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## Mount Pleasant Neighborhood Alliance Update

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### Transportation Meeting Tonight!

The second meeting on the Mount Pleasant Transportation Study is being held tonight from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Mount Pleasant Library.

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### Family Place Donations

MPNA will be collecting donations for the Family Place at the next Community - Police meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 14th at the Library at 7pm. Please bring new or gently used children's clothing, toys, women's clothing, shoes, etc. to donate. If you have any questions about donations, you can call Marika @ 202.246.5113 or email her at [marika\\_torok@msn.com](mailto:marika_torok@msn.com) for details.

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### All Hands Christmas and Tree Sale

Saturday, December 8 at Bancroft Elementary. The officers of our PSA 301 will present Winter Wonderland Christmas in the Park from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Santa's sleigh will be gliding through the hood around noon time at the Annual Bancroft Elementary School Holiday Tree Sale. This year, the sale will take place on December 8 and 9 from 10 - 4 p.m. (or until they run out of trees). This is the biggest fund raiser for the Bancroft PTA. This year, in addition to a large selection of beautiful trees, roping and wreaths, and tree stands will be available. Thanks to our MPD officers, SANTA will be arriving in a big red DCFD FIRE TRUCK and kids will get a chance to climb aboard. They will also have a special kids "make your own ornament" activity. The sale is located behind the Bancroft School at 18th and Newton Streets. Come early for best selection! Also, they can deliver within the neighborhood for a \$5 donation.

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### City Audits Will Move Forward

At a hearing last week before the Committee on Public Works & the Environment, Public Oversight Hearing on Compliance, Enforcement, and the Status of ABRA's Restaurant and Hotel Food Sales Audit, members from various civic groups throughout the city testified that

various civic groups throughout the city testified that there should be no more delays and that the city should move forward and begin the audits that were placed in the 2004 law. At this hearing, it was discovered that 94% of the self-certified quarterly reports submitted city wide were, in fact, in compliance. All restaurants in Mt. Pleasant complied through self-certification.

In order to comply, restaurants needed to have 45% or \$2,000 per seat in food sales. ABRA allowed a 2-year grace period so that time would be given to those licensees who may require additional time to get into compliance. It was then extended another 6 months. In Ward 1, with 120 restaurants, only 15 did not meet compliance through self-certification.

Some of the testimony noted that the law to allow these licensees to meet certain standards should be incentive to both the licensees and the communities. For the communities, selling more food is a good thing—less quality of life issues stemming from just alcohol sales—more peace, order and quiet to the neighborhoods. For the businesses, it is an incentive to sell more food--bringing economic vitality to them and prosperity to our city.

City Council is now considering moving forward.

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## **Business News**

**Marx Café and Heller's** owners Lambros and Alexs Duni have expanded their success and have opened another restaurant called Veranda on P, located 1100 P Street NW in Logan Circle

**Tonic Restaurant** opened a second Tonic at Quigley's in Foggy Bottom soon to serve alcohol.

**Haydee's** continues to run her second Haydee's restaurant 6303 Georgia Avenue.

**Marleny's** can now selling beer and wine to their customers. Please stop by their restaurant at 3201 Mt. Pleasant Street to enjoy their offerings of Salvadoran, Mexican and American foods. They also have added breakfast to their menu and open at 7 am if you are an early riser.

**Voluntary Agreements/Alcoholic Bev Licenses:** MPNA discussed changes to the VA's with 6 of our 9 restaurants and signed new agreements with those who sought live entertainment. (4 signed new agreements -which includes Marleny's and 2 remained the same). This was without protesting any of these 9 establishments' ABC license renewals.

license renewals.

**Corado's** Joseph Corado has served Mt. Pleasant for 25 years this year. Mr. Corado opened his Corado's Restaurant, currently located at 3217 Mount Pleasant St., back in February 1982. Corado's offers Guatemalan specialties. To celebrate his 25 years, he is making a special offer of a free drink with any entree between now and the end of January. Coupons were distributed at the Nov.19, 2007 MPNA meeting.

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## Zoolights at the National Zoo

Beginning Nov 28 and running through December 30 (Wed-Sun) the Zoo will shine with thousands of environmentally friendly lights and animated exhibits. Visitors will also be able to roast marshmallows, drink hot chocolate and cider, eat cookies, enjoy scavenger hunts. There will also be a chance to make crafts. \$6.00 for members/\$10 for non-members and \$20 for a member family pack of 4 tickets. Kids under 2 are free.

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