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President's Message

Greetings to all. On behalf of the MVCA Board of Directors, Officers and Committee Chairpersons, I hope that everyone experienced a relaxing and enjoyable summer. It was a relatively quiet spring and summer in our neighborhoods for which we should be thankful. Mount Vernon is a wonderful place to live and this summer only highlighted that tribute.

Our Annual Neighborhood Picnic back in May was a success thanks to the many who attended and especially to the event organizers, Ken Poortinga and Jeannine Simmons. Although set-up for the day occurred during rain storms, the sky cleared just as the picnic began. We had an indoor affair using the church hall at St. James for the first time which worked out very well. Planning will soon be underway for next year's picnic – if anyone would like to be involved in the planning please contact one of the MVCA board members or officers.

Please be aware that during the past few weeks there have been a rash of home burglaries during the daytime hours in neighborhoods along the GW Parkway and as close as McNair Drive. Intruders have been kicking-in back doors and taking jewelry, silverware and electronics. The police are

searching for the gang responsible for the thefts and ask that everyone be sure to secure their homes, especially when leaving for work, shopping, etc.

The MVCA continues to have open chairmanships for three committees that are important to our representation with the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations. It is essential that MVCA is represented within the council's committee structure as the committees provide a means of communication with the larger Fairfax County community. It is also our opportunity to both provide input and direction as well as receive information from our county, state and federal representatives and agencies. Committee chairs are needed for the Health & Human Services, the Consumer Affairs, and the Environment & Recreation committees. Please contact me or one of our other committee chairs if you are interested in exploring an opportunity to serving in either of these positions.

We will be having our quarterly members' meeting on October 9 at 7:30pm at Washington Mill Elementary School. Pizza and beverages will be served at beginning at 7:00pm. In addition to our speaker, we will provide you with committee reports, current issues affecting our

community, and invite those present to offer questions or comments for the community's consideration. We look forward to seeing you there. As always I invite all to spend some of your time reviewing this newsletter as it contains important information occurring within our community that will be of interest to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me, our directors or committee chairs if we can be of assistance to you.

*Paul Schray, President
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