



# Yvette Alexander

## Making Ward 7 One

### COMMUNITY NOTES

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#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

## Fiesta DC—Ward 7

On Saturday, June 18, Councilmember Alexander delivered remarks at the Fiesta DC event, held at the Maya Angelou Public Charter School. Attendees were there to celebrate their Latino culture in the Washington Metropolitan Area. There was free entertainment and a youth soccer game. Chairman Kwame Brown was also in attendance. This was the 40th anniversary for the celebration.



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## Leadership Council Meeting

On Saturday, June 25, Councilmember Alexander hosted a meeting with Ward 7 ANCs and community leaders. They discussed the prospect for jobs in Ward 7 and throughout the District of Columbia. Lisa Mallory, Acting Director of DOES, and Antonio Hunter, Director of DC Department of Small and Local Business Development, presented on the process of searching for a job and also ways to start a small business in the District of Columbia. Joseph Cirone, Public Affairs Officer for Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, was there to discuss current job openings at the base for all skill levels.



# Community Announcements

- **REMINDER:** Pools at the recreation centers are now **OPEN!** Please take the time to cool off during these hot summer days at your local pool.
- This summer, your **children 16 and under can bowl for free** at your local **AMF**. Sound too good to be true? It's not! Just register your children to get weekly coupons via email for two free games per child per day all summer long. Children love bowling; it's fun, active, social and local and – best of all – it's **FREE!** For more information, please go to <http://freebowling.amf.com/>



- **East of the River Boys and Girls Steelband** announces its **4-Week Summer Camp**. The purpose of the camp is to recruit and train potential band members. The camp will operate from the Police **Boys and Girls Club #14 at 4103 Benning Road, NE**. In addition to Steelband, classes include media, crafts, percussion and life skills training. **Classes are free and it is for ages 12-14**. Enrollment is limited and spaces are filled on a first-come basis. The camp day is 12:30 until 5:00 pm. For additional information and an application, please contact Dr. Gladys Bray at [eorstlbn@aol.com](mailto:eorstlbn@aol.com) or call 202.584-c035.

- **DC Department of Transportation (DDOT)** in association with the Great Streets Pennsylvania Avenue Project will **close the north side and south side of Branch Avenue SE at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue SE** to rebuild the roadway starting on **Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 10 a.m. and will continue through Monday, July 11, 2011 at 5 a.m.** at which time the roadway will be re-opened.
- The **D.C. Federation of Democratic Women** invite you to an **Evening of Jazz** with a live band and silent auction. The event will be held **Thursday, July 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at **The Woman's National Democratic Club** located at 1526 New Hampshire Avenue, NW. Please RSVP to Nancy Smalls 202-288-7606 or Donna Ellis 202-210-9272.



- **National Urban League** is hosting a **Youth Photo Empowerment Contest for kids ages 10 to 14**. The deadline to register is **Friday, July 8, 2011**. The deadline to submit photos is July 31, 2011. In order to register, please go to <http://www.iamempowered.com/article/2011/05/17/2011-youth-photo-empowerment-contest>. The **Grand Prize is \$250**.
- The **Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church** is hosting a **family summit** with the topic: **"Moving Forward! Hearing the Heart of a Man."** The event will take place **Saturday, July 9, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The cost is **\$25/adult, \$40/ two adults, \$15/teen**. In order to register, please contact Rev. Karen W. Curry at [MyFamilySummit@gmail.com](mailto:MyFamilySummit@gmail.com) or call 202-581-1500.
- **Sasha Bruce Youthwork's (SBY)** Prevention, Outreach, Wellness, Education, and

# Community Announcements cont'd.

Risk Reduction (P.O.W.E.R.) Program in partnership with **DC Department of Parks and Recreation** is hosting **Competition of the Arts, July 22, 2011, 7pm-9pm at Columbia Heights Recreation Center**. Auditions will be held July 12 and July 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Columbia Heights Recreation Center. For more information, please contact Shameka Johnson at [sjohnson@sashabruce.org](mailto:sjohnson@sashabruce.org)

- The public meeting for the **Redevelopment of St Elizabeth's East** will be held on **July 14, 2011 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Imagine SE Public Charter School** located at 3100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE. This second meeting is to present a range of concepts for the East Campus roads and phase one development based on feedback from the first public meeting and the 2008 Framework Plan.
- On **July 18, 2011 at noon**, the **Grand Opening** of the new and permanent site of the **African American Civil War Museum** will take place. It will join the ranks of educational, historically accurate and interactive museums, with \$5 million in exhibitions, touch screens and the best curator in town! The new location at 1925 Vermont Avenue NW is directly across from the African American Civil War Memorial, which highlights the story of the 209,145 African American Soldiers who served during the American Civil War.
- The **Hamlett Law Group and the Marbury Plaza Concerned Tenants Association** is sponsoring a **Special Education Seminar** where attendees can learn more about IEPs and the process for getting your child evaluated. It will be held **Wednesday, July 30, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Marbury Plaza** located at 2300 Good Hope road SE. For more information, please contact Shahidah N. Hamlett, Esq. at 202-642-5529 or [sha@hamlettlawgroup.com](mailto:sha@hamlettlawgroup.com).
- **Aya Community Market** is coming to a location near you! **Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church SE** will host the farmer's market and holistic health experience on **Saturday July 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** For more information, please go to [www.dreamingoutloud.org/ayamarkets](http://www.dreamingoutloud.org/ayamarkets).

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](mailto: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.