



Mount Pleasant Village Newsletter

Join the Crowd at the official launch of Mount Pleasant Village, Sunday, Sept. 20, 1:00 pm, at Lamont Park

Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne Nadeau will cut the ribbon to officially launch Mount Pleasant Village at a celebration in Lamont Park, Mt. Pleasant and 17th Sts, at 1:00 pm, Sunday, September 20. Village Board member Bob (Hoff) Hoffman will emcee the event, Eileen Coffey will provide English/Spanish translation, and music will be performed by local musicians. Members of the Mayor's FitDC coaching team will be on hand to demonstrate wellness routines. Come to the Park to help us celebrate the launch of a new neighborhood asset!

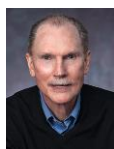
Villagers in the News:



Louise Meyer, Village member and founder and vice president of Solar Household Energy, Inc. (SHE), was featured in [a National](#)

[Geographic online article](#) about her work

promoting solar cooking for human development and environmental relief. SHE strives to unleash the potential of solar cooking to improve social, economic and environmental conditions in sun-rich areas around the world, using no fuel and releasing no carbon dioxide.



Joe Eldridge, Village member and American University adjunct professor, will deliver a lecture at the Mt. Pleasant Library on Thursday, October 8, at 7:00 pm on "The Great Central American Exodus Towards the US: What is Driving It?" The free talk is part of the Human Rights Latin America program honoring National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Villagers We Have Lost:

Diana Hellinger, 67, a Village member along with her husband Doug, died of cancer August 12. A teacher at St. Michael School, Silver Spring, she fought for social justice at the NOW Education Fund and served as Executive Director of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project. [A memorial service](#) will be held at Forcey Bible Church in Silver Spring Saturday, October 3 at 2 pm.

Upcoming Events

Urban Agriculture Discussion

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:00–8:30 pm, La Casa

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Sunday, Sept. 20, 1:00 pm, Lamont Park

Village Night at GALA Theater: "Yerma"

Thursday, Sept. 24, 8:00 pm

Lecture: "The Great Central American Exodus"

Thursday, Oct 8, 7:00 pm, Mt. Pleasant Library

Plain Talk about Medicare and Social Security

Sunday, Oct. 17, 12–1:30, Mt. Pleasant Library

Irish Musician Ronan O'Snodaigh

Sunday, Oct. 18, 5:00 pm, 945 G Street NW

Village Regulars

Walk with the Walking Group

Meet M-W-F, 8:30 am, Lamont Park

Coffee at Dos Gringos

Wednesdays 9:30–11:00 am

Happy Hour and Game Night at Marx Café

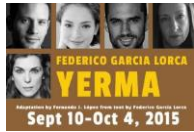
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 5:00–7:00 pm

at Habit Café

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 4:00–7:00 pm

Events for Villagers:

Sept 24, 8:00 pm *Yerma* at GALA Theater Village Night



GALA Theater's Village night performance of *Yerma* at 8:00 pm, Thursday, September 24. For \$15 discounted tickets, call GALA Theater box office at 202-234Oc-7174 and mention Mount Pleasant Village night.

Oct 4, 2:00 pm *Women Laughing Alone with Salad* at Woolly Mammoth



The Village is sponsoring a trip to the theater at 641 D St. NW, followed by dinner at Marx Café on Mt. Pleasant St. [*Women Laughing Alone with Salad*](#) is a new comedy by award-winning playwright Sheila Callaghan. For discounted theater tickets, send a check for \$39 each by September 20 to Elinor Hart, 1651 Hobart St. NW, 20009.

Oct 18, 5 pm Solas Nua Offers Villagers Discounts to hear Emmy-nominated Irish Musician Ronan O'Snodaigh



A founder of the iconic band Kíla, **RónánÓ Snodaigh** is a singer-songwriter, poet and vocalist recognized by many as the best and most innovative bodhrán player in Ireland. In his first visit to Solas Nua, Rónán will perform traditional, folk-rock, and world music at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 945 G St NW. Village members contact [dmeskell@gmail](mailto:dmeskell@gmail.com) for \$10 discounted tickets.

Board News: Highlights of the September 5th Mount Pleasant Village Board meeting:

- **Meeting with Councilmember:** Board President Katie Tyler and other members will meet with Councilmember Nadeau to explore potential DC Council support for the Village.
- **Membership:** The Village now has 106 members. We are on schedule to reach our goal of 150 members by the end of the year. Contact: Brenda Krieger mpvillagemembership@gmail.com.
- **Volunteers:** The Board is working with Verified Volunteers to conduct background checks on all volunteers (beginning with Board members), which are required before anyone can provide services for Village members. Contact: Elinor Hart hart1651@juno.com
- **Events:** The Village is negotiating "hangout" times and locations for informal gatherings with several new partners, including Marx Café and Habit. Lectures, discussions, and entertainment are being planned for the fall. Contact: Bonnie Cain bonniejcain@gmail.com.
- **Mount Pleasant Village Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Set for September 20th.** Contact: Darlene Meskell dmeskell@gmail.com.
- **Finance:** The Village has acquired an online accounting system for keeping its books. Contact: Rebecca Shannon shannonrl20010@gmail.com.

Contact us. If you have questions, comments or news to share, contact Darlene Meskell, dmeskell@gmail.com.