

FACES OF THE FRONT

Daryl Jackson

Resident, Capitol Hill Tower Co-Op

The Bonds of Community

Daryl Jackson's friends envy the spirit of community that is evident every time they visit him at his Capitol Riverfront co-op. Charmed by the friendly atmosphere, they frequent neighborhood parties and events – and a number of them have even moved to the Front to catch some of this spirit themselves.



“We are a close-knit community and we have bonded in a way that most other communities don't,” Jackson says.

The bonds are forged, Jackson notes, because the neighborhood tucked between the Capitol and the river is so new and still developing. While there is much to be proud of in the neighborhood today, much more – including more restaurants, shopping, and grocery stores – is on deck.

In the meantime, residents have created their own entertainment, holding cocktail parties, pre- and post-Nationals game get-togethers in each other's homes, and rooftop soirees. And everyone turns out in force to organized neighborhood events like the evening movies and concerts, frequently preceded by drinks at the Bullpen.

“There is always something going on,” Jackson notes.

The General Services Administration (GSA) Contracting Officer moved to the neighborhood in August of 2006 from suburban Maryland. While he considered other areas like the U-Street and Massachusetts Avenue corridors and Mt. Vernon Square, the Front appealed to him because of its unique vision for the future and the amenities of the present.

Jackson enjoys the open space, the river and the sense of being close to the outdoors within an urban setting. And he loves the convenient access to everything he needs—his office is two Metro stops away and the shops and restaurants of Barracks Row and Capitol Hill are within walking distance. Whatever else he might want is readily available by hopping on the Metro or jumping in the car and getting on one of the freeways that run next to the neighborhood.

“I feel very positively about what is going on here and what is going to be in the next five years,” Jackson says.