



Mount Vernon Civic Association, Inc.

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President's Message

Greetings Friends and Neighbors, Happy New Year!

Andrea and I hope that you had a happy holiday season and that you will enjoy a healthy and prosperous 2009. Despite the current economic climate, we remain grateful for our many blessings, and living in this community is certainly one of them!

Our next MVCA membership meeting will be held on January 14th. Captain David Moyer, the new Mount Vernon Station commander, will be our guest speaker. I hope that you will be able to join us, meet Captain Moyer, and discuss issues with those who protect us and our community. Primo's pizza at 7:00, meeting at 7:30. See you there!

2008 was another great year for our Association. We strengthened the MVCA Board with several new energetic and committed volunteers. We held our "2nd Annual" MVCA Community Picnic at Fort Hunt Park in September and everyone who attended had a great time socializing with neighbors, enjoying the great food, and listening to the music of Clarence "Blues Man" Turner. Under Bette Zaletel's leadership, we had another successful Community Clean-up, and thanks to Coilin Owens and the Neighborhood Watch team, we continue keep a watchful eye out and deter crime in our neighborhood. The Association provided support to our local schools and students. We also hosted several great speakers at our meetings, and we modernized our web site, www.MountVernonCivicAssociation.org.

I am excited about the year ahead. We are tentatively planning to hold the MVCA Community Picnic on June 13. While many members were impressed with the excellent facilities at Fort Hunt Park, the consensus seems to be that most people prefer a picnic within the boundaries of our Association. We are considering having the picnic back in the Belle Rive neighborhood, or possibly at the Mount Vernon Yacht Club, on the point. Please let me know what you think.

2009 is also a Directory year. Ken Poortinga and Elizabeth Bancroft have graciously stepped-up to lead this effort. I ask everyone to consider helping Ken and Elizabeth either by serving on the committee, or volunteering to serve as or assist your Block Captain. At a minimum, please make sure that they have your most current information, which you can easily do when you send in your membership renewal. ☺

I would again like to thank our wonderful MVCA Board members for their service, our advertisers and picnic sponsors, the Neighborhood Watch team, and everyone who contributes to making our Association successful and our community a better place. I would also like to recognize and thank Joan Howe of Dolphin Lane for the wonderful job that she did beautifying the entrance signs to Yacht Haven. Joan put in a lot of selfless effort on her own initiative and the results are fabulous. Thank you all!

It continues to be my privilege to serve as MVCA President. Please feel free to contact me at President@MountVernonCivicAssociation.org if you have any questions, comments, or issues. And please don't forget to renew your Association membership!

*Best wishes, John P. Skudlarek
President, MVCA*

