MARCH IS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Colorectal cancer affects all people, including racial and ethnic groups, and is one of the most common cancers in the United States. In 2018, an estimated 132,000 new cases were diagnosed, and approximately 45,000 people died from the disease. There are several risk factors for colorectal cancer, including ethnicity, age, and family history. Early detection and treatment are crucial for improving outcomes.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ONE-THIRD OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS IN DC DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP?
Nearly one-third of women in DC who have experienced domestic violence report not knowing where to go for help. This may be due to a lack of knowledge about available resources or fear of seeking assistance. To address this issue, the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) offers a comprehensive array of resources and support for survivors of domestic violence.

CELEBRATE WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH AT DCPL
In honor of Women’s History Month, we are highlighting special programming at DC Public Libraries dedicated to the achievements of women. Travel back in time with the Female Re-Enactors of Distinction to learn about women from different eras. Choose from a variety of programs to perform in March.

FREE RESOURCES AND/OR REDUCED FEE PROGRAMS FOR DISTRICT RESIDENTS
Are you a Washington, DC, District resident? Then you are eligible for many resources provided by the District government, including free or reduced fee programs. Don’t miss out on these opportunities to enhance your life.

NETWORKING AT DC FIRST FRIDAYS RESULTS IN EMPLOYMENT
Mr. Rondy Wooten, 2/5/18 DC First Friday event got a job by networking. While at the event he spoke to LaSham Vines-Goodman, Housing Counselor, and informed her that he was a returning citizen. Recently released from prison and seeking employment, she advised him to contact her on Monday, 2/5/18, he did and she referred him to a program for returning citizens. He went to the location, completed an application, and was hired the next day 2/6/18 for a construction job with benefits. His socializing clearly demonstrates exactly what our DC First Fridays are all about – networking for jobs, and business opportunities!

APRIL 2018 DC FIRST FRIDAYS
The next “DC First Fridays” event will take place on April 6, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at MHCDO, located at 3939 Benning Road NE, Washington, DC 20019. The Guest Speaker will be Lauren Calestini, Winner of the 2018 Best Edible Consumption at the 2018 DC First Fridays.

MARCH 2018 DC FIRST FRIDAYS
The “DC First Fridays” event was held on March 2, 2018. The Guest Speaker was Ward 5 D.C. Council Member David Grosso. He discussed “Business and Economic Development Championing East of the River.”

STATUE HONORING FORMER MAYOR MARRIE BARRY REVEALED IN D.C.
The new “Mayor for Life” statue is one of only three full-bodied statues in the city. African Americans By Michelle Mitchell. 3/8/18 This Saturday, 3/18/18 in front of the John A. Wilson Building, former D.C. “Mayor For Life” Marion Barry once again made his mark. The bronze statue of Barry by Maryland-based sculptor Steven Weltman was revealed. Read More.

WARDS 7 AND 8 COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Interested in what is going on in Wards 7 and 8? This calendar includes a variety of events, activities, and opportunities to engage.

YOUR MAIL LIST! JOIN NOW!
Don’t miss important events and information.

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

March 13, 2018
**MINIM HOME DESIGN NOW IN PRODUCTION FOR BUYERS**

For pictures of the Minim Home click on this link. Read More

**YOYOGA TUESDAYS WITH ME FIRST YOGA & BEYOND**

45 minute class at the Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave, SE, Washington, DC 20020 will: Focus on the health benefits of yoga for health and wellness, Focus on improving flexibility, and proper breathing, improve blood circulation through the joints and muscles, increase mobility. Classes will be gentle to relieve stress, and lower blood pressure. Location—Large Meeting Room, 2nd Floor. Please bring your own mat! For more information call 202-727-6044.

**THINK YOUR CAR HAS BEEN TOWED?**

During the winter storms, cars parked along snow routes may be towed or relocated to allow proper snow removal and safe passage within the street corons. If you suspect your car has been towed at any time during the year, please call the Towing Control Dispatch Center at (202) 541-4041 or 311. You can be notified about a towed vehicle immediately when you enroll in DPW’s Tow and Boot Alert System. Just visit towdpw.dc.gov, select the “Tow and Boot Electronic Alert Program” Banner at the top of the page and follow the prompts to register your vehicle.

**BOSWER ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES FINANCING COMPLETE FOR SKYLAND TOWN CENTER**

Community Will Finally See Buildings Rise at Long-Delayed Project

Today, 2/27/18 the Bowser Administration announced that construction of Skyland Town Center is underway following a successful closing of the final unit of commercial financing, thereby paving the way for the issuance of the Tax Increment Financing bonds that will support the long-delayed project. The first phase includes construction of 263 units of workforce housing and $50,000 square feet of retail and is expected to be completed in approximately two years. Read More.

**SIGN UP FOR THE AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE TODAY!**

By AARP DC, 2/8/18

The AARP Smart Driver course is geared towards drivers 50+ (though any driver may attend) and covers the effects of the normal changes to vision and hearing, road rage, driving environment and with today’s technology.

**4. Dizziness**

**5. Swelling**

By Michelle Goldchain, Curbed, 2/22/18

D.C. teachers’ annual assessments will not take into account how many students pass their classes this academic year, the school system said in an email to educators this week.

The announcement comes a month after a citywide investigation uncovered a culture where D.C. Public Schools teachers said they felt compelled to pad grading to meet the school system’s annual assessment targets. The investigation also found that the school system did not have a way to reliably track whether students were passing or failing courses, and that school officials had not had any training on assessments.

**HEALTH WARNING – 3 THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT IGNORE**

By Cheryl Bond-Nelms, AARP, 12/5/17

Here are seven warning signs that may be cause for concern:

1. Tearing sensation
2. Crushing chest pain
3. Tingling in the arms or other extremities
4. Dizziness
5. Numbness
6. Swelling

**8 HISTORIC DC HOMES OWED BY PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDRY**

By Michelle Goldchain, Curbed, 2/8/18

From Duke Ellington to Langston Hughes, see where these celebrities once lived in the nation’s capital.

**JC NALLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL OFFERING FREE ADULT GED PREP CLASSES (SPREAD THE WORD)**

It’s never too late to get your GED. The program provides free books and pays for GED test fees. The next orientation will be held on Tuesday, March 27th at 5:30pm for classes starting April 3rd. To register please call the Adult GED Prep classes at (202) 727-6044 or email 202.396.9330 X3333. Spread the Word about this class.

**10 NOTABLE D.C. PROJECTS DESIGNED BY BLACK ARCHITECTS**

By Mark Kim, 2/21/18

From museums to dwellings to public artworks.

**ABANDONED CON- GRESS HEIGHTS COMPLEX TO UNDERGO MULTI- MILLION DOLLAR REDEVELOPMENT**

By Michelle Goldchain, Curbed, 2/22/18

Expect over 200 new apartments, many of which will have at least two bedroom each. A neglected housing complex near the Congress Heights Metro station is going to see new life, thanks to an agreement planned for the property. Parkway Overlook, located at 2841 Robinson Place SE, consists of 20 vacant buildings, totaling 396 units, but only 117 are affordable apartments. Most of these new units will be two- and three-bedrooms with some one-bedrooms included. The new plan is to convert 11 of the 117 into 115 one-bedroom units.

**NINE NOTABLE D.C. PROJECTS DESIGNED BY NENA PERRY- BROWN**

By Nena Perry-Brown, Urban Turf, 2/2/18

Nine of these celebrities once lived in the nation’s capital.
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 an Inclusionary Zoning Orientation class which is provided by MHCDO on the 4th Thursday of every month from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Call 202-396-1260 for more information.

THE D.C. DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS AVAILABLE TO ATTEND COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The DC Department of Motor Vehicles is available to attend your community meeting. They would love to hear your feedback and address any questions you may have!

They will also share their Strategic Plan and initiatives.

To extend an invitation, please contact Nena Perry-Brown, Urban Turf, 2/28/18

1,500 riders used the streetcar on an average weekday in 2018, 3,500 riders used the streetcar on an average weekend day. Two million total passengers used the streetcar in 2018.

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Any professional vendor interested in selling to DHCD is invited to attend the public hearings. DHCD also encourages qualified vendors to market their goods and services directly to the program managers and professional vendor community.

To extend an invitation to DHCD to attend your community meeting, please provide the following:
- A list of your community’s population
- A list of local businesses
- The name, phone number, and email address of your organization

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