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We are a group of people who believe in raising awareness, commemorating achievements of people who have been affected by HIV, and fighting for an AIDS-Free World. We are committed to providing resources and support to those affected by HIV and AIDS.

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December is Aids Awareness Month

District Residents

Employer Assisted Housing Program (EAHP)

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Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, Inc. (MHCDO) held its December DC First Fridays event on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 6:00pm. DC First Fridays is a monthly business networking forum that is open to all businesses in the District of Columbia. It provides an opportunity to meet participating businesses, panelist and keynote speakers, share information, and seek potential partners for ventures.

The Guest Speaker this month was Sheila Edmundson Deputy Mayor, DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity who spoke on “Future Strategies for Redevelopment and Planning.” View her presentation on YouTube.

MHCDO IS DOING GREAT THINGS!
WARD 7 AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAMS
Presented with a Monetary Donation at the December DC First Friday Event
At the December DC First Fridays event on December 1, 2017, MHCDO presented monetary donations to the Marshall Heights Bisons (Keith Bullock, Coach), the Ridge Road Titans (Charles Turner, Coach), and the DC Raiders (Renaldo Brown, Coach) American Youth Football (AYF) teams to help them reach their funding goals to compete in the American Youth Championship held during the first week in December in Kissimmee, Florida. Congratulations to the Marshall Heights Bison Pee Wee Team who won their games and are now 2017 AYF National Champs. The event was a huge success with over 80 people in attendance. MHCDO is a strong contributor of our youth achievements/accomplishments. We helped to make their dream a reality! View the presentation on YouTube.

VENUS AND SERENA WILLIAMS VISIT D.C. FOR FORUM ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
By Hamil Harris, Contributing Writer, Washington Informer, 12/7/17
Scores of young girls wielding oversized tennis rackets and dreams of stardom filled the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center (SETLC) on Saturday, 12/4/17... But for Venus and Serena Williams, their return to the Center had a somewhat somber purpose: the launch of the Yetunde Price Resource Center for which they have provided funding and named in honor of their slain sister. The new addition to the pristine tennis facility located in Southeast will assist those adversely affected by community violence to identify, access and utilize support services which currently exist in Ward 8. Read More.

CALL THE MIDWIFE – EXPECTANT MOTHERS FACING CLOSED DOORS AT MATERNITY WARDS HAVE OTHER OPTIONS
By Candace Y.A. Montague, East of the River, 12/14/17
The recent closures of maternity wards at United Medical Center and Providence Hospitals have left expectant mothers in a bind. …Enter the Certified Nurse Midwife. The title itself means “with woman.” More women are discovering that having a CNM with them throughout their pregnancy can mean access to more personable and personalized care. …Many Ward 7 and 8 residents, including expectant mothers, have to travel 10 miles or more for screenings, checkups and medical procedures. However, the East End has a few hidden gems that can meet the needs of pregnant women. …Read More.
The University of the District of Columbia–Community College Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Division (WDDL) has announced their Spring 2018 Schedule of Classes. They have some new and returning courses at the Marion Shadd Campus located at 5601 East Capitol St SE, Washington, DC 20019. Interested D.C. residents with a high school diploma (including a G.E.D. or equivalent) who wish to enroll in classes need to attend a One Stop Student Service Day. Courses are offered at no cost to D.C. residents. All of our courses are in high-demand, high-wage Career Pathways. Don’t wait, registration ends January 4, 2018. Call 202-274-5617 or E-mail john.brooks@udc.edu or ajeeda.aljabbar@udc.edu if you are interested in registering.

WINTER WONDERCAMP
DPR offers a fun option for our younger constituents during the DC Public Schools (DCPS) winter break from 12/26/17 –12/29/17. Winter Wondercamp is offered for youth 6 to 12 years old runs on would-be school days from 9am to 5pm during school winter break. Locations: Ward 7—Ridge Road Community Center, Deanoood Recreation Center, Kenilworth Recreation Center, Hillcrest Recreation Center, Ward 8—Barry Farms Recreation Center. Read More.

COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT GRAY’S MEETING WITH SAFEWAY REGIONAL MANAGEMENT RESULTS IN MINNESOTA AVENUE STORE’S LONGER HOURS BEING RESTORED
...I’m pleased to report that as of today, (12/11/17) the Safeway located in the East River Park Shopping Center, 5607 Minnesota Avenue, NE and Benning Road, NE will again be open until 10 p.m. The reduction in hours of operation in August with minimal notification to the community caused a storm of complaints from residents... Read More.

UPCOMING DEVELOPMENTS: MINNESOTA & BENNING / EAST CAPITOL STREET
This Map of the Month highlights completed or upcoming development north of East Capitol Street. This area is primarily a part of the Deanwood neighborhood in Northeast D.C. As of 2010, Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue and Minnesota Avenue were designated as Great Streets corridors. A city-funded program, Great Streets provides funds for local businesses to promote economic development and community-building along major D.C. corridors. Since 2001 more than $1 billion of development has been built in the area, including more than 2,400 residential units and nearly one million sq. ft. of education/medical space. In addition, there is an economic development and community partnership along major D.C. corridors.

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ILEAF COLLECTION
Collection crews are behind schedule in some areas of the city, which has been exacerbated by recent winter weather events. Leaf collection crews are the backbone of our city’s snow program. When snow is predicted, the trucks load collection equipment is replaced with snow plows and salt spreaders, and the crews receive snow and ice removal training. If you have questions about the collection schedule in your neighborhood, please contact the customer service specialist Hope Cousin directly at Hope.Cousin@dc.gov or call 311.

SIDEWALK SHOVELING EXEMPTION
All residential and commercial property owners must remove snow/ice from the sidewalks around their property within the first eight hours of daylight after a storm ends. The Department of Public Works enforces the “Winter Sidewalk Safety Rules,” by citing residential and commercial property owners who have not cleared their sidewalks within 24 hours of notification from the Department of Public Works. Residential property owners may be fined $25 and commercial property owners may be fined $150. Residential property owners may be exempt from sidewalk snow/ice enforcement if you live in your own home and are 65 years old and/or a person with a disability. Residents must apply annually for the exemption. It will not carry over from one year to the next. For information about getting an exemption Click here.

SERVE DC - THE MAYOR’S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM LET’S TALK ABOUT SNOW!
When the National Weather Service is forecasting snow, Mayor Bowser and Serve DC are asking you to step up in your community by adopting a senior and joining the DC Volunteer Snow Team at www.snowteam.dc.gov. While the news of snow may bring joy to some, there are many senior residents in need of shoveling. Volunteers who live in their own home and are 65 years old and/or a person with disabilities may be exempt from sidewalk shoveling enforcement if you live in your own home and are 65 years old and/or a person with a disability. Residents must apply annually for the exemption. It will not carry over from one year to the next. For information about getting an exemption Click here.

DC COMMISSION ON FATHERS, MEN AND BOYS (CGMB) ARE SEEKING BARBERSHOPS AND BOOK DONATIONS
Barbershops have always been a culturally significant place after work. The program offers matched funding and helping boys interested in getting involved? Participating barbershops will receive 10 to 20 books. If interested in participating, you recommend a barbershop to participate, please make a book donation, contact us at cmbp@dcochrane.org or 202-545-3085.