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# THE COMMUNICATOR!

Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, Inc. Newsletter  
News, and Updates of What's Going On, In, And Around Ward 7!

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### 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 Housing and Community Development (DHCD) disposes of IZ units through a lottery process. Households interested in purchasing or leasing an IZ home must take a Inclusionary Zoning Orientation class which is provided by MHCDO on the **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**. Call 202-396-1200 for more information.

### TRASH AND RECYCLING BINS

Trash and recycling bins may not be brought out onto public space before 6:30 pm on the day prior to collection, and must be removed from public space by 8 pm on the scheduled collection day. This regulation stems from the Litter Control Administration Act of 1985 and helps keep our city clean by ensuring residents and business owners do their part to maintain the space in and around their property. **Violations carries a \$75 fine.**

The regulation also keeps sidewalks, roads, and alleyways passable and safe. For residents who are physically unable to move their trash and recycling bins, DPW provides hardship collection services. For these residents, our crews collect the containers from their storage locations and return them after they have been emptied. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from this service, [click here](#) to obtain a Hardship Collection Service Application. For additional information send an email to DPW at [dpw@dc.gov](mailto:dpw@dc.gov), or call (202) 673-6833.

### DC TAG HAS MONEY FOR COLLEGE

Parents and students, it is not easy paying for college. But if you're a DC resident, 26 years or younger with a high school diploma or GED and meet a few other requirements the District of Columbia's Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG) can help by providing up to \$10,000 toward the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition at public colleges and universities (two-year and four-year) throughout the US, Guam and Puerto Rico. DCTAG also provides up to \$2,500 per academic year toward tuition at private colleges and universities in the District and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) nationwide. The deadline to apply is June 20th. For more information call 202-727-2824. [Read More.](#)

### FREE RESOURCES AND/OR REDUCED FEE PROGRAMS FOR DISTRICT 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.](#)

### JOIN OUR MAIL LIST!

Don't miss important events and information. [Click here](#) to join.

### JUNE IS CATARACT AWARENESS MONTH!

Cataracts are a clouding of the lens of the eye, which prevents passage of light into the eye. It is the leading cause of vision loss in the United States, and it is the leading cause of blindness in the world. The solution to cataracts is cataract surgery, which requires a surgeon to remove the deteriorated lens and replace it with an artificial lens called an intraocular lens or IOL. Over 3 million Americans undergo cataract surgery annually, making it one of the most common surgeries in the United States. In fact, the entire surgery lasts only about 20 minutes, and most people can resume normal activities fairly rapidly. Cataract symptoms progress over time and can include:

- ◆ Painless cloudy, blurry or dim vision
- ◆ More difficulty seeing at night or in low light
- ◆ Sensitivity to light and glare
- ◆ Seeing halos
- ◆ Faded or yellow colors
- ◆ Double vision within one eye
- ◆ A need for bright light for reading

Cataracts can affect anyone! Although most people do not show symptoms of cataracts until at least the age of 40, cataracts can also affect young adults or even children. Heredity, disease, eye injury and smoking could cause cataracts to develop at an earlier age.

There is no proven way to prevent age-related cataracts. However, choosing a healthy lifestyle can slow the progression of cataracts. Some ways to delay the progression of cataracts include avoiding smoking, reducing exposure to UV rays, eating healthy foods, and wearing proper eye protection to avoid eye injury. Talk to a physician to learn more about your cataract symptoms and the treatment options available to you.

### VOTE TUESDAY, JUNE 19TH IN THE 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm.

[Read More.](#)

[Click here](#) for a list of 2018 Democratic Candidates.  
[Click here](#) for a list of 2018 Republican Candidates.



### JUNE 2018 DC FIRST FRIDAYS

The June "DC First Fridays" event was held on **June 1, 2018, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at MHCDO, located at 3939 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC 20019. The Guest Speaker was Evette L. Banfield, Vice President, Economic Development Policy and Wealth Building Strategies, Coalition for Nonprofit Housing & Economic Development (CNHED). The Topic of Discussion was "Small Business as an Economic Driver for Wealth Creations."

### FREE MAMMOGRAM DAY—JUNE 30TH

The Get 2 Breast Care Program will host its Mammogram Day at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center located at 110 Irving Street NW, Room C1200, Washington, D.C. 20010 on **Saturday, June 30th, from 9 am to 1 pm**.

What makes this event special is that you **do not need a referral or insurance.**

The most important screening test for breast cancer is a mammogram. It can detect breast cancer months or years before the tumor can be felt by you or your doctor. The best protection against breast cancer is early detection. If cancer is found in its early stages, treatment can begin immediately. All patients who obtain screening mammograms will enjoy light refreshments and gifts.

**You must register to participate, please call 202-877-5929.**

### 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 farmers markets, health, educational, recreational, cultural, volunteer, and many other kinds of events, activities, and opportunities to engage. [Read more.](#)



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## NEWS FROM WARD 7 COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT GRAY

Ward 7 Legislative Update—5/10/18—Greater Access to Services and Healthy Food Options [Read More.](#)

Ward 7 Budget Wins and the 2018 Pride Parade 5/31/18 [Read More.](#)

## NEWS FROM MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER

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5/10/18 Vol. 4, Issue 19, [Read More.](#)

5/17/18 Vol. 4, Issue 20, [Read More.](#)

## THE DISTRICT'S GRASS SEASON HAS BEGUN! WHEN IS GRASS SEASON IN THE DISTRICT?

Annually, from May 1st through October 31st, is grass growing season. The Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) can clean a property (i.e. mow property lawn and remove vegetation) and issue fines to the property owner. The fine (cost of the abatement) is determined by the number of employees and equipment used, and total time spent at the property. [How do I report excessive vegetation?](#)

Residents should report properties with grass and/or weeds exceeding 8 inches directly to DCRA through the District's 311 system. You can report your service requests by either calling 311, visiting the 311.dc.gov, using the mobile app (DC311), using the online live chat feature during standard business hours, texting DC311, or tweeting to @311dcgov. Please have the exact address of the property before reporting. [Read More.](#)

## IVY CITY SMOKEHOUSE COMING TO DEANWOOD HILLS

The Strand Theatre development team, comprised of The Warren Group and

the National Housing Partnership, has entered into a Letter of Intent with Ivy City Smokehouse to bring a new restaurant to the Deanwood Hills Community. The restaurant will be located in the former theatre space and will include an arts and entertainment program that reflects the former use of the historic space.

Ivy City Smokehouse has one location at 1356 Okie St. NE. The second Deanwood Hills restaurant will occupy 6,000 square feet of ground level space and 1,200 square feet of space on the mezzanine level. The build out of the restaurant is expected to begin in January 2020. The total development package of the Strand Theatre also includes additional ground floor retail/commercial space and 86 units of affordable housing.

Read more about this exciting project from the article by Nena Perry-Brown, Urban Turf, 4/12/18, "[Ivy City Smokehouse Looks to Open Concept East of the Anacostia.](#)"

## COMEDY FOR THE COMMUNITY AT FORT DUPONT PARK -6/10/18

Presented by Love & Laughs. Featuring DMV's best and brightest! **Free and open to all ages.**

**When:** Sunday, June 10, 2018—12Noon to 5PM  
Rain or Shine

**Where:** Fort Dupont Park Summer Theater,  
3600 F Street SE & Minnesota Ave SE,  
Washington, DC 20019

Bring a lawn chair, refreshments, and be prepared to laugh! [Click here](#) for more information.

[Love & Laughs](#) is a Ward 7 based community organization that provides comedic training, education, and live performances to DMV residents.

## SEVEN PLACES TO WATCH ON THE SHORES OF THE ANACOSTIA

By Bill Matuszeski, East of the River, 5/12/18

The Anacostia is coming to the attention of folks from all over the region. ...

1. Buzzard Point
2. Poplar Point
3. Capitol Hill East – Reservation 13
4. The RFK Stadium area
5. Kingman and Heritage Islands
6. Langston Golf Course
7. Site of the Kenilworth Dump [Read More.](#)

## 2018 EAST RIVER JAZZ FEST JUNE 8-17, 2018

This year's theme is Social Change Music with Soul & Rhythm! Programs will be provided, including a stylistically diverse roster of first-class jazz artists, slated to perform at indoor and outdoor venues in Wards 7 & 8. Some events are Free Admission/Donations Appreciated and some are \$20 Pre-Admission events. To get tickets and to get a listing of the free and paid events. Go to: [www.eastriverjazz.net.](#)

## MPD 10TH COHORT OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY

The kick off is **June 20th at 7pm.**

MPD is gearing up to host its tenth cohort of the Community Engagement Academy this summer! This free, fun, and interactive session series provides insight into the way MPD works and covers topics such as:

- ◆ The Recruit Training Program
- ◆ Common Policing Scenarios and Challenges
- ◆ Juvenile Issues and Youth Investigations
- ◆ Patrol Services and take Station Tours
- ◆ Specialized Policing Units (e.g., K-9, bomb squad, harbor patrol)
- ◆ The Use of Force Discussion
- ◆ Various Policing Topics from Command Staff Members

This is a great way to connect your local police department, learn about its operations, and interact with your fellow citizens over topics of mutual interest. [Click here](#) for more information. You can also email Amy Costanzo at [amy.costanzo@dc.gov](mailto:amy.costanzo@dc.gov) for a full schedule of dates and times.

## CAPITAL GUARDIAN YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

The Academy is currently recruiting for their summer cohort starting **July 15, 2018** and requesting assistance in identifying 10 eligible youth from our ward or community who is in need of and could benefit from an opportunity for a "Second Chance".

The idea youth is one who is failing in school and not likely to graduate with their peers, is at risk, or has been expelled from school, is chronically truant, and who has for all intense purposes already drop out of school or has become disengaged from the traditional education system.

There are 132 available scholarships of \$25,000 each for eligible District of Columbia youth which will provide each participating youth an opportunity to redirect their lives while completing their secondary education requirements and therefore increasing their chances of reaching the middle class.

There is absolutely no cost to the parent or guardians of participating youth, enrollment is free and consist of a 22-week residential phase and a 12-month post-residential phase during which, youth will receive up to \$1,330 over the 17 months they are actively enrolled in the program.

For more information contact Mrs. Vinetra Schwartz, Admissions Coordinator at (202) 730-1579 or by email at [vinetra.schwartz@dc.gov](mailto:vinetra.schwartz@dc.gov), or visit [www.cgyca.org](http://www.cgyca.org) on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CapitalGuardianYouthChallengeAcademy](http://www.facebook.com/CapitalGuardianYouthChallengeAcademy).

## DHS SERVICE TIP: NO FEE BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Residents experiencing homelessness are eligible for free birth certificates. Those interested should request a voucher for their case manager to use at the DC Health's Vital Records Division at 899 North Capitol Street NE.

## L'ENFANT TRUST READIES RENOVATION OF FOUR HISTORIC HOMES

By John Muller, East of the River, 4/24/18

For nearly a half-century a vacant two-story wood frame home has wrapped the corner of Maple View Place and Mount View Place in Historic Anacostia. Built in 1902, the home at 1220 Maple View Place SE, known colloquially as "Big Green," is one of four long-abandoned city-owned residential properties recently transferred from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to The L'Enfant Trust.

... "The recent acquisition by the L'Enfant Trust is unquestionably a win for Anacostians and the historic district because finally, after decades, these houses, which are completely dilapidated, are going to be renovated and put back into use as residential property," Council Chairman Phil Mendelson told East of the River. "The neighborhood is getting rid of blight, the neighborhood will be getting new neighbors and the city is getting rid of a safety liability it was incapable of resolving on its own." [Read More.](#)

## SECOND SUNDAY'S JAZZ PRESENTS

[Tamika Love Jones](#) "Arising Saints exploring Jazz, Soul, Funk and Reggae Themes" **June 10 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm—FREE.**

A partnership with Anacostia Arts Center and East River Jazz, Second Sundays Jazz brings FREE monthly jazz performances to Anacostia. **Location:** Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good Hope Road, SE, Washington, DC, 20020, Tel. # 202.631.6291.

## STUDENTS PROTEST AND PETITION TO HAVE SLAVER'S NAME REMOVED FROM SCHOOL

When the predominantly black student body at Benjamin Orr Elementary School located at 2200 Minnesota Avenue, SE, Washington, DC discovered their school was named for a slave owner, they held a protest and collected signatures on a petition to remove the slaver's name and rename the school to [Lawrence E. Boone](#) Elementary in honor of the principal who led the school for more than two decades. After receiving overwhelming support from parents, students and alumni on the name change, the DC Council voted unanimously to change the name effective for the 2018—2019 school year.

## SOLAR POWER DC IS MAKING IT AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYBODY!

By Catherine Plume, East of the River, 5/16/18

There are solar panels on residences and buildings across DC, even in historic districts. It's non-polluting energy. It's a renewable natural resource. Thanks to the DC government, it's becoming a more affordable source of energy for all District residents. "Solar for All" is a new program of the District of Columbia's Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE). In line with the District's Sustainable DC goals, the program seeks to provide solar electricity to 100,000 low-income households. The goal is to reduce their energy bills by 50 percent by 2032.

Earlier this year, Solar United Neighbors of DC received a grant from DOEE to help implement the Solar for All program for District residents living in single-family homes through their signature solar co-ops. The result is the 51st State Solar Co-op. While the co-op is open to all District residents, low-to-moderate income households may qualify for grant funding from DOEE to offset the cost of installing solar arrays on their homes through the Solar for All program. The income qualification level is 80 percent of the area median income (AMI), or \$54,250 for a single individual and \$77,450 for a family of four. [Read More.](#)

## FORM-A-PALOOZA EVENT—6/30/18

*Filling out government forms shouldn't be a hassle Together, let's make them better*

By The Lab @ DC, Office of the City Administrator

In April, the public, and government colleagues, were asked which forms needed an overhaul. From those 60+ nominations, five were picked to work on at Form-a-Palooza:

- DC Public School Enrollment Packet
- Child Care Subsidy Application
- Certificate of Occupancy
- Food Truck Health Certificate Application
- Disability Parking Space & Placard Application

At the event, you'll choose one form to work on with a small group of fellow residents. Your goal? To produce a rough prototype of a new and improved version of your form! To help guide you, you'll hear from the government agency who owns the form, as well as experts in user-centered design, plain language, and behavioral insights.

No experience needed. All are welcome and needed! Free child care is provided for 2-8 year-olds on a first come, first served basis. Please request a spot when you register.

**Date and Time:** Sat, 6/30/18 - 8:30AM – 3:00PM

**Location:** Ron Brown High School, 4800 Meade Street Northeast, Washington, DC 20019

[Click here](#) for more information.

## GO FISH! - FISHING LICENSE

In celebration of the Year of the Anacostia, the Department of Energy and Environment recently launched a new user-friendly online fishing license portal. Residents can purchase a recreational fishing license with as few as two clicks, in as little as two minutes, and at the low cost of just \$10.

[Click here to access the portal.](#)

## PARENT AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

**DC Public Schools (DCPS)** Leadership is looking for parents and community members to serve on advisory boards to advise and guide the implementation of policies and initiatives over the 2018-2019 School Year. Candidates will be evaluated on their ability to exhibit a strong connection to DCPS, a thoughtful approach to issues of equity and diversity, the ability to communicate well with other parents and school community stakeholders, and critical thinking toward the district-wide impact of DCPS decisions. Descriptions of each advisory board can be found at [here](#).

Male parents, East of the River parents, parents from diverse racial, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds, parents of students with special needs and engaged community members are strongly encouraged to apply! Application can be found online at:

<http://bit.ly/dcpsadvisoryboards2018>

All applications are due by 11:59 on **Friday, June 22,**

## JUNE TRIVIA

Birthstone: Moonstone, Pearl, and Alexandrite

Flower: Rose or Honeysuckle

Horoscope: Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

## BREAD FOR THE CITY BREAKS GROUND ON NEW BUILDING

Bread for the City broke ground on May 17th on a new 30,000 square foot Southeast Center located at 1710 Good Hope Road SE that will replace the current facility in Ward 8. ... Bread for the City is a non-profit that provides food, clothing, medical care, and legal and social assistance to DC residents living with low-income. Over the past 22 years their annual budget has grown from \$1 million to over \$10. The new Bread for the City Southeast Center will bring much-needed primary medical, dental, vision, and behavioral health care to the community. The new clinics, and wellness spaces — including a fitness center and locker rooms, private counseling rooms, classrooms, and kid-friendly spaces. The center will treat 2,000 patients, provide behavioral health care to 1,000 patients, dental care to 1,000 patients, and vision care to 500 patients. The building will also feature a new jobs center with a smart classroom, computer lab, counseling rooms, and training spaces. They will double the number of participants in the Pre-Employment Program (PEP), which provides job seekers with training, mentorship, case management, paid internship opportunities, and long-term support to address unemployment in Wards 7 and 8. [Read More.](#)

## AARP TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP INTRO TO IPAD—JUNE 16, 2018

Join AARP for a **free** hands-on workshop, and learn how to get the most from your iPad. All participants will get hands-on experience with devices, and a free touch screen stylus pen. **Intro to iPad - Beginner Workshop @ 10:30AM-12:00PM and 2:30PM-4:00PM.** Explore the iPad's capabilities with new technology users like you! Texting, photos and apps will be covered. **Beyond the Basics-iPad - Intermediate Workshop @ 12:30PM-1:30PM and 4:30PM-5:30PM.** If you've mastered the basics and want to elevate your iPad know-how, this intermediate workshop is for you. Maps, Voice Dictation and Photo editing are covered. **Location**—DC Public Library Anacostia Neighborhood Branch, Ora Glover Community Room, 1800 Good Hope Road SE, Washington, DC 20020. Limited complimentary parking & free street parking. To register and reserve your seat, call 1-866-591-8105.

## PAINT DROP-OFF EVENT AT BALLOU HIGH SCHOOL—JUNE 9TH

**When:** Sat, June 9, 2018—9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Location:** Ballou High School, 3401 4th Street SE Washington, DC 20032

Only households and businesses located in the District of Columbia may participate in this event. Proof of District residency required.

For households, there are no limits on the amount of house paint, stain or varnish dropped off. There are limits on oil-based paint for some businesses.

"Reuse Paint!" Will Be Made Available. At this event, leftover house paint in good condition will be made available to the public without charge.

## SAFE AT HOME

The DC Office on Aging's Safe at Home Program provides home safety and security for qualifying seniors and people with disabilities. Safe at Home provides in-home preventative adaptations to reduce the risk of falls, such as: **Handrails, Chair lifts, Bathtub cuts, Shower seats, Furniture risers**

Mayor Bowser created the program and expanded it to provide eligible residents with a **private security camera system**. Visit [dcoa.dc.gov/safe-home](http://dcoa.dc.gov/safe-home) or call 202-724-5656 for more information on eligibility requirements and how to apply for the program.

## MPD EXPEDITIONER OR JUNIOR EXPEDITIONER PROGRAM

The Office of Volunteer Coordination is hosting information sessions this summer on how to become an MPD Expeditioner or Junior Expeditioner. The MPD Expeditioners program is for youth interested in possibly pursuing a career in law enforcement. It gives high school students and middle school students a firsthand look at what life as an MPD officer is like. High school students will meet twice a month on Saturday and will participate in physical training, field trips, and learning activities run by officers. Middle school students will meet once a month and will also participate in field trips and hands on learning experiences with the officers. Benefits of the program include:

- ◆ A great extracurricular activity to add to a resume for college applications
- ◆ A way to network and meet others with similar career interests from all across the DC area
- ◆ Interesting, fun, hands on activities that give an inside look at police work

Sessions will be held on the following dates and times (the site is metro accessible via the red line to Judiciary Square): **When: 6/14, 7/19, and 8/2**

**Where:** 441 4th Street NW, Room 1114 For more information, please contact Amy Costanzo at [amy.costanzo@dc.gov](mailto:amy.costanzo@dc.gov) or visit the Expeditioners website to fill out an interest card at <https://joinmpd.dc.gov/expeditioners>.