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COMMUNITY NOTES

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DC Water Town Hall Meeting in Ward 7

On Tuesday, April 5 Councilmember Alexander co-hosted a meeting with DC Water General Manager George Hawkins to discuss the pressing issues in Ward 7. Residents came out in great numbers to express their concerns about the quality of water and customer service that DC Water provides. Hawkins assured the community that he would look into the matters that were brought up during the meeting. Residents were also advised to take advantage of the free water testing kits if they believed their drinking water was not safe. In order to receive these kits, one can contact Customer Service at (202) 354-3600 .



CAAB Total Fitness Fair: Mind, Body and Money!

On Saturday, April 9, Councilmember Alexander participated in the Capital Area Asset Builders total Fitness Fair which was held at the Dorothy I. Height Library on Benning Road. The fair consisted of helpful fitness tips for Ward 7 residents who are concerned about their mental, physical and financial health. Financial coaching was available as well as credit counseling. Information on how to eat healthier at a low cost was also available. For more information on this topic please visit <http://www.caab.org/> or <http://dceitc.org/index.html>.



Councilmember Alexander Arrested While Protesting for D.C. Budget Autonomy



On Monday, April 11, Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander, along with Mayor Gray, Chairman Brown and Councilmembers, Biddle, M. Brown, Bowser, Wells, Shadow Representative Mike Pannetta, Ward 7 resident Maceo Thomas and 32 others took a joint stand against Congress' decision to include riders in the federal budget deal which

impede on the District of Columbia's right to spend its own money.

"Yesterday, I took a stand for the District of Columbia," said Councilmember Alexander. "It is time that Congress understands we are capable of making our own decisions. This fight will continue until we have full self-determination."

Under the new budget deal, Congress is control-

ling how the District spends some of its local tax dollars.

Forty-one people, comprised of elected officials, social activists and residents of the District of Columbia, were arrested after an act of civil disobedience in front of the Hart Building on Constitution Avenue.



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Allen House Ribbon Cutting

On Thursday, April 14, a ceremony was held for the Allen House apartments. The 96-unit apartment complex was recently renovated with a new roof and exterior façade, as well as improvements and new appliances in the individual units. The total development cost for this project was \$2.5 million. Allen House serves low-income senior citizens and disabled people. There is also an on-site service coordinator that connects residents to social service agencies.



Community Announcements

- Registration is now open for the **Youth Leaders' Camp at Camp Moss Hollow**. The camp will take place **July 5—16, 2011**. In order to register, please call 202-685-9649 or go to www.youthleaderscamp.org. This camp is sponsored by the District of Columbia National Guard.
- **Healthy Meals and Fitness Program** has begun at **Deanwood Recreation Center** and is held **Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** You must be 60 or older to participate. Fitness classes will be lead by Rodney Jordan. For more information, please contact **202-534-4880**.



- The **DC Youth Orchestra Program is offering scholarships** to students who want to participate in the program. The scholarship is available to students who are residents of the District of Columbia and they are only available for the 2011 summer session only. Scholarships will be awarded until the funds are exhausted and on a first-come-first-served basis. **Additional information about the scholarships is available at 20-698-0123 or info@dcyop.org.**
- On Wednesday, April 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Interim Director Terry Bellamy and Scott Kubly, Director of DDOT's Progressive Transportation Services Administration will appear at a public meeting to update the community on progress toward completion of the first operational segment of the H Street-Benning Road streetcar line and other streetcar activities. There will be an opportunity for community members to ask questions! It will be held at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, which is located at 1333 H Street NE.
- A **Job and Education Fair** will be held from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 21, 2011**, at **Banneker Community Center**, 2500 Georgia Avenue NW. Experts will be there to provide tips on interviewing etiquette and résumé writing. Please wear business attire because some companies will be there to conduct interviews on the spot. If you have any questions, please contact Housing Opportunities at (202) 289-0652.
 - The **Veteran Employment Program Office is hosting Employment Workshops** to assist veterans, transitioning ser-vice-members and family members seeking federal employment. These workshops focus on the skills for a successful job search. **Writing an Effective Resume, April 20, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Interview Techniques, April 28, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** The workshops will be held at **1900 E Street NW Washington, DC 20415**. For more information, please call (202) 606- 7305 or email vet_employment@opm.gov.
- The next **Neighboring Now Community Meeting** will focus on creating projects and programs that help our community's youth and senior populations. We would like to launch these programs at the beginning of summer! This Neighboring Now meeting will be on **Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. at the Benning Library**. Program Ideas on these



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topics from previous meetings: Friday Night Poetry Slams, Visits with senior citizens in the community, peer Tutoring Program, Community Yard Sale to benefit a Ward 7 Nonprofit or Scholarship Fund, Health Initiatives. All are welcome to attend.

- **EPA seeks D.C.-area seventh graders for summer environmental program. Application deadline, Earth Day, April 22.** EPA will select participants based on the student's academic achievements, attendance, conduct, and interest in math, science, human health, and the environment. **The program runs Wednesday, July 6 through Friday, Aug. 19.** Classes will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the George Washington University campus. Hours are extended on days when there are field trips. Applications and more information are available at <http://www.epa.gov/Region3/ee/sedp.htm>
- There is a **Homebuyer Seminar** open to the public and it is being held **Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 1st District Police Station, 101 M St SW.** It is a great opportunity for anyone contemplating purchasing a home. There will be a representative there from government funded programs such as HPAP and CityFirst. Participants will be walked through the entire home buying process, specifically some of Washington DC's first time home buyer benefits. They will also find out how some of these programs may be combined for great benefits. Please RSVP to Scott P Akers, Jr. at spajr@verizon.net.
- The **ERFSC KEEN Seniors Program** invites you to attend a **Ward 7 Town Hall Meeting on Friday, April 29, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at The New Macedonia Baptist Church, 4115 Alabama Avenue, SE.** There will be presentations from select DC government agencies.
- The **University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (UDC-DCSL) www.law.udc.edu, is offering up to 20 full-tuition Advocate for Justice (AFJ) Scholarships** each year to future public interest lawyers. The School of Law's **2011 application deadline is April 30** and June 2011 LSAT scores can be used on a case-by-case basis with the permission of Dean of Admission, Vivian Canty vcanty@udc.edu. To find out more, go to <http://www.law.udc.edu/page/justice>.
- If you are still trying to figure out your camp plans, why not give **Kids and Culture Summer Camp** a try! For more details and to register check out the website **www.mykidsandculture.com**. I've included some general information below. We will accept registrations until camp is full. The camp is almost full Please email or call if you have any questions. Dates: June 27-July 22, 2011. Place: Paul Public Charter School, NW DC 20011. Cost: \$130 per week (regular camp hours) *includes one camp t-shirt! Ages: 3-12



If you want to share your Community Announcement with Ward 7, please send a detailed email to Tiffany Brown, Director of Communications, at tbrown@dccouncil.us.

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About Ward7

Ward 7 sits on the most eastern part of the city. It is composed of 29 neighborhoods, over 72,000 people and has the largest number of children living within its boundaries. There is one public high school, H.D. Woodson Senior High, and several public charter high schools including Cesar Chavez and Friendship Collegiate Academy. The Ward has over 25 public and public charter elementary and middle schools. Ward 7 is surrounded by the Anacostia River on the west, Prince Georges County, Maryland on the north and east, and Ward 8 on the south. Some of the oldest communities in the District are in Ward 7, including Deanwood and Kenilworth.