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Community notes

COMMUNITY NOTES

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

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Rally for Budget Autonomy

On May 4, 2011, Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Muriel Bowser and Councilmember Mary Cheh attended a rally to express their anger and frustration against recently passed bills that ban the District from using its locally raised money. Hours before the civil disobedience, the U.S. House of Representatives approved a measure that would not allow D.C.-funded abortions for low-income women after the program expires at the end of 2011. Four people, including Councilmember Cheh were arrested and released later on that evening.



Dedication of Dorothy I. Heights Library

District of Columbia residents gathered on May 6, to celebrate the dedication of the newly named Dorothy Irene Height Library – formerly the Benning Road Library. Mayor Vincent Gray, Councilmember Alexander, and Councilmember Bowser were in attendance. The library also features artwork by Ward 7 resident, Rik Freeman.



Mayor Gray's Budget Town Hall



Mayor Gray addresses crowd at Deanwood recreation center

Mayor Vincent Gray presented his proposed FY2012 Budget to Ward 7 residents at the Deanwood and Hillcrest Recreation Centers on May 7.

Hundreds of people attended the town hall

meetings to hear Mayor Gray discuss tax increases and budget cuts that will help to balance the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. For more information, please go to www.dc.gov/budget.



Safety Awareness Event for Seniors

On May 13, Councilmember Alexander attended the Second Annual "Enhancing the Safety of Older Americans: A Senior Awareness Event" held at the Washington Seniors Wellness Center. Approximately 150

people were in attendance to listen to tips about safety in the neighborhood, especially for seniors. Representatives from the D.C. Office of Aging, Department of Parks and Recreation, Sixth District Metropolitan Police

Department, Adult Protective Services, the United States Attorney's Office and the Department of Homeland Security presented awareness information for the seniors.

Resolution Presented to Lifting As We Climb Foundation



On May 3, Councilmember Alexander presented the Resolution to the non-profit organization, Lifting As We Climb. D.C. native NFL stars Vernon and Vontae Davis were in attendance to receive the resolution on the foundation's behalf. LAWVC is a non-profit that mentors young African-American males through football and academic programs.

Councilmember Alexander Receives Community Service Award

Councilmember Alexander received the Dr. W.H. Jernigan Award for Excellence in Leadership from the Washington Baptist Seminary. The award was presented on May 14 at New Macedonia Baptist Church during the 85th Commencement for Washington Baptist Seminary.

Solar Panel Workshops at DOES Building

District of Columbia residents attended workshops regarding the benefits of solar panels on May 14 at the DOES Building on Minnesota Avenue. A panel discussion was moderated by Dennis Chestnut of Groundwork Anacostia and included representatives from DDOE, My Green Neighborhood, East of the River Solar Group and WDC Solar. At the event, attendees learned about how to properly install solar panels at their residences as well as the rebate program in place for District of Columbia residents, especially for Ward 7 and 8 residents.



Community Announcements

- **The last day of school for DC Public Schools has been changed from Friday, June 17, 2011 to Monday, June 20, 2011.** The change is required by law and allows us to make up the instructional day we lost on January 27, 2011 when schools were closed due to inclement weather.
- **Neighboring Now Ward 7: Saturday Job Clinic.** Every **2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Deanwood Library (1350 49th Street NE Washington, DC).
 - **DC Public Library announces Youth202**--DC's first and only comprehensive source for **jobs, internships, scholarships, events, programs, and other positivity for teens in the city**--on **Twitter @Youth202**. Teens have been saying they don't know where to look to find important information for them, so librarians and teen staff have been busy scouring the web and the Twittersphere to solve that. @Youth202 is a great resource, and you can help make it better.
 - The **DC Youth Orchestra Program is offering scholarships** to students who want to participate in the program. The scholarship is available to students who are residents of the District of Columbia and they are only available for the 2011 summer session only. Scholarships will be awarded until the funds are exhausted and on a first-come-first-served basis. **Additional information about the scholarships is available at 20-698-0123 or info@dcyop.org.**
- **Metro Open House Town Hall Meeting Thursday, May 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at Matthews Memorial Baptist Church 2616 Martin Luther King Jr Ave, SE. The closest metro stop is Anacostia.
- **DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Avenue Great Streets Project** will close a small portion of **Alabama Avenue at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue SE** to rebuild the roadway starting on **Saturday, May 21 at 7 a.m.**; weather permitting. This closure will continue through Thursday, May 26 at 7 p.m.. The roadway will then be re-opened.
 - The **Inspired Teaching School** would like to invite the community to our **Open House and Community Fair this Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at 4401 8th Street, NE, Washington, DC. The Inspired Teaching School will be opening August 22, 2011, and is currently accepting applications for students entering pre-school (age 3) through 3rd grade. At the Open House and Community Fair, all will have the opportunity to meet our School's principal and teachers, talk with Inspired Teaching School families, and enjoy the fun – including the moon bounce and face painting!
- The **Ward 7 Democrats Monthly Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church located at 5109 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., NE. The topic will be “The Redistricting of Ward 7 and the entire District of Columbia.”
- The staff and students of **John Philip Sousa Middle School** invite you to “An Evening of the Arts.” They will showcase their theater, dance, band and visual arts programs on **Wednes-**



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day, **May 25, 2011** at 6:30 p.m., The Dessert Reception & Art Auction Show will begin at 6 p.m. Place: **Sousa Theater (3650 Ely Place SE, Washington, DC 20019)**. The attire is dress.

- The **Washington DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** is having a **Jabberwock 2012**. The application deadline is **May 27, 2011**. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Smith Moore at 202-437-7536 or drtmooredst@hotmail.com.
- On **May 31** from **11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** the **Groundbreaking for the Youth Baseball Academy at Fort Dupont** will take place. All are invited to attend!
- The **U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia** cordially invites you to participate in the **East of the River Faith Based Criminal Justice Discussion. Thursday, June 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church located at 3000 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
- **NAACP DC Branch & Unity Health Care Minnesota Avenue Center** are hosting a **Health Fair on June 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** There will be Free Health Screenings, HIV Testing, Blood Pressure Testing, Glucose Screening, Health Education Information. It will take place at the Unity Health Care Minnesota Avenue Health Center located at 3924 Minnesota Avenue, NE near the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station. For more information visit www.naacpdc.org.
- **National Get Outdoors Day 2011** will be held **June 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kingman and Heritage Islands Park**. The event will have everything from rock climbing and mountain biking to fishing and face-painting, so the entire family is sure to have a blast! In addition, live music, and costume characters make National Get Outdoors Day an incredible event you shouldn't miss. For more information, please visit www.NationalGetOutdoorsDay.org.
- **Northeast Performing Arts Group** is still accepting applications for its **31st Annual Summer Arts Camp** on a First Come, First Served basis. Register Now for Summer Arts Camp with Northeast Performing Arts Group! SPACES ARE LIMITED! **June 20 - August 19, 2011**, Hours:7AM - 6PM, Monday - Friday. Boys & Girls ages 6-18. Only \$85 per week. Camp includes professional staff & instruction in the performing arts (ballet, modern, jazz, liturgical, hip - hop, and tap) breakfast, lunch and snack, field trips & Major Summer Production. Call Carrington at (202) 388-1274 or email nepagl@aol.com for application.
- The **District of Columbia National Guard Youth Leaders' Camp** is accepting applications for its annual residential summer camp. Following is a brief description of the program and contact information. Our 44th annual camp is scheduled for **July 5 – July 16, 2011 at Camp Moss Hollow in Markham Virginia**. For more information call (202) 685-9649 or visit www.youthleaderscamp.org, click on the Eligibility & Enrollment page for registration procedures and/or to download the Enrollment Application and other forms. The registration deadline is **Friday June 10, 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.

State of Ward 7 Address is Now Online!

For those who missed the State of Ward 7 Address, now is your chance to view it. Please click on the following link to hear about the great work that's being done in Ward 7:

http://www.oct.dc.gov/services/on_demand_video/channel13/March2011/03_30_11_Ward_7.aspx