
ADAMS MORGAN HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT

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Long-Time Adams Morgan Residents & Business Owners Invited to Share Memories

Washington, D.C.—Long-time residents and business owners in Washington, D.C.'s Adams Morgan community are invited to share their neighborhood knowledge and personal memories during either of two "Remembering Adams Morgan" open forums to be held Saturday, Feb. 24 (10:00am-1:00pm at Goodwill Baptist Church, 1862 Kalorama Rd., NW) and Thursday, Mar. 1 (7:00pm-9:00pm at the Latino Economic Development Corporation, 2316 18th St., NW). The historical information obtained at these forums will be combined with archival materials to produce signs along a "heritage trail" highlighting the history of Adams Morgan neighborhoods.

The forums are being organized by volunteers from the Adams Morgan Heritage Trail Project, a not-for-profit community-based effort to raise awareness about the history of Adams Morgan among residents and visitors. The Adams Morgan project is being organized with the advice of people involved in similar programs already underway in the U Street/Shaw area and in downtown Washington, D.C. Heritage trails, in addition to enlightening local residents, tie into plans for the new City Museum aimed at attracting out-of-town visitors into D.C. neighborhoods.

"We're not just looking at 'Thomas Jefferson-type' history," explained Project co-chair Josh Gibson. "We're also looking at 'Charlie Parker-type' history, not to mention the history of the arrival of our local immigrant groups. At the forums, we hope to collect history that's as electric and diverse as our neighborhood, covering everything from streetcars to seedy jazz clubs, from the local settlement of the largest Ethiopian population outside of Ethiopia to the various waves of Latino immigration which have invigorated our community."

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"Remembering Adams Morgan" Times & Locations:

- **Saturday, February 24**, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Good Will Baptist Church (1862 Kalorama Rd. — near intersection with Columbia Rd., NW)
- **Thursday, March 1**, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Latino Economic Development Corporation (2316 18th St., NW — near the Post Office)

Why these Open Forums?

Much of Adams Morgan's history is preserved in the minds and memories of the individuals who have lived and worked for many years in its diverse neighborhoods. The open forums will provide an opportunity for community members to share their recollections in a relaxed, yet organized, environment. The two different times and locations are meant to make attendance as convenient as possible.

What to Expect

Volunteers will talk with forum participants individually (or in small groups) about their memories. Participants will also be asked about the availability of any old photographs showing scenes from the community. Project volunteers will also invite participants to suggest other individuals with local historical knowledge who might be interested in sharing their memories.

Who's Involved

All are welcome and encouraged to participate. The Adams Morgan Heritage Trail Project is guided by neighbors from the Adams Morgan community, with advice and assistance from:

- Historical Society of Washington, D.C.
- D.C. Heritage Tourism Coalition
- American University's Public History graduate program
- Latino Economic Development Corporation

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