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Councilman Brown poses for a photo with Jennifer Zatlowski, owner of Pawticulars, Linda P. Gallagher, BRMS Board president, and Cristina Amoruso, BRMS Executive Director.

**Councilmember Kwame Brown
Visits Barracks Row**

Washington, DC Councilmember Kwame Brown visited Barracks Row on August 22, meeting with the staff and board members of Barracks Row Main Street. Councilmember Brown was given a tour of the entire corridor by BRMS, meeting with several business and property owners to discuss issues relevant to small business development and recruitment.

Councilmember Brown visited the businesses owners at Attitude Exact, Ipso-Crafto, Stitch DC, Capitol Hill Bikes, Innervision, Pawticulars, OXXO Care Cleaners, and Chateau Animaux before eating lunch at Levi's Port Café south of the freeway.

Most business and property owners expressed their concern that recent

property tax increases have led to a dramatic increase in rents that most business owners cannot afford. Councilmember Brown has promised to look into this problem and try to help the business owners on 8th Street.

Councilmember Brown also has plans to allocate \$20,000 to Chat's Liquors and Ophelia's Florist to help improve the façade at the corner of 8th and E Streets, SE.

Councilmember Brown serves as an At-Large Councilmember for the District, as well as serving as the Chair of Council's Committee on Economic Development. This committee is responsible for, among other things, commercial and local business development policy. Councilmember Brown also served as the Chair of the Council's former Special Committee a Comprehensive Policy for Local Business Development.



Councilman Brown poses for a photo with Paul Lester, owner of Attitude Exact.

New Businesses Arrive on Barracks Row

The summer and fall have been a very busy time for Barracks Row, and several new businesses have moved onto 8th Street in the last few months. Take the time to stop by and say hello to our new neighbors.

- *Jordan's 8*, an upscale steak house and sushi lounge, located at 523 8th Street, SE. They can be reached at (202) 543-6401, or visit their website at www.jordans8.com.
- *Ipsocrafto* located at 733 8th Street, SE. They have a wide selection of craft and art supplies for all ages. They can be reached at (202) 546-4329, or visit their website at www.ipsocrafto.com.
- *The Family Room*, a play area for small children, located on the 2nd floor at 411 8th Street, SE.
- *Café 8*, specializing in Mediterranean cuisine, is now open at 423 8th Street, SE.

They can be reached at (202) 547-1555, or visit their website at [ww.cafe8dc.com](http://www.cafe8dc.com).

Barracks Row Main Street wishes all of our businesses the best of luck in the new year!



The mission of Barracks Row Main Street is to revitalize 8th Street SE reconnecting Capitol Hill to the Anacostia waterfront and benefiting the local community.

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New Board Members Come to Barracks Row Main Street

Barracks Row Main Street expanded the members of its board of directors at the annual meeting held on June 21. The following individuals have been added as board members:

- Patty Brosmer, Executive Director of the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District (BID)
- Denise D'Amour, Owner of Capitol Hill Bikes
- Jonathan Darr, Executive Director of the Capitol Hill Association of Merchants and Professionals (CHAMPs)
- Marge Francese, Senior Advisor to Councilmember Tommy Wells
- John Gordon, Vice President of National Capitol Bank
- James S. Wright, Esq., Attorney

John Gordon will also be serving as the Assistant Treasurer for BRMS, and James S. Wright, Esq. will be serving as the Chair of the Economic Development Committee for BRMS. We look forward to the innovative ideas our new board members will bring to the 8th Street!

Holiday Open House on Barracks Row Eat, Shop, Drink, and Be Merry!

Barracks Row Main Street hosted a *Holiday Open House* on 8th Street, all day on Saturday, December 8. Participants took advantage of special holiday promotions at most eateries and retail stores along the entire street, and viewed the holiday window decorations that Barracks Row business owners displayed in their storefront windows.

Pawticulars, located at 407 8th Street, offered pet pictures with Santa Claus at their store location all day from 10AM-6 PM. Parents brought their children to a free photo shoot with Santa at the Eastern Market Metro Plaza from 4PM-6PM. The photo shoot at the Eastern Market Metro Plaza concluded with holiday tree lighting and caroling. We hope everyone had a good time!

Right: Santa poses for a photo with a neighborhood resident. And Santa poses for a photo with the Barracks Row volunteers. Many thanks to Oehm van Sweden for designing and building Santa's workshop!



Eastern Market Named One of the Ten Great Neighborhoods in America

On October 2, 2007, officials of the American Planning Association (APA) presented Mayor Fenty with an award designating the Eastern Market Neighborhood as one of Ten Great Neighborhoods in the US. This is the first year of awards for the APA's Great Places in America, celebrating places of exemplary character, quality and planning. This program recognizes neighborhoods and great streets.

In presenting the award, Paul Farmer, Executive Director of the APA, said: "The Eastern Market neighborhood stands out [...] as an example of the good that happens when residents care about where they live and take time to be involved." Further, the press release states that "Eastern Market was selected because it is a thriving testament to the spirit and commitment of its residents. Their civic pride and dedication, combined with the centuries-old vision for their

neighborhood, sustain the community's unique characteristics."

The American Planning Association has selected the Eastern Market neighborhood as one of 10 Great Neighborhoods in America for its continued success in balancing the demands of growth and change, while preserving the fundamental values of the community.

The neighborhood's commercial district stretches for several blocks along Pennsylvania Avenue. Populated by a mix of locally owned businesses and some franchises, the broad avenue is busy nearly round the clock.

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Who You Gonna Call—GUMBUSTERS!

The Capitol Hill BID is now the proud owner of a multi-functional high pressure washer. This newest addition to their arsenal of tools will allow the Clean Team to wage war against the gum spots on our sidewalks. With numerous usages, such as carpet steaming and surface washing, the BID is better equipped than ever before to scrub away the hard-to-remove dirt and graffiti markings along Barracks Row. Be on the lookout for them as they hit the streets!

Right: Gabriel of the Capitol Hill BID tries out the new gum-busting pressure washer on 8th Street, SE.



Barracks Row Main Streets thanks the following community donors for their support of our organization.

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Capitol Hill's Oktoberfest on Barracks Row!

This year's *Capitol Hill's Oktoberfest on Barracks Row* was without a doubt the biggest and best festival we have ever held on 8th Street. Taking place on the afternoon of Saturday, September 29, it was a success with an estimated 8000 patrons, 50 street vendors selling arts, crafts, and food, and 8 acts performing all day on the stage. A staff of over 50 volunteers and 30 Marines worked at the festival and did an excellent job of making sure everything ran smoothly. Even the weather was perfect!

This was the first year that Barracks Row served beer at our autumn-themed Oktoberfest. Adults were able to sample a wide variety of traditional and seasonal beers from Heineken and Amstel Light, as well as traditional German bratwursts and sausages.

Returning to the festival was a children's area with the always popular moon bounce and petting zoo, as well as a stage hosting performances by the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team and various musical acts, including the Navy and Marine Corps Bands. Artists and vendors had a successful day selling their one-of-a-kind goods.

This year's signature event was the National Armed Forces Military Culinary Competition, which pitted culinary teams from all branches of the military against each other for bragging rights as to who has the best culinary specialists. Fifteen teams of four active duty military chefs competed in a mystery box competition. Teams will had 30 minutes to determine what they would like to make with their ingredients, and then two and a half hours to prepare four servings of an entrée and an appetizer.

Barracks Row Main Street would like to again thank the following sponsors for their generous support of this event: Monument Realty Corporation, AT&T, Capitol Hill BID, Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America, International Food Services Executives Association, Signal Financial Federal Credit Union, National Capitol Bank, Schneider's of Capitol Hill, Colwell Banker, Law Offices of David Sheldon, Herb Lehner, John P. Parker, Barbara Reich and DC101.

A portion of the proceeds from the *Capitol Hill's Oktoberfest on Barracks Row* was donated to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Calendar of Events

March 2008

March 8—*Second Saturday*; 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Capitol Hill

March 19—Board of Directors meeting; 8:30 a.m. at NCB

April 2008

April 12—*Second Saturday*, 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Capitol Hill

April 16—Board of Directors meeting; 8:30 a.m. at NCB

May 2008

May 10 —*Second Saturday*, 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Capitol Hill

May 17 —Dine Around, 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Barracks Row

May 21— Board of Directors meeting; 8:30 a.m. at NCB

June 2008

June 14 —*Second Saturday*, 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Capitol Hill

June 17 —Garden party

June 25—Annual Meeting, 6:00 pm

Volunteer for Barracks Row Main Street and help us complete our work plans!

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