



Mount Pleasant Village Newsletter

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Official Launch Date Set for Mount Pleasant Village - Sunday September 20th at Lamont Park:

We will officially launch Mount Pleasant Village with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting ceremony and festivities in Lamont Park on Sunday September 20th, starting at 1:00 pm. Mayor Muriel Bowser and Councilmember Brienne Nadeau will be invited to kick-off the event, which will also include performances by Mt Pleasant-based musicians, food from local eateries, storytellers, dancing, and special member-directed activities. **Volunteers and ideas are needed. Please join us to help make our launch a huge success. Contact: dmeskell@gmail.com.**

Upcoming Events

Walk with the Walking Club
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
meet at 8:30 am, Lamont Park
**Caring for Bedbound and
Mobility-Challenged Adults**
Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 pm
Mount Pleasant Library
**Plain Talk about Medicare and
Social Security**
POSTPONED UNTIL FALL
Saturday June 27, 12:30 pm

Semi-Annual Alley Sale Brings the Village nearly a Thousand Dollars: The June 20th Alley Sale in the alley between Lamont and Park netted \$950+ for the Village. Thanks to all members who contributed items, collected money and manned a Village information table,



where we signed up several new members. Special thanks go to all those who donated 10% of their proceeds to the Village, and a gold star to the three Amolsch children, who donated 10% of the take from their lemonade stand.

Village Board Members (clockwise from bottom) Elinor Hart, Linda Low, and Bonnie Cain work the Alley Sale, as shoppers stroll and scoot past Adler Amolsch at the lemonade stand.



Village Members Enjoy Local Performances at Discount Rates: Offers from local arts groups for discounted tickets are bringing dozens of Village members to their performances. The [Gala Hispanic Theater](#) at the Tivoli on 14th Street again sponsored a Mount



Pleasant Village Night on June 25th, attracting a large group of Villagers to a performance of *Las Polacas: The Jewish Girls of Buenos Aires*, its well-reviewed musical in Spanish and English. On June 15th, [Solas Nua](#), a DC-based organization that brings contemporary Irish arts and artists to DC, attracted more than a dozen

Village members to a sold-out [performance](#) of *Songs of Joyce and Yeats*, classic Irish songs performed by two of Ireland's finest musicians. In partnership with the Village, the Gala and Solas Nua will continue to offer discounts for upcoming performances. Village members can also look forward to similar partnerships with other local performers.



40 Villagers Attend Meet-and-Greet: Village President Katie Tyler graciously opened her home for a New Member Welcome Party on Sunday June 21st. "That afternoon, Katie's house was transformed into a Village Green, where Villagers had a chance to chew the fat, meet their neighbors, and renew old friendships," is how one party-goer summed it up.

Board News. Highlights of the June 13th Mount Pleasant Village Board Meeting:

- **Membership:** With membership currently standing at 91 (*updated as of June 25th*), the Village aims to increase its ranks to 150 by the end of 2015. The Board discussed new membership initiatives and the value of information collected from ongoing interviews with members to identify their interests, needs, and ways they're willing to contribute. Contact: Brenda Krieger mpvillagemembership@gmail.com.
- **Volunteers:** The Volunteer Committee is recruiting neighbors of all ages and developing procedures for helping members with tasks, services and transportation to enable them to continue to live in their homes as they age. Contact: Elinor Hart hart1651@juno.com.
- **Mount Pleasant Village Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Set for September 20th:** To spread the news about the Village and reach out for greater awareness, we will hold a festive ribbon-cutting ceremony in Lamont Park from 1 to 3 pm, Sunday September 20th. The Planning Committee welcomes ideas and volunteers. Contact: Darlene Meskell dmeskell@gmail.com.
- **Fundraising and Finance:** As of June 13th, the Village had collected more than \$5,500 from charter and individual memberships. Acknowledging the need for additional funding sources, the Board agreed to petition the ANC at its July meeting for a funding grant. Contact: Rebecca Shannon shannonrl20010@gmail.com.
- **Partnerships:** The Board is developing partnership policies and seeking mutually beneficial relationships with local merchants, restaurants and entertainment venues that will offer favorable terms for Village members. Contact: Susan Rees susan.e.rees@verizon.net.

Contact us. If you have questions or comments about Mount Pleasant Village, please email MPVillageinfo@gmail.com. If you have comments on this newsletter or news to share in the next one, contact Darlene Meskell, Communications Chair, at dmeskell@gmail.com.