

## Neighborhood Highlights

### Celebrating and Protecting Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy



Hundreds of residents rallied at 40th Street and Lancaster Avenue on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 15, 2018) to celebrate the civil rights activist's legacy and show support for the preservation of the mural commemorating his 1965 speech at the intersection. The painting is at risk of being blocked out by the developer of a nearby lot. Residents have partnered with the Mural Arts Program and City Council representatives to find ways to preserve the landmark. To get involved with these efforts, please contact the Mantua Civic Association at **267-227-9045** or [MCAunitingmantua@gmail.com](mailto:MCAunitingmantua@gmail.com).

### Mantua Urban Peace Garden (MUPG) Seeking New Members!

Interested in growing your own fruits and vegetables in the community? Want to connect with neighbors and enjoy the outdoors? Sign up for the Mantua Urban Peace Gardens' 2018 Season! Located at 37th and Brown Streets, a **plot is \$20** and can be requested by contacting MUPG Treasurer, Angela (Pinky) Lindsay, or calling Mt. Vernon Manor CDC at 215-475-9492. **Deadline to join is April 15, 2018.**

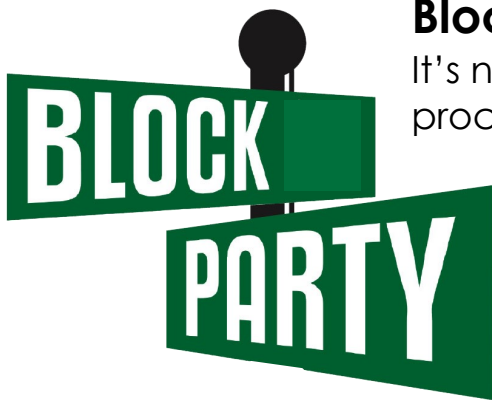


### Block Party 101

It's never too early to start planning for your block party! The process for getting a permit for your celebration works like this:

1. Complete the Street Event Application and let your neighbors know about your plans!
2. Mail or drop off the application with a check/money order of \$25 to 1401 JFK Blvd.
3. Receive approval from the Streets Department and the 16th Police District to host your event!

**PLEASE NOTE:** *In the interest of public safety, the 16th Police District has the right to reschedule or cancel a block event.*



# EVENTS & SERVICES

## FREE Tax Preparation

Get your tax refund FAST with e-filing and direct deposit! Mt. Vernon Manor NAC staff are ready to assist you at NO COST. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome in the MVM NAC Office located at the **Mantua Haverford Community Center (631 N. 39<sup>th</sup> St.)**

Income tax preparation services will be available from **January 23 to April 13, from 3PM-6PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 7AM-10AM on Fridays (closed Good Friday)**. Please call Lorraine Gomez at **215-475-9492** with any questions and to confirm which documents you will need to provide to prepare an accurate return.



## Thinking About Homeownership?

Are you interested in purchasing a home, but don't know where to start? Are you worried about your credit score and figuring out how to include a new home in your budget?

**Intercultural Family Services' housing counseling program** assists residents in

becoming and remaining homeowners. You can schedule a 1-on-1 appointment or attend a regular workshop by calling **215-386-1298** or visiting the office at **4225 Chestnut Street**.



MVM NAC can connect you to the **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** to help pay your heating bills this season! **Applications are accepted until April 6.**



## Lower Your Water Bill!

The Water Department is accepting applications for the Tiered Assistance Program (TAP). It helps reduce water bills for low-income customers and those with special hardships. **To apply, you can request an application by phone (215-685-6300), go online ([cap.phila.gov](http://cap.phila.gov)), or visit the Mt. Vernon Manor NAC Office (631 N. 39th Street, 215-475-9492).**

## *Monthly Neighborhood Meetings*

**Promise Zone Public Safety Committee**, 1st Monday, 3:30PM

Mt. Vernon Manor Apartments Community Room (3311 Wallace St)

**United Block Captains Association**, 1st Wednesday, 6PM

Heavenly Hall Full Gospel Church (4017 Poplar St)

**East Parkside Residents Association**, 2nd Monday, 6PM

Christ Community Baptist Church (1224 N 41st St)

**Friends of the Mantua Greenway**, 2nd Tuesday, 6PM

Miles Mack Recreation Center (36th and Aspen)

**HUB Coalition**, 2nd Thursday, 6PM

Cloister's III Building (3900 Haverford Ave)

**16th Police District Captains' Meeting**, 3rd Tuesday, 6PM

Dornsife Center (3509 Spring Garden St)

**Powelton Village Civic Association**, 3rd Monday, 7:30PM

Metropolitan Baptist Church (3500 Baring St)

**Mantua Civic Association**, 3rd Thursday, 6PM

Grace Lutheran Church (36th & Haverford) or Church of Faith (772 N. 38th St)

## **Community Food Pantries**

Name	Address	Phone Number	Times (Please Call Ahead to Confirm)
First African Presbyterian Church	4159 W. Girard Ave	215-477-3100	4th Mon., 10AM-12PM
Grace Lutheran Church	3529 Haverford Ave	215-222-3570	Wed/Thurs, 9AM-12PM
Metropolitan Baptist Church	3500 Baring Street	215-222-3930	Fridays, 11AM-1PM
Mt. Vernon Manor CDC/NAC	631 N 39th Street	215-475-9492	3rd Fridays, 12PM-2PM
People's Emergency Center	325 N 39th Street	215-382-7523	Saturdays, 10:30AM-1PM
Salvation Army	5501 Market Street	215-474-1010	Mondays, 10AM-3PM
Transfiguration Baptist Church	3732 Fairmount Ave	215-387-5708	Tuesdays, 5PM-7PM

## Mt. Vernon Manor CDC/NAC Services and Resources

### HOUSING & FOOD



- Property Tax Relief
- Foreclosure Assistance
- Housing Counseling
- Home Repairs
- Rent Rebates
- Utility Assistance
- Weatherization
- Monthly Food Pantry

### BENEFITS, FINANCES & EMPLOYMENT



- Benefits Enrollment
- Health Insurance
- Resumes & Job Search
- Fax & Copy Machine
- Public Computers
- Income Tax Prep

For more community updates and news, check out our website at [www.mvmcdc.org](http://www.mvmcdc.org) and Like/Follow Us on



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Agency/Purpose	Phone #
16th Police District	215-686-3160
LIHEAP Hotline	1-866-857-7095
Department of Human Services	1-800-692-7462
Department of Revenue	215-686-6600
Philadelphia Water Department	215-685-6300
Philadelphia Corporation for Aging	215-765-9040
Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee	215-685-3982
Fair Housing Commission	215-686-4670
Tenant Union Representative Network	215-940-3900
Philadelphia Housing Authority	215-684-4000
Save Your Home Philly Hotline	215-334-4663
Emergency Shelter	215-686-7150

### Mt. Vernon Manor Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

Mantua Haverford Community Center  
 631 N. 39th Street  
 Philadelphia, PA

**Hours:** Monday-Friday  
 9AM-5:30PM

**Phone:** 215-475-9492

**Fax:** 215-382-5147

**Email:**

[info@mvmcdc.org](mailto:info@mvmcdc.org)

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