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COMMUNITY NOTES

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- **Public Services and Consumer Affairs,** *Chairperson*
- **Economic Development,** *Member*
- **Health,** *Member*
- **Human Services,** *Member*

State of Ward 7

On Wednesday, March 30 Councilmember Alexander delivered the State of Ward 7 address to a crowd of about 150 Ward 7 residents. The event was held at Kelly Miller Middle School. Councilmember Alexander discussed the vast development projects throughout the ward as well as new educational programs such as Educare and the STEM program that will be available at the newly remodeled H.D. Woodson Senior High school.



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Mayoral Health and Wellness

Initiative

On Wednesday, March 23, Councilmember Alexander shared her fitness campaign during Mayor Vincent C. Gray's press conference announcing a coordinated interagency effort with DOH to challenge District residents to make smart and healthy lifestyle choices that will have positive impacts on their health. Building on the great work both initiated by the Council and ongoing in the community, "Creating a Culture of Health in the District of Columbia aims to create a city-wide push for health and wellness focusing on five core areas: home, child-care, schools, workplace, and communities.



Shrimp Boat Renovation

The Anacostia Economic Development Corporation is spearheading a store front improvement project on the iconic Shrimp Boat. This neighborhood landmark is one of seven Ward 7 businesses that will be receiving

a store front makeover. Construction on this project will begin Summer 2011. The District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development has already completed several storefront façade projects

throughout the city. Once the construction was completed, the small businesses reported an increase in revenue.

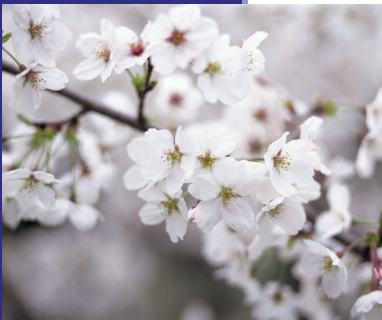


Before photo (left) and completed project rendering for the Shrimp Boat located at East Capitol Street and Benning Road NE. Photo credit: Anacostia Economic Development Corporation.

Community Announcements



- The **Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation** has announced that they will again provide one high-potential, low-income high school senior with a **\$25,000 college scholarship**. Administered by the DC College Success Foundation (www.dccollegesuccessfoundation.org), the WRCF scholarship will provide one deserving public high school student in either the District of Columbia or Prince George's County, Md. with a college scholarship that will be disbursed in \$5,000 increments annually. The Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation chose to establish a \$25,000 college scholarship that will be disbursed throughout the student's collegiate career because oftentimes with smaller scholarships, students are forced to search for additional funds or drop out of school after their freshman year. Additionally, the WRCF chose the DC College Success Foundation to administer the scholarship in part because of their strong working scholarship model that places scholarship recipients in a mentoring program that requires the student to work with a mentor during their freshman year to help ensure success. High school seniors attending either a **District of Columbia Public School or Prince George's County Public School** may apply for the scholarship by visiting <https://apply.collegesuccessfoundation.org/dc/>. The application deadline is **April 8, 2011**.



- On **Saturday, April 9, 2011** the cast from last year's production of Dreamgirls at **Friendship Collegiate Academy** has been afforded a the opportunity to perform in the **Cherry Blossom Festival Parade** on a float with one of the original Dreamgirls, Sheryl Lee Ralph. They will be performing two snippets of songs from the musical and then introduce Mrs. Ralph who will do her own number. This will all be on local television, **WJLA -ABC**, starting at **10 a.m.** and will include Collegiate Academy Arts and Communications students singing and dancing.
 - Please join the community for the **8th Annual Twining/Dupont Park Community Clean-Up** c/o Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) 23rd Annual Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative on **Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** the group will gather at 2900 block of M Place, SE & 2900 block of Fairlawn Avenue, SE in Pope Branch Park (near Minnesota Avenue, SE). The cookout will begin at noon.
- Are you unemployed or under employed? Would you like to improve your job interviewing skills? Need to learn how to search for a job online? Then come out to a **FREE Saturday Job Clinic** to learn more. The clinic is held every **2nd and 4th Saturday of the month starting April 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Deanwood Recreation Center**. To pre-register, please e-mail lifehappens_ward7@yahoo.com or call Jackie at (202)

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- You are invited to attend the **6th Annual Youth Opportunity Summit and Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Savoy Elementary School**, located at 2400 Shannon Place SE. This meeting is held to discuss preparing youth to stay safe and avoid criminal behavior, especially after school and during summer vacation. The panelists will include young adults who made it through their teen years successfully and are now embarking on careers or educational opportunities. Lunch will be served. So grab your youth, get on your church van, carpool or take Metro, but please attend this important summit. The school is located directly across from the Anacostia Metro Station.
- 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>
- Leading fashion icon, **Glynn Jackson**, wants to make you beautiful. He will open his **Haute Couture closet to dress metro Washington teens** for their most memorable high school event – **Prom 2011**. Glynn Jackson's glam squad will provide hair, makeup, and wardrobe styling catering to a family-oriented clientele – and the budget conscious consumer. Contact our prom advisor, Antranett Waters, at atntravel@yahoo.com or glynnjackson@gmail.com for an appointment at 202-452-7445 ext. 1 for more information. Your school may very well be featured at the 20th Anniversary of the Golden Scissors Awards.
- 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**.