

July 9, 2018

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for an incredible 2017–2018 membership year. It brings us great joy to know that we've provided information and resources, engaged in service activities, advocated on behalf of neighbors, and brought the Manor Park community together.



We have accomplished so much this year, including:

- **Statement of Values.** In response to hate flyers distributed throughout Takoma and Manor Park, we drafted and approved a Statement of Values reaffirming our values of equality, diversity, and inclusion. We strive to create an environment that is open and accessible to every member of the community.
- **General Body & Community Meetings.** We have held 8 substantive general body meetings, addressing issues ranging from supporting local small businesses to proposed legislation to community safety to infrastructure and other projects affecting the neighborhood. We have also coordinated with the ANC and other civic associations to hold events addressing issues such as traffic calming and pedestrian safety, as well as historic preservation. We aim to provide neighbors with relevant and useful information, and to empower neighbors to advocate for the resources they need.
- **Resolutions & Advocacy.** We have issued three Resolutions this year regarding the DC Comprehensive Planning Amendment Process (to address gentrification and displacement concerns); full implementation of the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Act (to address community safety concerns); and passage of the Fair Elections Act (to support voluntary public financing of local elections). We also provided feedback on Councilmember Todd's proposed universal free lunch legislation to address the healthfulness of school food and food waste, and advocated for the community's interests as related to the new Bryce Harper baseball field.
- **Community Service.** We are dedicated to serving the community and have held a Thanksgiving canned food drive, a holiday toy drive (as well as monetary donations) in support of Whittier EC, and 8 monthly community cleanups of the 3rd Street commercial corridor. We are in the process of planning beautification for the corridor, as well.
- **Social Events.** We have had a busy year socializing with our neighbors, including our inaugural family-friendly Halloween Party, our second annual Holiday Party, and our inaugural Earth Day Fair. And we look forward to our third annual Screen on the Green later this summer. We've also hosted two happy hours at Simple Bar & Grill and Takoma Station, and we are planning another summer happy hour at Deset Ethiopian. We believe bringing the community together to share food, drinks, and good company strengthens our neighborhood.

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We would like to thank Albright Memorial for sharing their space for our monthly meetings.

We welcome your feedback as we prepare for our next membership year. And we hope to see you at our upcoming monthly meetings, beginning in September:

Date: 3rd Sunday of every month

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Albright Memorial United Methodist Church
409 Rittenhouse Street, NW

Please remember to pay your dues yearly, as 100% of your membership dues go right back into supporting our community activities and events.

All the best,

Rhonda Henderson, Tiffani Johnson, Erin Palmer & Mike Jones
Manor Park Citizens Association Executive Board