

Why the “SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FUND”?

D.C. Zoning Regulations state that in allowing colleges to operate in residential zones as special exceptions *“the university shall be located so that it is not likely to become objectionable to neighboring property because of noise, traffic, number of students, or other objectionable conditions.”*

Yet our neighbors are routinely subjected to repugnant and illegal acts of some GU students; blocks are being destroyed by poorly maintained group houses rented to students because GU doesn’t provide enough housing on campus; GU may acquire additional properties and expand further into the neighborhood; traffic and parking is abysmal; and police resources are being diverted to deal with student behavior (there were more than 1,600 calls to 911 for disorderly conduct in 2009).

This has forced many residents to move out of the area or simply give up hope of sleeping at night, decorating their front yards, or living on a clean and decently kept block. The situation has reached an intolerable level. Residents have been threatened, insulted, and retaliated against in various forms: e.g., slashed tires, vandalized front yards, broken car mirrors by students who make a point of showing their contempt for their neighbors, the neighborhood and authorities.

Here are some verbatim complaints from residents:

- *Last night, or I should say, early this morning, I called the police to quell the street noise. It is amazing, the kids think nothing of screaming, yelling, and carrying on in a loud manner after they have closed the bars in town. We have not had a peaceful night's sleep in ages.*
- *Between 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm an empty beer bottle was hurled and hit our garden dining table with a glass top, shattered the glass, sent glass shard projectiles all over the surrounding immediate area.*
- *From approximately 12:30 am until 1am on the 1300 block of 35th St.: General loud pandemonium throughout the block with very high number of loud, intoxicated young adults. Group of students just sitting on sidewalk of 35th. Another group holding a young female up, while she was vomiting on sidewalk. Another group standing next to us hold a young male up that was barely able to speak.-Three young males beginning to take a piss on exterior of ...a party house revolving doors of many dozens of kids randomly entering exiting while drunk. Officer making an open container arrest in order to try to settle down crowds behavior in front of house. Another young male was verbally abusing the MPD officer very loudly... screaming at the officer “you’re a terrible cop! My tax \$ pays for you!!” etc.*
- *I am barely finished documenting our claims for the vandalism to our residence while we were away last September, now am facing another vandalism with a smashed glass window, the same night, Friday night, Jan 22., that pots and plants were upturned and strewn all over... the front walk.*

It seems clear that residents’ rights are continually being violated. It is imperative we take a strong stand in front of the Zoning Commission to protect our rights. To do this we need your support. Please send your tax deductible contribution today.

YES, I want to support the SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FUND!

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