaders Help with the Snow Cleanup**



On February 11th, after the District had been hit by back to back snow storms, Councilmember Jim Graham and Mayor Adrian Fenty arrived on the 600 block of Newton Street to assist with the cleanup. The city has received mixed reviews from Park View residents in its handling of this snow emergency.

## Park View's Wikipedia Page Updated

As you may have found in the past, many of the pages about the neighborhoods of Washington in Wikipedia contain scant information about them at best. This included the entry for Park View. Since Wikipedia is often among the first online resources people use to find out more about something, finding an article with little information can be frustrating.

Historical populations		
Census	Pop.	%±
1930	7,087	—
1940	7,859	10.9%
1950	8,367	6.5%
1960	6,608	-21.0%
1970	6,389	-3.3%
1980	5,285	-17.3%
1990	4,861	-8.0%
2000	4,480	-7.8%

sources: <sup>[3]</sup><sup>[4]</sup>

Updating the Park View entry became a goal of Kent Boese when the recent record snow disrupted daily life. Not only did Boese correct typographical errors, but he expanded the entry to include information from history to demographics, real estate, geography, transportation, and development

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Park\\_View,\\_Washington,\\_D.C.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Park_View,_Washington,_D.C.) While it still has room for improvement, it's a noticeable improvement from where it started.

The historical population data is from the decennial censuses and shows years of declining populations in Park View. There is a good chance that the 2010 census will show the first increase in population in over 50 years.

### Volunteers Needed

Have you found the Park View UNC monthly newsletter valuable? If so, please consider volunteering to distribute the newsletter. This is a small but important way to contribute to the neighborhood's quality of life and assure that all residents are kept informed.

Available routes:  
600 block of Otis, 600 block of Princeton Place, 700 block of Quebec, and most blocks of Park Place and Warder Street.

*Adopt a street, help keep you and your neighbors informed!!!*

Contact Kent Boese at [kcboese@hotmail.com](mailto:kcboese@hotmail.com) or 202-904-8111 for details and available routes.

## Crime Report for 1/22/10-2/21/10



In comparing crime for the past month with the same period last year, total crime decreased 13% this month. A year ago there were 38 reported crimes within 1,500 feet of the Park View Rec Center compared to 33 reported crimes this month.

As with last month, the largest increase in crime for this period over last year is in thefts from autos, which rose 112%. Of the 33 reported crimes, 26 were property crimes and 7 were violent in nature.

The reported crimes were:

Robbery Excluding Gun:	2 (-33%)
Robbery w/ Gun:	1 (-75%)
Assault w/ Weapon Excl. Gun:	4 (+33%)
Assault w/ Weapon (Gun):	0 (-100%)
Burglary:	2 (+100%)
Theft:	6 (-40%)
Theft from Auto:	17 (+112%)
Stolen Auto	1 (-86%)

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

## 2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM

### OVERVIEW

The Park View United Neighborhood Coalition (UNC) is a 501c(3) civic association representing the northern Park View and southern Petworth neighborhoods of Washington, DC. It meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at the Park View recreation center, located at 693 Otis Place, NW (corner of Otis Place and Warder Street). The UNC's goals are to continue to improve the quality of life in our community and the connections between neighbors.

All members who have filled out a form and submitted it to the treasurer at least 21 days prior to an election are eligible to vote in elections of officers. Eligibility to vote on meeting issues is immediate. Officers are elected in November and serve for one year beginning in January.

### MEMBER INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone if we need to let you know about a meeting: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the UNC? \_\_\_\_\_

I live     I own property     I operate a business

within the boundaries of the UNC, which are Quincy St. (N. side), Park Pl. (W. side), Newton Pl. (S. side), Georgia Ave. (E. side), NH Ave (S. side).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Issues I care most about: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to help with the following (cleanups, classes, any skills you'd like to volunteer): \_\_\_\_\_

### DUES

There is a suggested membership fee of \$10. This fee helps cover the costs of the monthly newsletter and other programs that benefit our community.

Dues included with application:

None     \$5     \$10 (suggested)  \$15     Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** You may mail this form and dues (mail check only) to Park View UNC, PO Box 3054, Washington, DC 20010

*Thank you for helping the UNC build a strong community*