The Marshall Heights Community Development Organization/MHDCO would like to invite you to join families and friends in a state of well-being that pro-
motes strength within the foundation of the family, environment, and community.

Date: October 25, 2018
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Place: DC, 5401 Pennsylvania Road NE
Washington, DC 20019
Light Refreshments will be served.

The District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) announced that it will host a series of workshops in October to educate senior residents about real property tax relief programs that are available to them. The workshops, which are supported by the Office on Aging, will take place at various senior wellness centers across the city.

"District of Columbia property owners who are sen-
or citizens may be eligible for significant real property
tax relief that would reduce their taxes," said Deputy
Chief Financial Officer Keith J. Richardson. "At the
October 25, 2018
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
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 De-
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NEW NOMA PARK WILL BE NAMED FOR THE WOMAN WHO HELPED OPEN FIRST D.C. SCHOOLS FOR BLACK CHILDREN

By Staff In News, DCST, 9-28-18

The National Park Service (NPS) will announce a proposal naming a segment of an 1875 park adjacent to the Metropolitan Branch Trail just north of the New York Avenue bridge in NoMa as the future home of the National Park Service (NPS). The park is named for Analia Turner, a name drawn from the 1875 deed of a piece of D.C.’s African American history.

The monument will be created for a larger, broader park in the works. It’s the first monument of its kind to recognize the work of a black woman in the District of Columbia.

In 1875, Analia Turner, a freed slave, purchased land in the District of Columbia and opened a school for black children. The school, later known as the Turner School, operated from 1875 to 1890. Turner was one of the first African American women to open a school in Washington, D.C., and her school was one of the first schools for African American children in the District of Columbia.

The monument will feature a sculpture of Analia Turner and a brass plaque with her biography. The site will also include a plaque with a brief history of the Turner School and its significance in the history of education in the District of Columbia.

The monument will be located at the corner of New York Avenue and 3rd Street NE, near the entrance to the Metropolitan Branch Trail. The site was selected because it is close to the Turner School and because it is a place of significant historical and cultural importance.

The National Park Service is seeking public input on the design of the monument. The public is encouraged to provide feedback on the design and placement of the monument.

For more information, please visit the NPS website at www.nps.gov.
DC’S NEWEST SPORTS COMPLEX OPENED SEPTEMBER 22 IN CONGRESSION HEIGHTS

On September 22nd the Entertainment and Sports Arena opened. It will be the practice facility for the Washington Wizards and the home court for both the Washington Mystics and the NBA G-league team Capital City Go-Go. The 4,200-seat venue is located in the former St. Elizabeths Hospital campus, right near the Congress Heights metro station. Over the next 20 years, the arena will bring in $50 million in new tax revenues. The new arena will attract retail and drive investment - creating new jobs and opportunities for nearby residents and small businesses. Read More.

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL COFFEE WITH A COP - 10/3/18
MPD will host their annual coffee with a cop on October 3rd, 2018. Throughout the city, each district will host various sites. The Sixth District will have two locations, for your convenience, during different hours.

Site 1 - McDonalds 3901 Minnesota Avenue NE
8am-10am (Coffee will be provided)

Site 2 - Boys and Girls Club in Center
10 Stoddert Place SE 9:30am-12pm
(Breakfast and coffee will be served at this site)

SAFE AT HOME PROGRAM

The District of Columbia Office on Aging Safe at Home program will be offering in-home preventative adaptations to reduce the risk of falls. Examples include:

- Handrails
- Grab bars
- Tub cuts
- Shower seat
- Furniture risers
- Chair lift

Home Security—Safe at Home’s Private Security Camera Program enables eligible DC seniors and adults with disabilities, age 60 and over, or adults with disabilities, age 18 and over, to receive a private security camera system without cost. This program is intended to help deter crime and assist law enforcement. Restrictions apply, click here for more information.

Who should apply? • District residents, age 60 and over, or adults with disabilities, age 18 and over, who are home owners or renters of a property used as a primary residence, with an annual household income below or equal to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI)* (2017—1 person $61,750).

For more information on how you can apply for the Safe at Home Program, call (202) 724-5626.

DC’S BLACK RESIDENTS AREN’T BENEFITTING AS MUCH FROM THE CITY’S PROSPERITY

By Ed Lazere (DCFPI), Greater Greater Washington, 10-1-18

The District’s GDP increased at a substantial rate. But that may change. Washingtonians voted by a 10 percent margin in the June primary to raise the tipped minimum wage to $15 (it would also go up in stages until it hits that rate in 2026). Read More

D.C.’s minimum wage rises to $13.25

By Rachel Sadon, DCIST, 7-2-18

The minimum wage rose from $12.50 per hour to $13.25 per hour, part of a step-ladder of increases that ends in 2020 with a $15 minimum wage. Tipped workers also saw an increase from $3.33 per hour to $3.89 per hour—not the $5 rate that voters just passed.

About 111,000 workers earn minimum wage (or less) in the District of Columbia, according to 2016 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The changes that went into effect on July 1 are part of 2016 legislation that was passed after an extensive lobbying effort as part of the so-called “Fight for 15” campaign. The regular minimum wage will rise to $14 in 2019, before hitting $15 in 2020, and being tied to inflation thereafter. Under that law, the tipped minimum wage will rise to $8.50 in 2020.

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D.C. AIMS TO CRACK DOWN ON K2 SUPPLIERS WITH EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

By Elly Yu, WAMU 90.5/18

A package of K2, a concoction of dried herbs or spices sprayed with chemical compounds, was found to broaden the way compounds are classified as illegal.

Chief Megan Barry Bowen says she will introduce emergency legislation to make it easier for law enforcement to crack down on suppliers of the synthetic drug K2, which has been behind hundreds of overdoses in D.C. in the past few months.

“This is not marijuana, the effects are very different and they can be deadly,” Bowen says.

Since mid-July, the District has seen 1,700 overdoses, with more than 1,300 people sent to the hospital, according to D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

K2, also known as spice or “Scooby Snax,” is made from a mixture of herbs or spices with chemicals that can produce mind-altering effects. Read More.

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

Applications are now being accepted for the latest round of Great Streets small business retail grants. Grants of up to $50,000 each will be awarded on a competitive basis to owners of small retail and service-oriented businesses in Great Streets corridors to support these entrepreneurs in completing improvement projects for their commercial properties. The Great Streets corridors in Ward 7 include Minniesota Avenue/Benning Road NE and Namine Helen Burroughs Avenue NE. The application deadline is Monday, October 22. For more information, refer to the Great Streets website.

DC DEBUTS TINY HOMES IN DEANWOOD

By Nena Perry-Brown, Urban Turf, 9/25/18

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BLACK HISTORY FACTS FOR OCTOBER

Click here for October Monthly facts.

OCTOBER TRIVIA

Birthstone: Opal and Tourmaline
Flower: Libra (September 21—October 20)
Flower Horoscope:
Gemini
Flower: Marigold

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