



Saturday, September 26, 2009

**DEANWOOD HEIGHTS
MAIN STREETS**

**Faith and Foundation
Historic Tour of Deanwood**

**Places of Worship, Community and
Economic Development**



Deanwood Heights Main Streets (DHMS)

The DHMS office exists to help small, independent businesses continue, strengthen, and possibly expand their business and presence in the Deanwood business district. Small, neighborhood businesses benefit from having cleaner and more inviting store fronts. All small businesses benefit from city services provided to help them sustain themselves. All businesses in the corridor benefit from increased foot traffic, which increases their customer base.

Business services and assistance offered by DHMS include:

- Technical support for businesses
- Marketing assistance such as ads in circulars, coupons, etc.
- Store front improvement opportunities

Community services offered by DHMS include:

- Clean and safe team
- Production of a business directory
- WEB presence for businesses in our target area
- Community surveys

With a growing and changing neighborhood, the Deanwood Heights Main Streets aims to preserve our community spirit while revitalizing the Sheriff Road and Burroughs Avenue business areas and to reconnect neighbor to neighbor and business owners to residents.

DHMS Boundaries:

Sheriff Road NE (Minnesota Avenue NE to Eastern Avenue NE)

N.H. Burroughs Avenue NE (Minnesota Avenue NE to Division Avenue NE)

Division Ave NE (N. H. Burroughs Avenue NE to Foote Street NE)

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The Fishing School

4737 Meade Street NE

1911

Architect: Bernard Brown

Builder: Municipal Building Company



In September, 2009, the original structure was torn down and replaced by a new 6,000 square foot youth and parent center for the youth development organization The Fishing School (TFS). The new facility was constructed in 10 days time by the home improvement reality show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition!* Tom Lewis, a former D.C. Metropolitan Police

Officer in the “Officer Friendly” program, was concerned about the educational and motivational needs of the children of low-income households within the Northeast section of D.C.

The philosophy of The Fishing School is inspired by the adage, “If you give a man a fish, you will feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will feed himself for a lifetime.” The Tom Lewis Youth and Parent Center fits into the suburban home structures of Deanwood quite well.



Church of the Incarnation

880 Eastern Avenue, NE

1960

Architect: Johnson & Boutin

Builder: Unknown

Addition: 1987

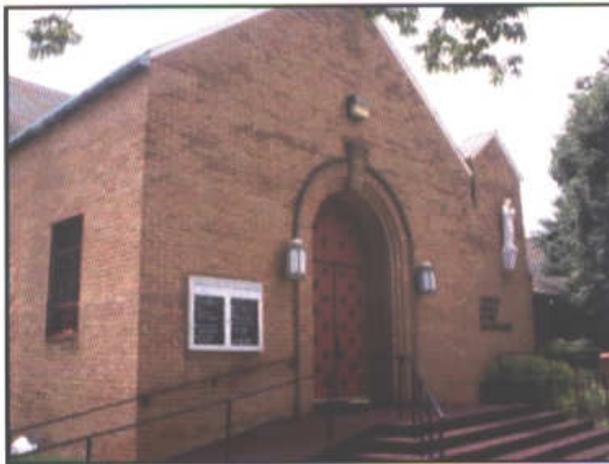
In 1960, a new Incarnation Church was built and opened here on Eastern Avenue under the leadership of Father Francis A. Dynan and Father Warren E. Meehan.

~Church of the Incarnation (cont'd)~
Incarnation began meeting as a congregation in 1912 as the numbers of African American Catholics in the Deanwood and neighboring Fairmont Heights areas began to grow. In 1914 the historic church was completed on Browning Place (45th Street) in September 1914. The builder was Bing Hayes.



The opening of the church was the cause for much pomp and ceremony. Renowned Archbishop Michael J. Curley journeyed to Deanwood for a historical and ceremonial march through the community to the church to lay the cornerstone.

Among the active parishioners were early Deanwood residents, Maxwell and Catharine Smart who contributed a piano and 28 pews for the church. Mrs. Annie White (Grandma) Brown was considered the “Mother of the Church of Incarnation” because of her efforts in growing the church. James. A. Plater, another active parishioner, was the father of prominent African American architect, J. Alonzo Plater, who designed several houses and churches in the Deanwood area.



The 1960 brick building features a large detailed round arch entry with double doors. To the right of the entry a slightly detached brick extension arises with a statue attached of the Virgin Mary holding an infant Jesus Christ in her arms. The nave has arched windows and blends into the existing landscape. The 1987 addition features slender rectangular windows and brick

embellishments. Connecting the two buildings is an exterior walkway with decorative metal railings.

Contee AME Zion Church

903 Division Avenue, NE

1963

Architect: Lewis Giles, Sr.

Builder: Unknown

Deanwood's oldest church congregation, Contee AME Zion began as a Sunday

~Contee AME Zion Church (cont'd)~
School in 1884 in the home of Daniel Contee who lived on Eastern near Bell Place, NE. On land donated by the Deane estate, a church building was erected in 1885 on the site it occupies today. Named for the oldest member of the church, Contee Chapel AME Zion organized in 1885 what is now Burrville Elementary, thus establishing Deanwood's first school for African Americans.



The present church building was constructed under the leadership of Rev. Frederick Barnes, a position he held from 1956 to 1970. For a brief period, the pastor was Rev. Haron Battle who was responsible for formalizing in 1982 the name by which the church is now known, Contee AME Zion.

Built in 1963, the Modernist brick church features a large gable roof and a cross embedded in the windows above the entry. The church has American Bond brick coursing and patterned ceramic tile infilled windows depicting different stories of the bible

Tabernacle Baptist Church

719 Division Avenue, NE

1953

Architect: Lewis Giles, Jr.

Builder: Unknown

Addition: 1975

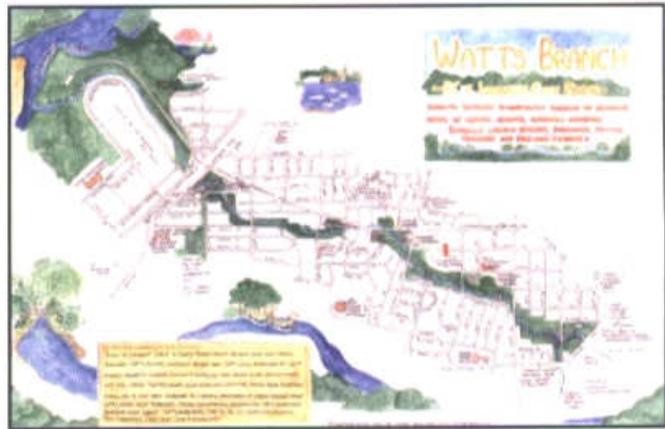
Tabernacle Baptist began as a mission in 1909 with services being held in a private home and in a tent. Under the leadership of Rev. James A.L. Washington, the church organized on September 3, 1911. Its first pastor was Rev. Levi Washington. In May, 1914, the church purchased two lots and built the church building which was dedicated on July 26, 1914. Under the subsequent pastorate of Rev. George L. Washington, a new edifice was erected. It was later expanded and an 18-room educational building was erected.



Tabernacle Baptist Church is a brick building with American Bond coursing and pilasters along the sides of the building and tower. The tower is offset to the right of the entry and has large rectangular lovers. The entry and patterned ceramic tile infilled windows are framed with round brick arches. An education center was added in 1975.

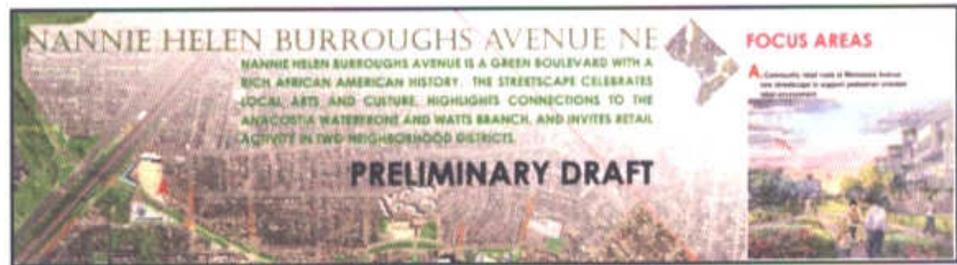
MARVIN GAYE PARK
Minnesota Avenue NE
to Eastern Avenue NE

Formerly called Watts Branch Park and informally known as Needle Park, the 1.6 mile Marvin Gaye Park was renamed for legendary soul crooner and area native Marvin Gaye in 2006. The District is improving the Heritage Green at Division and Foote Streets and Lady Bird Johnson Meadows at Minnesota and Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenues NE. These improvements will include a community stage, plaza, new shade trees, shrubs and ground covers as well as a bicycle trail that runs throughout the park.



NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS AVENUE
Minnesota Avenue NE to Eastern Avenue NE

A 1.5-mile multi-modal corridor that is a part of the District's "Great Streets Initiative"



Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue NE will undergo \$5.5 million in infrastructure upgrades to include the redesign of the streetscape and roadway configurations, streetlight enhancements, traffic signals and continuing the network for pedestrian and bicyclist mobility. Most importantly Burroughs will be a "green highway" that incorporates the latest in low-impact development features, including tree plantings, permeable pavement, and vegetated filter strips, that will reduce stormwater runoff and the urban heat island effect.

STRAND THEATRE
5129-5131 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., N.E.

The Strand Theatre was built in 1928 specifically for African American patrons. In November 2008, nearly sixty years to the date of its opening, the Strand was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In its heyday the Strand was a 600-seat movie house, dance hall, and pool room. As a cornerstone of the Lincoln Heights Richardson Dwellings New Communities Initiative the Strand will return to vibrancy with retail, office and cultural space.



HOWARD D. WOODSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

5500 Eads Street, NE

Howard D. Woodson Senior High School was constructed in 1972 and was the first DC public high school in Ward 7. Its namesake built several homes in Deanwood, including his own at 4918 Fitch Place, for the District's growing middle-class African American population, worked as a structural designer on churches throughout the city and on sections of Union Station, and served as supervising architect for Suburban Gardens, the African American amusement park that was located at 49th and Hayes Sts. NE. The new 176,658 sq. ft. high school will incorporate a number of sustainable design features and energy efficient systems and include athletic fields, a gymnasium and natatorium.

Sargent Memorial United Presbyterian Church

5109 Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, NE

1929-30

Architect: A.S.J. Atkinson,

Builder: James Dowrick

Additions: 1960

Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church was originally founded in 1908 as the First Presbyterian Church of Fairmont Heights.



Under the leadership of Rev. McCraig Lewistall, it moved in 1930 to the present location at 5109 Grant (Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue) Street. [The builder was also the architect for the Strand Theater.] Shortly thereafter, Henry Ward Beecher Campbell became pastor. The church was renamed Sargent after Theodore Sargent, a ruling elder in the National Presbyterian Church.

Sargent gained a reputation for being active in the community and in civic affairs around the city. Its pastor and members participated actively in a broad range of initiatives such as the efforts to establish home rule for the district, and to address world hunger.

Ground was finally broken in February 1958 for a new adjacent 400-seat sanctuary to be built at a cost of over \$130,000. The cornerstone was laid in June 1959. The old building is now the education building.

~Sargent Memorial United Presbyterian Church (cont'd)~

Sargent Memorial is a brick building with Flemish Bond coursing and brick pilasters with limestone caps. The rectangular windows are framed with round arches some with a limestone key and some with brick infill at the head. The main double door entry features a glass transom and is set back in limestone with a cross above.

St. Rose United Holy Church

4816 Sheriff Road, NE

St. Rose Pentecostal Church began fifty-eight years ago under the leadership of Rev. Bessie Alston. The name was inspired by her home church, St. Rose United Holy Church, Sims, NC.



Under the second appointed pastor, Elder Grover McCrea, Sr., the church was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, and the St. Rose members purchased the land at the current Sheriff Road location. Elder Eather Lofton, St. Rose's fifth pastor used his master bricklayer

experience to lay the foundation and build the lower level of the church where service was held for many years. Under the leadership of Elder Samuel M. Speight, the St. Rose building project was completed.

Elder Anthony Gilmore is the sixth pastor of St. Rose. Under his leadership, among several projects, the church initiated and currently operates the Fatherhood Initiative of St. Rose (F.I.S.T.) through a grant from the Department of Human Services.

Late Modern in style, St. Rose is a brick building with a large gable roof and round arched windows perpendicular to Sheriff Road. The entry features large windows above the doors in a four-square pattern. To the right of the entry a rounded tower seamlessly emerges with glass block windows.

Joshua's Temple FBC

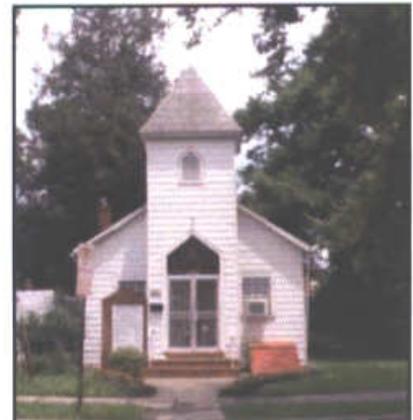
4318 Sheriff Road, NE

1908

Architect: William Sidney Pittman,

Builder: C.H. Strothers

This building was designed and built for Zion Baptist Church and is one of Deanwood's oldest continuously operating as a church building. The



~Joshua's Temple FBC (cont'd)~

designer, William Sidney Pittman, (and the son-in-law of Booker T. Washington), was one of the District of Columbia's earliest licensed African American architects. He also designed the house next door to what is now Joshua's Temple which houses the Deanwood Chess Club.

Built in the Colonial Style, Joshua's Temple original building is a single story symmetrical stick-built (wood framed) building with wood lap siding finish. The entry is accentuated by a tower and a stain glass window transom above the double doors. At the top of the tower are arched louvers. A brick addition was made to the church at the rear of the building.



Randall Memorial United Methodist Church

1002 46th Street, NE

1948

Architect: R. Lionel Fields

Builder: James C. Jones

Additions

1984, 1999

According to the official church history, in 1910 a group of residents met to address the absence of a Methodist Episcopal church in the

area. Subsequently the Deanwood Methodist Episcopal Church was organized under the leadership of Reverend Armstead Randall. Moses Hall on Lane Place, NE was rented to start a mission. The first service was held there on July 2, 1911. A year later through courage, vision and sacrifice, the first church building was erected on Browning Place, NE (now 46th Street), the cornerstone laid in June 1912. Rev. Randall served as pastor until his death on June 19, 1916. Shortly after his passing, the church was renamed Randall Memorial Methodist Episcopal in his honor.

Randall Memorial is a single story brick building that features large rounded arch windows, pilasters and a symmetrical entrance. The congregation area is raised above the entry. A Modernist single story brick addition was made to the original church with rectangular windows and a glass storefront entry. The church has American Bond brick coursing and the addition has Stretcher Bond brick coursing.

First Baptist Church of Deanwood

1008 45th Street, NE

1961

Architect: Ronald. S. Senseman,

Builder:

1038 45th Place, NE

1929

Architect: Roscoe Vaughn (Vaughn, Ferguson, & Co.)

Builder:



The old First Baptist Church of Deanwood was constructed beginning in 1929 and completed in 1938. It faces 45th Street and extends across the middle of the block to 44th Place. Constructed and largely financed by African Americans, it was also designed by African American architect, Roscoe I. Vaughn who designed many churches in Washington. A much larger 1962 addition is set perpendicular to the

1929 church facing Sheriff Road. The designer was Ronald E Senseman.

First Baptist Church was for years the largest church in that corner of Far Northeast DC. The church is also significant for its association with Reverends George W. Brent and Allen. Both were pillars community and deeply local politics and government. They used influence of the church much needed services to and to push for the civil the residents of Deanwood and black Washington.



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Original

The original First Baptist Church building has an asymmetrical façade with the entry in the middle of the three part façade and a tower to the right of the entry. The tower features an alternating window placement with round arched louvers at the top. Above the entry is a large decorative Gothic arch infilled with stain glass. The other stain glass windows have a simple rectilinear wood frame. Both the original and addition have an American Bond brick coursing

*~First Baptist Church of Deanwood (cont'd)~
Addition*

Built in the Modernist Style, the brick addition to First Baptist has a symmetrical entrance with stairs perpendicular to the building from 44th and 45th streets. The entries and windows are surrounded by limestone embellishments. At the top of the windows are simple pointed arches. Above the main entries are two large arched windows with smaller limestone arches. Some of the other windows are infilled with patterned ceramic tile set in mortar to mimic stain glass.

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*The Honorable Yvette Alexander
Councilmember - Ward 7*

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Betty Brite Cleaners
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607 Division Ave NE

China Cafe
612 Division Ave NE

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Deane Avenue Cleaners
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4509 Sheriff Rd NE

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4315 Sheriff Rd NE

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4922 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave NE

Share the Load Laundromat
4338 1/2 Sheriff Rd NE

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615 Division Ave NE

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4600 Sheriff Rd NE

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4600 Sheriff Rd NE

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