

The Stevens Square-Loring Heights Community Standards Project began with a community-wide meeting on October 1, 2003. Volunteers formed a work group to plan a process for community participation to develop a document which reflects the standards of behavior in the neighborhood. Between October 2003 and February 2004, staff and volunteers of the Stevens Square Community Organization visited and offered surveys to 1,455 households. 207 surveys were returned to SSCO and form the basis of the Community Standards of Behavior below, which the community ratified at a meeting on June 29, 2004. Call SSCO at (612) 874-2840 for more information about the survey results and project process.

## **STEVENS SQUARE-LORING HEIGHTS COMMUNITY STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR**

We the people of Stevens Square-Loring Heights have the right to, and recognize our collective responsibility to foster, a neighborhood that is safe, clean, respectful and friendly.

### ***We aspire to be:***

A neighborhood where people are courteous, friendly and get to know one another;

A neighborhood with a sense of pride in its appearance, where everyone cares for its private and public spaces, including parks, building grounds, sidewalks and streets;

A neighborhood that is vibrant and fun, where people get together for positive and healthy activities, such as music and movies in the park, picnics, art happenings and block parties;

A neighborhood where people get involved in their community, to make it a great place to live, work and play.

### ***We have the right to, and the responsibility to foster:***

A neighborhood free of illegal alcohol and drug use, drug dealing, prostitution and other crimes;

A neighborhood where people resolve their conflicts without being abusive or violent;

A neighborhood free of harassing, intimidating and bullying behaviors, such as aggressive panhandling and rude, derogatory comments;

A neighborhood where people help each other, look out for each other and take action to address problems, such as reporting crime;

A neighborhood where people drive and park with care and consideration;

A neighborhood where people respect one another and embrace cultural, ethnic, religious and other differences;

A neighborhood free of excessive noise, especially at night, such as loud music from buildings and vehicles, or people yelling;

A neighborhood where people respect property and keep the neighborhood free of litter, uncontained trash, pet waste and graffiti;

A neighborhood where residential and business owners maintain their grounds and buildings to a high standard, and keep their sidewalks clean, safe and clear of ice and snow.