**MHCDO’s Affordable Housing Navigator**

**Your Guide to MHCDO’s Affordable Housing Events**

**INCLUSIONARY ZONING**

DC’s Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) Program helps city residents rent and buy places to live when they can’t afford market-rate prices.

**DC Department of Planning and Community Development (DCP) Disposes of IZ Units Through a Public Sale**

Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, Inc. (MHCDO), in conjunction with United Community Housing合作, is selling previously unoccupied Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) units through a public sale.

**Upcoming Affordable Housing Events**

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**FREE RESOURCES AND/OR REDUCED FEE PROGRAMS FOR FIRST TIME RESIDENTS**

Are you aware of programs that benefit District Residents such as free smoke detectors, radon and lead test kits, home fire safety and lead based paint inspections, and more? Click here for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE—9/8/18**

**WARDS 7 AND 8**

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Interested in what is happening in Wards 7 and 8 on a daily or monthly basis? Listed on the calendar are community events, health, educational, recreational, cultural, volunteer, and many other live events, activities, and opportunities to engage. Read more.
After 10 years of flunking, Anacostia River passes annual health test

For the first time ever, the Anacostia River has passed an annual health test, receiving a D- from the Potomac River, the Potomac Conservancy, and the Anacostia Watershed Society.

“The Potomac Conservancy has been monitoring the health of the Anacostia River for over 20 years,” said Susan Farrell, executive director of the Potomac Conservancy. “This is the first time it has been rated a D-.”

The grade is a culmination of decades of work to improve the river’s health, Farrell said, and marks a significant milestone in the river’s recovery.

The Anacostia River received a D- in its overall score by the Potomac Conservancy, up from an F last year. The river earned an A+ for its resurgence of aquatic life, including more than 120 species of fish, and improvements in water quality, including less trash and more aquatic plants.

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2017 DPW ANNUAL REPORT
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- Community engagement activities and public events, e.g., Helping Hand neighborhood clean-up.
- Statements of DPW’s solid waste, parking enforcement and fleet management operations.
- Descriptions of new services, e.g., low-cost water and sewer connection system, solar-powered street litter cans.
- Workload statistics, e.g., 10,000 tons of trash were handled in FY 2017.
- Accounts of DPW employees’ contributions to our communities.

Click here to view the report.

THE LAST NEWS ON RESERVATION 13*

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