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COMMUNITY NOTES

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- **Health,** *Member*
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Bully Free DC Rally

On Thursday, April 21, the DC Safe Schools Coalition held a press conference on the steps of the John A Wilson Building in support of Bully Free DC and Bill 19-11 "The Bullying and Intimidation Prevention Act of 2011." Councilmember Alexander along with Councilmembers Bowser and Thomas were in attendance and voiced their support for this bill. Students from the DCPS system shared their personal stories of how they've been bullied in school. Following the press conference, students met with councilmembers to share their thoughts on how bullying can be prevented in schools.



Secretary Arne Duncan Visits Promise Neighborhood

On Wednesday, April 27, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan along with Councilmember Alexander; Melody Barnes, Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council; Mayor Vincent Gray; Alma Powell, Chair of America's Promise Alliance and Irasema Salcido Founder of Cesar Chavez Public Charter School visited the new Promise Neighborhood location near Cesar Chavez Parkside school to learn more about how the promise neighborhood initiative has been so successful to date in engaging the community and bringing together



a unique set of citywide partners to build strong schools and a strong community. Event guests participated in a town hall meeting and discussion with DCPNI representatives.

Ridge Road Seniors Kick-off

The Ridge Road Seniors held their kick-off event on Wednesday, April 27 at the Ridge Road Recreation Center. Councilmember Alexander joined them in celebrating their season of service. This group comes together to work on community service projects throughout Ward 7. At the event, members shared information about current and future activities for seniors that will be sponsored by the Ridge Road Seniors group. For more information, please call 202-645-3959.



DC RBI Ward 7 and 8 Opening Day Parade

On Saturday, April 23, the DC Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (DC RBI) program held its annual Little League Opening Day Parade at the Ridge Road Recreation Field. Councilmember Alexander along with other local dignitaries, government officials, BatterUp Foundation/DC RBI Board members and Washington Nationals Executive Office members were in attendance to cheer on the teams.



Green Faith Initiative



On Saturday, April 23, several Washington, DC residents gathered at Good Success Christian Church in Northeast DC to participate in GREEN DMV's most recent initiative designed to engage DC residents on issues of sustainability and help connect them to resources that enable them to participate in the promise of the growing green economy. Councilmember Alexander was in attendance and shared her thoughts on the benefits of "going green." The District

of Columbia is increasingly becoming a more sustainable city and has been named the U.S. EPA's #1 Green Power Community. For more information please go to www.greendmv.org

Community Announcements

- The **Hillcrest Community** is honored as the May “**One City**” **Location of the Month** by the Office of Motion Picture and Television Development. The neighborhood has been deemed as an ideal filming location for residential shots. Congrats to Hillcrest!
- **Healthy Meals and Fitness Program** has begun at **Deanwood Recreation Center** and is held **Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** You must be 60 or older to participate. Fitness classes will be lead by Rodney Jordan. For more information, **please contact 202-534-4880.**



- 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.**
- If you are still trying to figure out your camp plans, why not give **Kids and Culture Summer Camp** a try! For more details and to register check out the website **www.mykidsandculture.com**. I've included some general information below. We will accept registrations until camp is full. The camp is almost full Please email or call if you have any questions. Dates: June 27-July 22, 2011. Place: Paul Public Charter School, NW DC 20011. Cost: \$130 per week (regular camp hours) *includes one camp t-shirt! Ages: 3-12
- DPR will be holding the 2011 Senior Games Closing Ceremony, on Friday, May 6, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Deanwood Community Center. There will be approximately 120 seniors and awards will be given to those who have participated in the games.
- The **Benning Library Dedication** to Dorothy I. Height and the unveiling of new art will be held on **Friday, May 6, 2011 at 11 a.m.** at the Benning Library at 3935 Benning Road, NE. All are invited to attend.
- **IDEA Public Charter School** is holding an **Open House on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** IDEA is a NAF Academy Information Technology and Engineering High School (9th-12th Grades) and a cutting edge S.T.E.M. Junior Academy Program (7th-8th Grades). IDEA's focus is on developing the academic, leadership, social and occupational skills of DC youth. IDEA is now accepting new students to join its exciting educational experience. Space is limited! Call (202) 399-4750 or visit www.ideapcs.org for more information. They are located at 1027 45th Street, NE, two blocks from the Deanwood Metro.



- On **Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Byte Back** will be holding its 5th Annual Community Computer Day, featuring outdoor music by Captain Fly, a moon bounce, cotton candy, free barbecue and of course, free computer workshops. The event will be held at Byte Back located at 815 Monroe Street, NE Washington, DC 20017. We will be offering 25 and 50 minute workshops on a wide variety of topics including: Blogging Basics, Twitter Fiend, Broadband Project, Digital Photography, Learning Languages Online and PC Security 101.
- **Free Bicycles, Classes & Bike Repair on Saturday, May 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at**

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the **Anacostia Public Library**. There will also be free Learn to Ride Class for Adults! Register for classes at www.waba.org/ward7and8, codeword: ward7and8bikes, or by phone at 202.518.0524 x 207.

- **Clean-up at PEPCO Benning Plant Community Meeting** on Wednesday, **May 11, 2011 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** at the Benning Road Library .
- The **St. Elizabeth's East Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the **Imagine SE Public Charter School** located at 3100 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue S.E. The DCOP Master Plan and the DDOT Environmental Assessment (EA) will be presented.
- The **Friends of Francis A. Gregory** are having their **Spring Flea Market May 14, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The event will take place on the grounds of the **East Washington Heights Baptist Church**, Branch and Alabama Avenues SE, Washington, DC 20020. Go to the website <http://www.friendsoffrancisagregorylibrary.org> for an application or go to the interim Francis A. Gregory Library at 2100 36th Place SE, Washington, DC 20020.
- **Good Success Christian Church** is hosting a **College Fair on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** located at 4401 Sheriff Road, NE Washington, DC 20019. There will be information about financial aid and scholarships. Remember to bring your transcripts!
- 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!
- **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 **Smithsonian Institution** is hosting a **summer multi-media camp for high school students** in the DC Metropolitan Area with cognitive/intellectual disabilities. The Smithsonian Institution invites 20 High School students with cognitive/intellectual disabilities to participate in a 2 week day camp. If you are interested, please contact: SI Accessibility Program Krista Flores 202-633-4340 or email at floresk@si.edu. All applicants will be interviewed prior to acceptance into the 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@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