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In true form, the next “DC First Fridays” event will take place on February 2, 2018. The Guest Speaker was Carter G. Woodson. He was an American writer, poet, painter, historian, and a leader of the African-American civil rights movement. Woodson was the first African-American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University, and he is known as the "Father of Black History." He founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and served as its first president. Woodson was also a leading advocate for the study of African American history and culture. He emphasized the importance of African American history and the contributions of African Americans to American society.

MARCH 2018 DC FIRST FRIDAYS
The next “DC First Fridays” event will take place on February 9, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the MHCO, located at 3939 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC 20020. The guest speaker will be Carol McIntyre, Administration to Hearing directly from residents about their community's priorities before they finalize the budget. The forums are also an opportunity for residents to share with neighbors about the issues they care most about, and to gain insight from the experiences of others.

WARDS 7 AND 8 COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Interested in what is happening in Wards 7 and 8 daily? A list of events listed on the calendar are farmers markets, health, educational, recreational, cultural, volunteer, and many other events. A list of events is available at www.mhco.org. If you miss a week of this newsletter, you can view past issues at www.mhco.org.
The Capitol View Library, at 5001 Central Avenue, SE, is undergoing an exterior renovation. The total project budget is $7.9 million. The library will open an interim location on the grounds of J.C. Nalle Elementary School during the renovation.

The new resource for Ward 7 & 8 families.

This is your money and OPC believes you should get some of it back. The District faces, pointing forward towards future solutions for the District's energy consumption, especially those connected to air quality and public health. It is important to understand how significant African Americans have been not only in Washington, D.C., but in the nation.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PEOPLE'S COUNSEL

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Today's Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE) released the final results of their DCPS graduation and attendance outcomes. The DCPS internal review as well as the OSSE report indicate that the failure to implement policies and routinely inspect practices in our schools led to a systemic breakdown that failed our students. This issue was particularly acute at Anacostia, Ballou, Dunbar, Eastern, Roosevelt, and H. Woodson High School, with the latter having the lowest graduation rate in the DCPS grading policy. This issue is also a concern for the One Fair Tax Coalition, which is a group of local leaders.

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Illegal dumping can have severe effects on wildlife, the environment to include the waterways, and the community. After a thorough investigation, an arrest was made in connection with the illegal dumping.

Illegal Dumping Arrest

The R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center last month, a roll call vote acknowledging the contributions of 18 certified business enterprises to site preparation and construction of the new 4,200-seat Entertainment and Sports Arena. Scheduled to open in Congress Heights in September, the facility will be the home of the Women's Basketball Association (WNBA) Washington Mystics and the National Basketball Association (NBA) G League affiliate Capital City Go-Go, and will serve as a practice facility for NBA Washington, D.C.

STATE OF WARD 7 ADDRESS – 3/4/18

The suspect was placed under arrest without further incident. This is just one of the many arrests that Environmental Crimes Officers have made within Ward 7.

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...did you know that OPC is working hard to make sure that any tax savings Pepco or Washington Gas receive are passed on to you? When electric or gas rates are set they are based on a utility’s cost of providing service, which includes the taxes the utility pays. In effect, you are paying the utility’s tax bill, so when the income tax rate on corporations drops from 35 percent to 21 percent, as it did under the new law, those savings should be passed down to you.

The DC Public Service Commission has already approved a decrease in the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent, as it did under the new law, which will benefit from the corporate tax reduction. In addition, Pepco and Washington Gas have announced plans to lower their customers’ bills early this year. OPC applauds these actions. OPC will closely scrutinize the “books and records” that any additional savings realized by Pepco or Washington Gas are returned directly to the utility’s customer base.

This is your money and OPC believes you should get some of it back. Congress Heights is one of the Ward’s richest areas and one of the most densely populated. OPC believes it’s time to take action and that the DCPS Board of Education (OSSE) partners have made huge strides throughout the District.

By Kathleen Donner, East of the River, 1/15/18

Today the Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE) released the final results of their DCPS graduation and attendance outcomes. The OSSE report indicates that the school district did not follow grading policies and routinely inspect practices in our schools led to a systemic breakdown that failed our students. You should be aware of the current state of the Ward, learn how to en- gage in our ongoing discussion with local leaders. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Mr. Myskiw at: dvalentine@dccouncil.us or call 202-724-8900.

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Illegally dumped debris included construction material from dry wall to damaged wood, household appliances, a large water heater, and numerous trash bags. The amount of debris discarded could have been hazardous to wildlife in addition to damaging vegetation. But after an extensive investigation, Environmental Crimes Officers identified and apprehended the suspect in a warrant. Officers brought the suspect to the Sixth District station and were provided a full confession to the illegal dumping.

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By Rahul Sinha (Contributor) 1/23/18. Read More.

DC COUNCIL INTRODUCES BILL THAT WOULD BREAK UP DCRA

By Nena Perry-Brown, Urban Turf, 1/23/18

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TRANSFORMATIVE DEANWOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, MAPPED

It also provides insight into the way MPD works and covers

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MAYOR BOWSER RELEASED PLAN TO CLOSE DC GENERAL FAMILY SHELTER

By Nena Perry, Urban Turf, 2/1/48

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