



Mount Vernon Civic Association, Inc.

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President's Message

March/April 2009

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Hopefully the worst of the winter cold is behind us and spring is on the way! I am not sure that the same can be said for the County's financial situation. With deficits in excess of \$500 million projected for the coming year, we will be monitoring the situation closely for impacts to County services and schools. I encourage everyone to stay informed and voice your opinion to our elected representatives through letters, emails, and participation in public hearings. For those with internet access, the county web site is a great source of information: www.fairfaxcounty.gov

I would like to thank everyone who renewed their membership in the Mount Vernon Civic Association. Your membership in the MVCA is critical to our ability to support our community and represent it, produce this newsletter, provide fellowship opportunities for our residents, and publish the biannual Association Directory. If you haven't sent in your renewal, it's not too late! As a reminder, the Directory will be published in 2009 and you must be an MVCA member to receive a copy.

Our next Association membership meeting will be held on March 11th at the Washington Mill Elementary School. Our guest speaker will be Don Carr from Ft. Belvoir. Mr. Carr will provide an update on Ft. Belvoir's progress in implementing the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) mandates and talk about Ft. Belvoir's expanding mission and role as member of the broader Mount Vernon community. If you've heard Don speak, you know that this is sure to be an interesting, informative, and interactive presentation. Please plan to join us and bring your questions and comments about "The Fort" for

Mr. Carr. Pizza will be served at 7:00 and our meeting will start at 7:30. See you there!

Please put May 16th on your calendars for the annual MVCA Community Clean-up. If you are interested in helping to organize this event or participate, please call me or send an email to President@MountVernonCivicAssociation.org. This is always a fun event and it makes a real difference in improving the appearance of our neighborhood.

SAVE THE DATE! Our 3rd Annual MVCA Community Picnic is scheduled for June 13th. Based on popular demand, we are moving the picnic back within our community. While a return to the Belle Rive neighborhood is the front-runner, we are pursuing several possible locations to include the Washington Mill School. If you have any thoughts about this, please let me know. If you would like to help with the picnic, please call Jeannine Simmons at (703) 360-3613. Jeannine would love to hear from you and we look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

If you are interested in serving as a member of one of our Association committees, or as a member of the MVCA Board, please let me know. I will be contacting those of you who indicated an interest in serving on your membership renewals to get you involved. I thank you and I thank all of the wonderful volunteers who make our Association so successful.

It is a pleasure to serve you and the Mount Vernon community. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance. I hope to see you soon at one (or more) of our upcoming events.

*Best wishes,
John Skudlarek
President, MVCA*