



# Yvette Alexander

## Making Ward 7 One

### COMMUNITY NOTES

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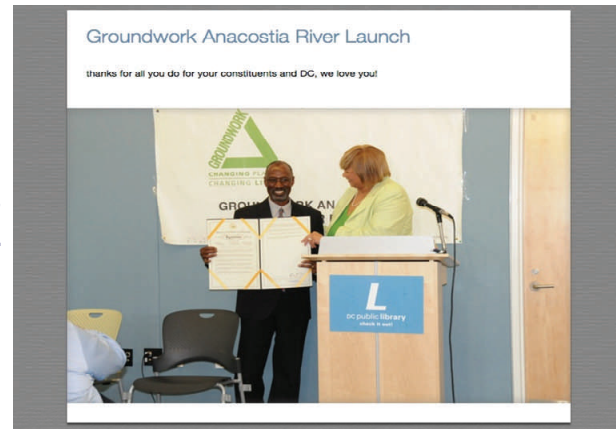
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#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

## Groundwork Anacostia River Launch

On Thursday, May 19 Councilmember Alexander delivered the remarks and presented a resolution in honor of the official Groundwork Anacostia River Launch. The event was held at the Dorothy I. Height Library on Benning Road. Groundwork Anacostia has been in existence since 2009, informing the East of the River community on environmental issues. Its goal is to foster and awaken the potential of neighborhoods by working with communities to improve their physical environment.



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## Redistricting Community Meeting: Ward 7

On Tuesday, May 31, Councilmember Alexander met with Ward 7 residents to discuss the preliminary redistricting plans and how they will affect the populations of each Ward in the District of Columbia. Many residents voiced their concerns about the new boundary lines changing the sense of community. The biggest issues were dual Residential Parking Permits for Kingman Park/Rosedale residents as well as designating Eastern Senior High and Eliot-Hines Junior High as a part of Ward 7. The final vote on the redistricting map will take place Tuesday, June 21.



## Groundbreaking of Stadium at Fort Dupont for Youth Baseball Academy

On Tuesday, May 31, Councilmember Alexander attended the groundbreaking for the new Youth Baseball Academy stadium sponsored by the Washington Nationals. Mayor Vincent Gray, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and Chairman Kwame Brown were also in attendance.

Construction of the academy was made possible by a federal, local, and private agreement, where by NPS transferred ownership of several acres of land at Fort Dupont Park to the District, the District provided \$10.2 million in construction funds, and the Washington Nationals donated \$3.5 million for con-

struction and operating costs and agreed to manage the academy year-round.



## Congratulations to the Class of 2011

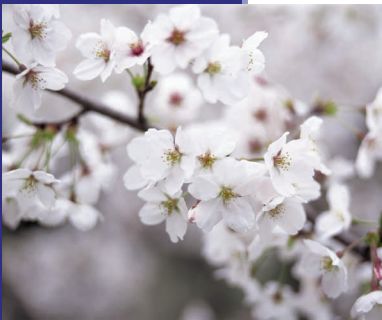
Over the past two weeks Ward 7 has celebrated with promotion and graduation ceremonies honoring our 5th graders, 8th graders and high school seniors. Congratulations to all of the students on a job well done. May you continue to be successful in your future endeavors. Ward 7 is proud of you and here to support you. Remember to give back to the communities that have served you well over the years. Continue to make us proud!



# 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.
- Join us for the return of **DC Black Theatre Festival; a week-long festival (Sunday, June 12 – Sunday, June 19) celebrating extraordinary stories told by people of African descent and an exciting menu of more than 150 provocative and ground breaking theatrical performances**, by local and national artists, writers, producers, and the theatre companies. DC Black Theatre Festival is the first festival of its kind to recognize the importance of both urban and traditional theatre. **Tickets are only: \$15.00 for all shows. For Tickets visit us online at DCBlackTheatreFestival.com.**
- **Fort Dupont Park is looking for volunteers to help with the Fort Dupont Summer Theatre.** Anyone wishing to volunteer needs to be able to work at a minimum of 3 of the 6 concerts and attend a training session at the Fort Dupont Activity Center on either **Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. or Thursday, June 23 at 7 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to help with information tables, security, parking, staffing checkpoints, concert set-up, clean-up and other jobs. Please call (202) 426-7723 if you are interested in helping out this summer. Students in need of community service hours are welcome.
- **Free Health Screenings at the DC Armory on Saturday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** There will be a live DJ, free prizes, free barber services, moon bounce and a kids fitness program.
- The **House of Praise Annual Peace Bike Ride** will be held on **Saturday, June 18** at the House of Praise located at **5110 Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, N.E.** Join them for fun and a peaceful bike ride to the White House and back. **Registration starts at 7 a.m.** For more information, please contact House of Praise at 202-396-7720
  - 18th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour Saturday, June 18, at 11 a.m. The guided walking tour leaves promptly at 11 a.m. from 31st Street and W Place SE, Washington DC 20020. Refreshments will be served at the end of the tour and bottled water will be available along the tour route. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance of \$15.00 on the day of the tour. Tickets are available 3 ways: 1) By credit card via PayPal at [www.hillcrestdc.com/paygardentour.htm](http://www.hillcrestdc.com/paygardentour.htm) 2) In person at the Hillcrest Community Civic Association meeting June 4th at 10:00am at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 3100 Denver Street Southeast, Washington D.C. 202.645.9200 3) In person on the day of the tour for \$15.00 donation

To reserve tickets and for more information, please contact: Maurice Perry at [mlper-ry45@gmail.com](mailto:mlper-ry45@gmail.com) or 202.581.4022 or [gardentour@hillcrestdc.com](mailto:gardentour@hillcrestdc.com) .
- **ACHIEVE Kids Tri is a six-week FREE summer camp** here in DC where they teach youth ages 9 to 14 nutrition, fitness, and life long exercise habits through the sport of triathlon. Their demographic is 99% Black. They are looking for more kids from Wards 7 and 8, especially girls. **For more information, please visit <http://achievekidstri.org/find-a-camp/achieve-washington-dc-established-2007.html>**
- **Beautification Day: Marvin Gaye Recreation Center (4601 Banks Street NE) on Saturday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The Marvin Gaye Recreation Center is preparing for its busy summer season and is looking to brighten the outside of the facility with fresh



# Community Announcements cont'd.

coats of paint on the playground and picnic tables. Volunteers will also paint the inside walls of the recreation center, paint foursquare & hopscotch games on the blacktop and clean the grounds of the center. To sign-up either call the recreation center at **202-727- 5432**. Students will be able to receive community service hours for participating.

- **Free Saturday Job Clinic at Deanwood Library on Saturday, June 25, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Volunteers will be on hand to provide one-on-one career assistance to Ward 7 residents. For those who are employed and unemployed. Walk-ins are welcome, but to guarantee that you will be seen by volunteer, please schedule an appointment by **calling (202) 777-4459 or emailing lifehappens\_ward7@yahoo.com.**
- **St Elizabeth's East Public Meeting will be held Thursday, June 30, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Imagine SE Public Charter School** (Old Congress Heights School) located at 3100 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue SE. DDOT and the DC Office of Planning (DCOP) are jointly sponsoring a series of public meetings for the St Elizabeths East Campus. 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.
- **Interdisciplinary National Science Project Incorporating Research and Education Experience.** To be considered for a summer STEM experience, INSPIRE Online Learning Community participants must at a minimum: 1) Be an active participant in the INSPIRE Online Learning Community. 2) Have a 3.0 academic grade point average on an unweighted 4.0 scale. 3) Submit updated transcripts, recommendations and parental consent forms, and other documentation as instructed. 4) Students must be at least 16 years of age to participate in the Residential Internship or the Pre College Internship. **Applications for the 2011 – 2012 OLC will be accepted until June 30, 2011.** Students and parents are encouraged to register at the following website: <https://inspire.okstate.edu/index.cfm?liftoff=login.LoginForm>
- Attention High School and College Graduates, and Students taking an extended break from classes: HealthCorps is an AmeriCorps service program which places its members in health care settings for a period of one year. This exposes them to the work of health care as a career option along with giving them skills which would make them attractive to employers. In addition to gaining experience serving in the health care field and ongoing professional development members will earn a \$12,000 stipend and a \$5,000 grant towards their continued education. For more information, please email Eric Vicks at [evicks@dcpca.org](mailto:evicks@dcpca.org).
- **Building Futures is recruiting Women** to participate in a **building trade/construction jobs and apprenticeships.** The classes will be held Monday—Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please contact 202-974-8223 or 202-974-8157.



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.