WARD 7 MOCRS UPDATE

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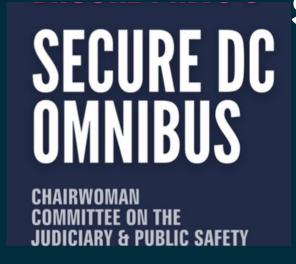
Dear Residents of Ward 7,

Welcome to the Ward 7 MOCRS Newsletter, your dedicated newsletter to keep you informed and engaged in the vibrant community that shapes our neighborhood.

In this issue you will find upcoming events in the city and Ward 7, important city updates and other resources and support.

Together, let's create a stronger and more connected Ward 7. Your input, engagement, and support are vital in making our community an even better place to live and thrive.

-Ward 7 MOCRS



Support Secure DC

Secure DC includes many provisions from the Mayor's Safer Stronger Amendment Act of 2023 and the Addressing Crime Trends Now Amendment Act (ACT Now) of 2023.

To find more information about the Secure DC omnibus, <u>CLICK</u> HERE!

How does Secure DC address recent crime trends that are impacting your neighborhood:

- Carjacking: Expands the definition of carjacking to include situations where a victim is not in or immediately next to their vehicle. This will improve prosecution.
- Drug-Free Zones: Reinstates MPD's ability to declare drug-free zones where hotspots of crime and drug activity occur. This will allow communities to reclaim public space
- Gun Penalties: Establishes new felony offenses for endangerment with a firearm and unlawful discarding of firearms and ammunition.
- Victim Protection: Establishes a new felony offense for strangulation. Enhances protections for senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and transportation workers and passengers.
- Pretrial Detention: Creates a rebuttable presumption in favor of pretrial detention for violent crimes committed by juveniles and adults and requires judges to explain decisions to allow for pretrial release in such cases.

Ward 7 make their voices heard on Secure DC!

- They can express support for the Secure DC omnibus by reaching out to the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety (contact information below).
- Contact their ward Councilmember via email or telephone to tell them that you support them passing the Secure DC omnibus as quickly as possible.
- Share on your social media platforms on why you support Secure DC.
 #SecureDC

Mayor Bowser Opens Applications for Aspire Incubator Program and Dream Grants for Local Businesses



Mayor Muriel Bowser and the Department of Small and Local Business
Development (DSLBD) are encouraging DC business owners to apply for two
programs designed to support local entrepreneurs and their businesses: the
Aspire Incubator Program and the Dream Grant Pitch Program. Applications for
both programs open today, January 26, and run through Friday, March 1.

Managed by DSLBD, the 2024 Aspire Incubator and Dream Grant Programs are
part of the Bowser Administration's continued investment in and support of local
businesses. Through the Aspire Incubator Program, which has awarded
approximately \$750,000 over the past three years, entrepreneurs have access to a
comprehensive range of resources, including mentorship, guidance, and
educational training to help turn their business ideas into reality. The Dream Grant
Pitch Program provides financial and technical assistance to entrepreneurs from
Wards 7 and 8 and provides a platform for them to develop the skills needed to
run a successful business; over the past three years, local entrepreneurs have

received approximately \$1.5 million in Dream grants

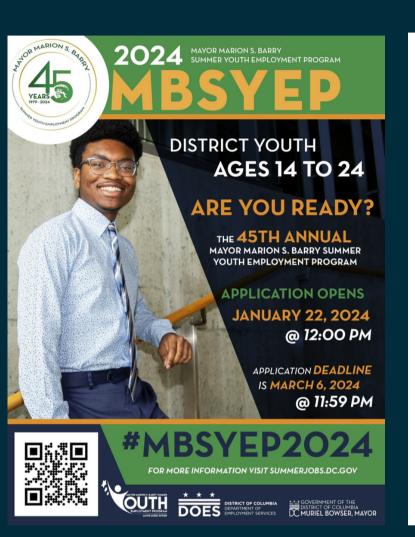
Community walks with MPD



Join MPD this month for their Weekly community walk! Each week, we want community members of MPD and other District agencies to build better relationships and address public safety issues. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEED! Find a day that works for you and bring a neighbor!

603	Lieutenant	3900 Minnesota	Wednesday,
	Anderson	Avenue NE	Feb. 7th 12 PM
607	Lieutenant	1300 Marion	Tuesday, Feb.
	Roberts	Barry Avenue SE	13th 12 PM
604	Lieutenant	BENCO	Thursday, Feb.
	Jimenez	Shopping Center	22nd 1 PM
605	Lieutenant Suku	Southern Avenue 7 Bowen Rd SE	Wednesday, Feb. 28th 12 PM

Spread the word...



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive

St. Luke Catholic Church With DC Fire and EMS

St. Luke Center 4923 East Capitol Street, S.E. Washington, DC 20019

Thursday, February 22, 2024 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: "ST Luke DC" to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Share your heart! Come give in Feb. for a \$20 Amazon.com Girt Card by omail. See roblesd.org/heart

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REGISTER TODAY!

Complete the Interest Form



Next Cohort Begins MARCH 7, 2024

JUNIOR ACADEMY



For more information, visit ouc.dc.gov.



Get Free Income Tax Help at DC Public Library

From Feb. 1 - Apr. 15, the library is partnering with the AARP Foundation to host income tax return preparation for qualified residents at eight lilocations

Please reach out to the number or email listed below for each location to schedule an appointment.



Call: 202-656-1689 Email: 20051007@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD	
Call: 202-643-6407 Email: 20051005@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD	
Call: 202-643-4845 Email: 20051025@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD	
Call: 202-677-5057 Email: 20051001@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD	
Call: 202-677-5057 Email: 20051001@aarpfoundation.org States: DC	
Call: 202-683-7397 Email: 20051012@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD	
Call: 202-656-0442 Email: 20051018@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD	

Woodridge Library

Mon. and Wed. | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Call: 202-643-4279

Email: 20051004@aarpfoundation.org

States: DC



2024 Sessions

- · Family Law
 - Jan 23: Custody (Parents and Third-Parties)
 - Apr 11: Child Support
 - Jul 11: Diverce
- **Housing Rights**
 - Feb B: Eviction Defense 9 Code Violation
 - May 9: Eviction Defense & Code Violation Blabts
 - Aug 15: Eviction Defense & Code Violation Rights
- Social Benefits
- May 14: SSI/SSDI For Adults and Children
- Jun 13: Social Socurity Overpayments, Benefit Terminations, and Suspensions
- Sep 12: Can you Work and Srill Cer SSI?



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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS SERIES

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

Learn about rights and laws in family, housing, and benefits to strengthen and inform our community.

Capital View Neighborhood Library 5001 Central Ave SE Washington, DC 20019

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Questions? Email jnanini@dcbar.org



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE WASHINGTON SENIORS WELLNESS **CENTER'S VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY**

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COME ON OUT AND GET YOUR



DANCE ON!!!! WITH DJ RIC



IN THE HOUSE

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024

2:00PM-4:00PM

WASHINGTON SENIORS WELLNESS CENTER

3001 ALABAMA AVE SE

WASHINGTON DC 20020





DC Public Library

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

JOIN OUR

COMMUNITY

LISTENING CIRCLE

Provide your feedback by taking a quick survey.



SCAN ME

Use your phone to scan the QR code.

Event starts on: THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2024 5PM

5001 Central Avenue SE Washington, DC 20019

Contact Us 202-645-0755



The Department of Small and Local Business Development presents

ALL THINGS GREEN

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

APPLY BY FEBRUARY 16, 2024 AT 2PM



Contract services grants provided for CBEs to support other CBEs in green procurement opportunities!







The Department of Small and Local Business Development presents



Incubator Program APPLY BY MARCH 1, 2024

The Aspire Incubator Program is a cohort-based training program that empowers DC returning citizen entrepreneurs to start, build, and scale their businesses. Participants will be awarded milestone stipends with a total value of \$5,000 per participant.

DSLBD.DC.GOV/WEASPIRE



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CASE MANAGER

The Department of Human Services (DHS), along with The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness, Pathways to Housing DC, Byte Back and Howard University are introducing the Peer Case Management Institute!

The Peer Case Management Institute provides classroom and on-the-job training to individuals with lived experiences of homelessness to become successful case managers for the District's homeless services system.

A STIPEND OF \$17 AN HOUR WILL BE PROVIDED DURING TRAINING

VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS:

· FEB. 8, 2024 AT 1 - 2:30 PM LINK: bit.ly/497jp92 PASSWORD: Peer PHONE: 1-650-479-3208 CODE: 2308 338 7083

· FEB. 13, 2024 AT 3 - 4:30 PM LINK: bit.ly/48UGuMO PASSWORD: Peer PHONE: 1-650-479-3208

INTERESTED? Scan the QR code to complete an application OR use the bit.ly/3TXoSen

You can also request an application from your case manager.





Due to the on-the-job training with a homeless services provider, students will be required to participate in a drug test and background check. Some results may disqualify students from participating in the on-the-job training required for the certification.

> IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL: DHS.Peer-Institute@dc.gov or call 202-277-3586



CODE: 2300 138 6251











FEB 6 @ 7:00PM

Black History Coed Volleyball Tournament

Deanwood Community Center



FEB 3 @ 10:00AM

National Girls and Women in Sports Day Fair

Kenilworth Recreation Center



FEB 24 - FEB 25

Girls in Hoop Black History Girls Basketball Tournament

Woody Ward Recreation Center



What is a MOCRS?

The Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) serves as Mayor Muriel Bowser's primary constituent services organization by providing rapid and complete responses to constituent requests, concerns, and questions for all 8 wards.

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