



# NLV News and Notes

March 2022 [nextlevelvision.org](http://nextlevelvision.org)

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Building networking partnership with our community leaders to share resources, inspire, encourage, organize, strategize, and mobilize. Seeking to change the culture of our community from gun violence to love.  
Sharing the responsibility of taking our generation to the next level vision.

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## **Bold Yoga at February Meeting**

Charnal Chaney of Bold Yoga was NLV's February guest speaker.

Ms. Chaney briefly described her own background in meditation, yoga, and healing and spoke about the work of Bold Yoga. Classes and workshops include Mommy & Me, especially for single mothers; meditation and healing work at DYRS facilities; classes for adult returning citizens and a men's healing circle. Programs are brought into various communities around the city.

Bold Yoga's work with young people, who too often experience the death of friends and violence in their communities, focuses on helping youth to understand that it's okay to have the feelings they have and to seek healing. The effects have helped entire families to opt for alternatives to violence.

Another topic Ms. Chaney raised was the need for people working in the community to seek to "make sure we are coming into the community with healing and not hurting."

<https://boldyogadc.com/>  
202-246-7621

[https://www.instagram.com/bold\\_yoga\\_llc/](https://www.instagram.com/bold_yoga_llc/)

*Still time to sign -- Deadline: Mar 2*

## **Keep DC Alive**

Sign-On Letter to Mayor Bowser from Black Mothers Justice, Guns Down Friday, Moms Demand Action, Peace for DC, TraRon Center, and Next Level Vision. Please read, sign and share this sign-on letter urging our local elected officials to fund and prioritize peace and healing in their budget and planning efforts:

[keepdcalive.org](http://keepdcalive.org)  
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## **USAODC at January Meeting**

The guest speaker at NLV's January meeting was Christopher Wade of the U.S. Attorney's Office-DC (USAODC) Community Engagement Section and the Violent Crime Working Group.

Mr. Wade described some the work of his office in building engagement between the US Attorney's Office and the community. The goal is to decrease repeat crime and recidivism.

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202 660-2150

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/programs/community-prosecution/community-engagements>

## **NEXT NLV General MEETING:**

**March 20th, 4 pm**

**All Welcome**

**Guest Speaker: Rachel Usdan, executive director for Peace for DC**

**Virtual meeting via phone or video.** Contact [NextLevelVisiondc@gmail.com](mailto:NextLevelVisiondc@gmail.com) for Zoom link.

**Next Level Vision presents  
Virtual Roundtable on Ghost Guns  
MARCH 15, 6-7 p.m.**

Moderated by Tiffany Garner of Giffords Law Center.  
Final remarks by Terrance Staley, executive director of  
the Alliance of Concerned Men.

Participants are candidates in Democratic primary:  
James Butler, for DC Mayor;  
Ryan Jones for Attorney General; and  
Bryan Schwalb, for Attorney General.

Meeting ID: 821 1667 4891, password: nlv  
(Please note that all candidates in the Democratic  
Primary for both offices were invited.)

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share announcements via social media.

**NEXT LEVEL VISION PRESENTS:**

**LEVEL UP!**  
A VIRTUAL  
ROUND TABLE EVENT

**Ghost Guns: The Hidden Weapon!**  
**March 15, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting ID: 821 1667 4891  
Passcode: nlv

Moderator - Tiffany Garner,  
Giffords Law Center

**DC Mayoral Candidate**  
James Butler

**Panel Members: Candidates for D.C. Attorney General**  
Brian Schwalb  
Ryan Jones

Closing Remarks - Terrance Staley,  
Alliance of Concerned Men

NOTE: All candidates for both offices  
in Democratic Primary were invited.

### Next Level Vision

#### Executive Committee

Chief Executive Director: DeShola Dawkins  
Executive Director: Tyrone C. Parker  
Exec. Secretary: Rachel Usdan  
Navigator: Beverly A. Smith  
Treasurer: Volunteer Needed

#### Committees and Chairs:

Community Unity, Frank Malone  
Public Profile, Clarence Miles  
Red Flag, Jennifer Massey  
Resource Development, Stephanie Mercedes  
Social Injustice: Melinda Robertson  
Street Justice, Pastor Delonte Gholston

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**Twitter:** @NextLevelVisio1      **YouTube:** NextLevelVisioninc

### Change at ONSE

Executive Director Resigns from Office of  
Neighborhood Safety and Engagement

D.C.'s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) opened in 2017. ONSE's mission is "to foster community based strategies to help prevent violence and increase public safety. Our strategy is rooted in a public health approach to violence prevention, recognizing that reducing crime is not accomplished through law enforcement alone."

Delbert "Del" McFadden was the new office's first Executive Director. Mr. McFadden resigned in late February. This decision, according to many news reports, was a surprise to the Mayor.

As of March 1, the agency's website lists no interim director or current details. Stay tuned for updates and information on how this change affects NLV work.

ONSE, 100 42nd Street, NE, Washington, DC 20019  
Phone: 202-807-0440

**Celebrating 30 years of ACM and Tyrone Parker's founding service**

**APRIL 9, 2022**

**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM EDT**

**The Omni Shoreham Hotel**

**2500 Calvert Street, NW**

Celebration of Tyrone Parker, executive director of Next Level Vision and recently retired from Alliance for Concerned Men (“the Alliance”). He was a founding member in 1991 and long-time executive director of the Alliance, a nationally renowned DC-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to combat juvenile crime by providing life and social aptness skills to the youth in the city. Also introducing new executive director, Terrance Staley. The evening will highlight the ACM's major program initiatives for 2022, as well as the program and community leaders that are making a difference every day to help save lives and heal our communities.

Come Join us!!

tickets via Event Brite -- [tinyurl.com/ParkerACM](https://tinyurl.com/ParkerACM)



**30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE  
RETIREMENT CELEBRATION  
NEXT LEVEL EVENT | APRIL 9, 2022**



**TYRONE PARKER**      **TERRANCE STALEY**

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION DETAILS:**  
**WHEN:** April 9, 2022  
Doors open at 6:00 PM, program starts at 7:00 PM  
**WHERE:** The Omni Shoreham Hotel  
2500 Calvert Street N.W. Washington DC  
**COST:** \$125.00 per person

▶▶ Special note: Vaccine cards must be shown to enter event.

**BRUCE JOHNSON, Author and 24-time Emmy Award winning Journalist, will be Master of Ceremonies.**

Image includes headshots of Tyrone Parker, Terrance Staley and Bruce Johnson, "author and 24-time Emmy Award winning Journalist, will be Master of Ceremonies."

Retirement Reception Details:

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Doors open at 6:00 PM, program starts at 7:00 PM

Where: The Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW Washington DC

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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# NEXT LEVEL VISION

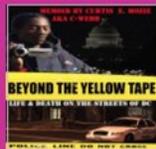
**"We're going to instill the right kind of confidence in our people  
and take our community back square mile by square mile"**

- Timothy Dawkins-El, 2013

NLV's vision is to change the culture of our community from gun violence to love. We are working with all organizations who are willing to work in unity and share the responsibility of taking our generation to the next level vision. NLV News and Notes, page 2

Our mission is to build a networking partnership with our community leaders. To form and inform our families of available resources and programs. We want to inspire and encourage leaders to organize, strategize and mobilize in unity and love.

NLV has been the inspiration and creation of this organization to honor the life and legacy of Timothy D. Dawkins-EL and many other families that have loss children to gun violence. Timothy was 24 years young at the time of his transition and full of life and love for his family, friends and community. Regrettably, his life was stolen from us on August 21st, 2013 ten days before his 25th birthday. Timothy was murdered in Southeast DC by a stray bullet (9mm Glock) as he walked home to charge his cell phone with a friend.



**NLV  
and Partner  
Organizations**

**All interested  
individuals and  
organizations  
are urged to  
join the effort.**

**For information  
or to join, contact:**

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