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ANC 7C and CVCA's Community Meeting on Wal-Mart

On Thursday, February 24, ANC 7C and the Capitol View Civic Association hosted a community meeting to discuss the proposed location of a Wal-Mart store at the corner of 58th and East Capitol Streets NE. Members of the community came together to discuss the plans for development of the Capitol Gateway Marketplace with Wal-Mart as the anchor tenant. Councilmember Alexander as well as representatives from Wal-Mart, A&R Development, DDOT and other agencies were in attendance.



Seniors' Black History Program

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Community Announcements



- In order to comply with National Transportation Safety Board recommendations, **Metro will be closing the Orange/Blue Line from Stadium-Armory to New Carrollton and Benning Road the weekend of March 4-6.** To help riders get through the work zone, Metro will operate free shuttle buses around the station closures.

- "Interstages is hiring Part-Time creative and energetic Program and Development staff to support our expansion and growth in Wards 7 and 8 of Washington, DC. Interstages is an award-winning youth development organization. It provides opportunities for early adolescent girls in underserved neighborhoods to discover talents, develop and strengthen skills, and heighten self-awareness, setting the stage for a successful transition into young adulthood. Interstages provides health insurance coverage to part-time employees on a pro-rated basis. Also: basic life insurance, medical FSA, transportation FSA. Optional dental, vision, and AFLAC plans at employee cost." Learn more here: <http://mim.io/d193e>

- The **DC Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign**, which is coordinated by CAAB, has **11 free tax preparation sites now open** in the DC metro area. The DC EITC Campaign offers free tax filing for: Individuals earning less than \$22,000 and Families earning less than \$42,000. To see if you qualify, and to find a tax site near you, call **1-877-SAVE-515** or visit www.dceitc.org/tax_sites.html.

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- **Northeast Performing Arts Group/NE Outreach Youth Center** presents their 31st annual production—Arts N' Education Project Black Awareness Dance Musical **"When Will It End: Slavery Now, Slavery Then"** featuring African Heritage Dancers & Drummers. The even is **Friday, March 4 at Kelly Miller Middle School Auditorium**, 301 49th Street NE, Washington, DC 20019. Performance times—11:30 a.m. Matinee - for schools, seniors, groups of 15 or more \$7.00 per person and; 7:30 p.m. general admission for family and friends \$20.00 in advance / \$25 at the door, \$10.00 – Children under 10 years old (purchased at Door Only)

- **Dollars and Sense Expo** will be held **Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington at 4103 Benning Road NE, 20019. For more information, please go to www.dollarsrdc.org.

- Need help with your resume? cover letter? tips on job searching online? Come to the **Job Clinic at Deanwood Community Center and Library on Saturday, March 5 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Services are free with your library card! For more information or to register, please email Lisa Matthews-Martin at lifehappens_ward7@yahoo.com or drop by.

- The White House is now accepting applications for the Fall 2011 Internship Program. The **White House Internship Program** is a reflection of President Obama's commitment to provide young leaders an opportunity to strengthen their understanding of the Executive Office, develop their leadership skills, and actively engage in public service. **Deadline for the Fall Internship Program is March 13, 2011.** Questions or concerns? Email intern_application@whitehouse.gov or go to www.whitehouse.gov/internships.

- The **HBCU STEM Fellowship Program** provides fellowships and stipends to graduates of



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Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) who have gained admission into Master's level programs in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) areas at colleges and universities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware or Washington, DC. The fellowship is administered by the Educational Advancement Alliance and sponsored by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) agency. For more information on how to qualify for the fellowship please call 877-GradOpp (472-3677) or info@gradopp.org. you can access the application by going to http://www.gradopp.org/HBCU_STEM_Fellowship_Application_2011.pdf. The application must be post-marked by **March 18, 2011**. The completed application should be sent before the deadline to: **HBCU STEM Fellowship Program, 5828-B Market Street, 1st Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19139-3152, www.gradopp.org**



- The SEED Public Charter School is holding an Open House on Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The application deadline for 6th graders only is April 29, 2011. All interested parents and students are invited to attend a Parent Information Session to learn about the admissions process, take a tour of the school and obtain an application. For questions or to make an appointment contact SEED at 202-248-3025 or admissions@seedschooldc.org.
- The **AARP Foundation** today announced a call for entries to its **5th Annual Women's Scholarship Program**. The Scholarships will provide funds to women 40+ who are seeking new job skills, training and educational opportunities to support themselves and their families. Eligible applicants must be: Women, age 40+ by March 31, 2011, able to demonstrate financial need, enrolled in an accredited school or technical program within six months of the scholarship award date. **Applicants can submit their application at www.aarp.org/womensscholarship by March 31, 2011.**
- A scholarship, funded by the GM Foundation, is designed to help students who are leaders in both the classroom and their communities, but who may not have the financial means to attend college. The **Buick Achievers Scholarship Program will award up to \$25,000 per year for 100 students and \$2,000 per year for 1,000 students**. We encourage students to apply who will be enrolling full-time as a first-time freshman at a 4-year college or university and plan to major in one of the following: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Business Administration, Finance, Marketing or Design and have an interest in a career in the automotive or related industries. Application deadline is March 31, 2011.



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.

Fitness Update—Boot Camp Is Here!

Greetings Ward 7! The time has come when you can be more involved with "Let's Get Fit and Healthy Ward 7." I will be hosting FREE Boot Camp workout sessions at the Deanwood and Fort Davis Community Centers starting February 28 and March 2, respectively. Every Monday, you can join me at the Deanwood recreation center from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and every Wednesday at the Fort Davis community center from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The sessions will be lead by Kristopher Boswell from CD Fit, a fitness company owned by Clarence Duhart, and will last for four weeks. When you come to train with me and the rest of Ward 7, please be sure to dress in comfortable workout clothes. Also, bring a set of dumbbells, water and a towel because you will break a sweat. For more information, please contact my office at 202-724-8068. Looking forward to working out with you, neighbors!