

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

SECURE DC OMNIBUS

CHAIRWOMAN
COMMITTEE ON THE
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY

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, [CLICK 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

The Department of Small and Local Business Development presents



APPLY BY MARCH 1, 2024

Wards 7 and 8 resident-owned microbusinesses could be eligible to receive up to \$2,000-\$7,500 in awards!

Microbusinesses accepted into this competitive program will receive business development training in 4 areas:

- Marketing & Branding
- Business Pitch
- Mentorship
- Financial Projections & Accounting

DSLBD.DC.GOV/DREAMPITCH



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

Spread the word...



2024 MAYOR MARION S. BARRY
SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

MBSYEP

**DISTRICT YOUTH
AGES 14 TO 24**

ARE YOU READY?

THE **45TH ANNUAL**
MAYOR MARION S. BARRY SUMMER
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

APPLICATION OPENS
JANUARY 22, 2024
@ **12:00 PM**

APPLICATION **DEADLINE**
IS **MARCH 6, 2024**
@ **11:59 PM**


#MBSYEP2024
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT SUMMERJOBS.DC.GOV

 **YOUTH** DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF
DOES EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

U.S. GOVERNMENT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

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 Gift Card by email. See redlead.org/heart

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

'Tis the Season for

**Holiday Trees
& Greenery Collection**

January 3, 2024 - March 2, 2024

THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVITES YOU TO THE

RETAIL Grant AND GROW Expo

The Expo coincides with the opening of all of DMPED's retail-focused grants.

MLK Library
901 G St NW

February 5 10AM-4PM

Come LEARN, CONNECT, and APPLY

RSVP: tinyurl.com/Grant-and-Grow



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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

BE A SNOW TEAM HERO

Join Mayor Muriel Bowser's Volunteer Snow Team and help your neighbors stay safe this winter!
Register today at snowteam.dc.gov



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The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships

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DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR



Embrace The Magic OF LUNAR NEW YEAR

DOWNTOWNDC

FEB 3

11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

@CHINATOWN PARK/LOTUS PLAZA

I STREET BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH STREETS NW

REGISTER TODAY!

Complete the Interest Form



Next Cohort Begins
MARCH 7, 2024

For more information, visit ouc.dc.gov.



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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 locations

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



Location	Appointment Details
Anacostia Library Tues. and Wed. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Call: 202-656-1689 Email: 20051007@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD
Bellevue/William O. Lockridge Library Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Call: 202-643-6407 Email: 20051005@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD
Capitol View Library Mon., Wed. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Call: 202-643-4845 Email: 20051025@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD
Georgetown Library Wed. Noon - 4 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Call: 202-677-5057 Email: 20051001@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD
Petworth Library Mon. and Fri. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Call: 202-677-5057 Email: 20051001@aarpfoundation.org States: DC
Shaw/Watha T. Daniel Library Sat. 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Call: 202-683-7397 Email: 20051012@aarpfoundation.org States: DC, MD
Southwest Library Mon. and Wed. 1 - 5 p.m.	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



DC BAR
Pro Bono Center



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.

Capitol View Neighborhood Library
3001 Central Ave SE
Washington, DC 20019

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Questions? Email jnanini@dcbar.org

2024 Sessions

- Family Law
 - Jan 23: Custody (Parents and Third-Parties)
 - Apr 11: Child Support
 - Jul 11: Divorce
- Housing Rights
 - Feb 8: Eviction Defense & Code Violation Rights
 - May 9: Eviction Defense & Code Violation Rights
 - Aug 15: Eviction Defense & Code Violation Rights
- Social Benefits
 - Mar 16: SSI/SSDI For Adults and Children
 - Jun 13: Social Security Overpayments, Benefit Terminations, and Suspensions
 - Sep 12: Can you Work and Still Get SSI?



Scan or Visit:

forms.office.com/r/vbtvF2R9lnc

Kelly Miller Presents

WINTER Showcase

ART COMEDY DANCE
MAGIC SING BAND AND MORE

THUR | FEBRUARY 29
ART WALK 5-5:45PM
SHOW 6PM
KMMS AUDITORIUM

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

Valentine's Day

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.

Event starts on:
THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2024
5PM
5001 Central Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20019

Contact Us
202-645-0755

Use your phone to scan the QR code.

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!



Only active CBEs are eligible to apply!



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The New DC Unemployment Insurance Benefits System is coming!

Launching February 5, 2024!

Don't wait. Verify your identity today
for a seamless login on launch day.

We have incorporated powerful identity verification technology. All users will have to verify their identity through ID.me!



dcnetworks.org



The Department of Small and Local Business Development presents



WE★ASPIRE

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.

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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

CODE: 2300 138 6251

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**



FEB 6 @ 7:00PM

Black History Coed Volleyball Tournament

Deanwood Community Center

NATIONAL GIRLS & WOMEN Sports Day Fair



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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