



# Yvette Alexander

## Making Ward 7 One

### COMMUNITY NOTES

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#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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## Let's Get Fit and Healthy Ward 7:

### Boot Camp

On Monday, February 28, Councilmember Alexander launched her free boot camp classes at Deanwood Recreation Center. There were approximately 30 Ward 7 residents in attendance. This program is held every Monday at 7:30 p.m. (Deanwood Recreation Center) and every Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Fort Davis Community Center) and will last until March 23. The classes are led by Kristopher Boswell, a trainer from CD Fit, owned by Clarence Duhart. Those who participated in the boot camp classes experienced an intense hour-long workout. The program has been quite a success and has sparked interest in continuing boot camp classes in Ward 7.



## Abe Pollin City Title Game:

### H.D. Woodson



Councilmember Alexander showed her support for the H.D. Woodson Senior High Girls' Basketball team at the annual luncheon held on Wednesday, March 2, at the Verizon Center. The Woodson Warriors met the St. John's Cadets in the championship game on March 7 at the Verizon Center. After a strong showing in the first half, the Warriors rallied until the end but were defeated by the Cadets, 44-59.

# Groundbreaking for Educare

On Tuesday, March 15, councilmember Alexander attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Educare School which will be located in the Parkside-Kenilworth neighborhood in Ward 7. This facility will provide early childhood educa-

tion services to an area where 72 percent of households are headed by single mothers. The school won a grant from the Promise Neighborhoods program and also received funding from major donors such as the Pritzker, Kellogg, Kai-

ser and Gates Foundations. The center is set to open in Spring 2012.



# ‘Soul Searchers’ Receive Honor

The D.C. City Council honored members of the Soul Searchers with a resolution declaring March 1, 2011 Soul Searchers and

Chuck Brown Day. The band was recognized for being a staple in the music and culture scene of the District of Columbia. The

resolution credits the Soul Searchers and Chuck Brown for founding Go-go music which remains popular among District residents.



Members of the Soul Searchers band pictured with Chairman Brown, Councilmembers Alexander, Barry and Thomas, Jr.

# Community Announcements



- Take charge of your money at **Money Management 101** with **Capital Area Asset Builders**. This FREE 5-week series will teach you how to: 1) create & manage a workable budget, 2) curb your spending habits, 3) improve your credit score, and 4) take advantage of a program to get a 3:1 match on your savings for your first home, a college education, job training, or a small business. Classes will be held **Thursday evenings, 6-8pm** at **Benning Library** from **March 17 through April 14**. To register, please email [seminars@caab.org](mailto:seminars@caab.org) or call 202-419-1443.
- 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](mailto:admissions@seedschooldc.org).
- **Ward 7 Leadership Series: Helping Youth Reach the Top** starts **March 18** and will continue **every Friday for six weeks from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** The series will take place at the Living Faith Baptist church located at 601 50th Street NE. For more information, please contact Marvin Morris at 716-602-8638.
  - The Friends of Francis A. Gregory are hosting their annual **Chili Cook-off Bake and Book Sale** at the **Hillcrest Recreation Center March 19, 2011 noon to 3 p.m.** Here is the link to more information [http://www.friendsoffrancisagregorylibrary.org/chili\\_cookoff\\_2011](http://www.friendsoffrancisagregorylibrary.org/chili_cookoff_2011)
  - GSA invites you to attend a city-wide event on Wednesday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to noon to learn how your school can qualify to receive surplus computers by the federal government through the GSA Computers for Learning Program. Registration will be conducted on-site. The event will take place at Kramer Middle School 1700 Q Street, SE
- Every **Monday in the month of March at 6: 30 p.m.** there will be information sessions regarding strategies for a job search. The sessions will take place at the Deanwood Community Center and Library. **Interview Skills: March 21. Business Etiquette: March 28.** To register, please call 202-698-1175.
- 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 sub-**

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mit their application at [www.aarp.org/womensscholarship](http://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**.
- The Metropolitan Police Department will host a **Public Vice Seminar** where residents can learn about the successes of the Department's Vice Unit. Please come and meet your Vice Officers and hear about ways to recognize common illegal drugs. The seminar will take place on **March 31, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** at the Transition Academy at Shadd Auditorium located at 5601 East Capitol Street, SE.
- **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](mailto:atntravel@yahoo.com) or [glynnjackson@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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ACHIEVERS**  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



If you want to share your **Community Announcement with Ward 7**, please send a detailed email to **Tiffany Brown, Director of Communications**, at [tbrown@dcccouncil.us](mailto:tbrown@dcccouncil.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—There's Still Time To Join Boot Camp!

Greetings Ward 7! There's still time to join me during my FREE Boot Camp workout sessions at the Deanwood and Fort Davis Community Centers. 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 are lead by Kristopher Boswell from CD Fit, a fitness company owned by Clarence Duhart. Currently, we're in our third week of classes so you have one more week to train with us.