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Runners and walkers at SOME's Trot for Hunger will help to provide more than 1,000 meals on Thanksgiving and every other day of the year. Photo: VI Photography, LLC.

Eighth Annual Trot for Hunger on Thanksgiving

Help the poor and homeless on Thanksgiving Day by participating in SOME's (So Others May Eat) eighth annual Trot for Hunger. Join Honorary Chair Mayor Adrian Fenty for this popular 5K fun run on Nov. 26, 8:30 a.m., in West Potomac Park (Ohio Drive, between Independence Avenue and West Basin Drive SW). An untimed 5K family walk begins at 8:40 a.m. Proceeds from the Trot support SOME's programs for the homeless and helps SOME serve more than 800 meals to hungry and homeless children, women and men every day of the year. \$23/person through Nov. 16; \$25/person Nov. 17-21. Questions? Please contact Tracy Monson at trotforhunger@some.org or 202-797-8806 ext. 1093.

Shaw Heritage Coloring Book Returns

By popular demand, the Shaw Heritage Coloring Book, first published in 2007, has been reprinted and is once again available free of charge at the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Interim Library, 945 Rhode Island Ave. NW, and the Kennedy Recreation Center, 1401 Seventh St. NW. Produced by Shaw Main Streets, with funding from the Humanities Council of Washington, DC, the DC Historic Preservation Office and Douglas Development Corporation, the 28-page coloring book features illustrations of historic build-

ings and individuals associated with the neighborhood, and information on these people and places, such as Duke Ellington and Helen Hayes, and the Howard Theatre and Shiloh Baptist Church. The coloring book has been distributed to the public and private schools in the neighborhood, as well as day-care centers. Landmarks in the Shaw, Mount Vernon Square, Blagden Alley-Naylor Court, and Greater U Street historic districts, some no longer standing, are included. For more information, contact Shaw Main Streets at 202-265-SHAW or info@shawmainstreets.com.

Fort Dupont Ice Arena Veterans Day Free Lessons and Public Skate

Fort Dupont Ice Arena will offer free learn-to-skate classes for beginner children (ages 5 and up) and adults on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The 15-minute classes begin at 11 a.m. and continue through 11:45 a.m. Skaters will be put in classes on a first-come, first served basis; rental skates are included; practice time provided after each lesson; loaner helmets are available. FDIA will also offer a Veterans Day public skate from noon-1:50 p.m. The cost to skate is \$4/children 12 and under and senior citizens; \$5/adults; \$3/skate rental (free for lesson participants). Fort Dupont Ice Arena, 3779 Ely Place SE. 202-584-5007, www.fdia.org.

Call for Art – Sankofa SoulArt @ Meroe Art Gallery of the West Baltimore Center for Urban Art

Liberated Muse Productions, in partnership with Authentic Contemporary Art and Meroe Art Gallery of the West Baltimore Center for Urban Art, presents "Sankofa SoulArt," an art exhibition, from Dec. 1-March 5. This exhibition will be part of an ongoing celebration of Liberated Muse's newly published book titled "Liberated Muse, Vol. 1: How I Freed My Soul, Anthology," edited by Khadijah Ali-Coleman. The book focuses on the artist's interpretation of freedom through poetry, prose and visual art by Metro Washington, DC/Baltimore artists and writers. Therefore, artists should submit artwork that complements the theme of "freedom."

Artist residing in Maryland, the District of Columbia, or Northern Virginia over 18 years of age may apply. Preference will be made to artists who are members of Liberated Muse. Artists working in the following disciplines are invited to participate: painting (all

media) and photography and textiles (must be framed). Submitted artworks must have been completed in the last three years. Accepted works must be hand-delivered or mailed by Nov. 28. Visit www.LiberatedMuse.com for more information.

Free H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinics in DC North Neighborhoods

The District Department of Health will be hosting free vaccine clinics for youth and pregnant women in Wards 1, 2, 4w & 5 on the following date and at the following locations: Nov. 7, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Cardozo Senior High School (1200 Clifton St. NW); Nov. 10, 5-9 p.m., Coolidge Senior High School (6315 Fifth St. NW) and McKinley Tech Senior High School (151 T St. NE); Nov. 12, 5-9 p.m., Cardozo Senior High School (1200 Clifton St. NW); Nov. 14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Hardy Middle School (1819 35th St. NW). For more information, call 311 or visit flu.dc.gov.

Community Tree Plantings in DC North

Casey Trees is sponsoring community tree plantings (CTP) at Cote d'Ivoire Embassy, 2424 Massachusetts Ave. NW, on Nov. 20, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in an effort to "Restore Massachusetts Avenue"; and in Crestwood (exact location to be announced) on Nov. 21, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and needs more citizen foresters to help with the planting. Tools and instruction are provided, along with light refreshments. CTPs occur rain or shine unless the weather is severe, in which case, cancellations will be posted on the office phone voicemail at 202-833-4010 by 7:30 a.m. the morning of the CTP. To volunteer, or for more information, contact Carol Herwig at 202-349-1907 or cherwig@caseytrees.org.

PEPCO Rate Case Public Hearing Dates

The DC Office of the People's Counsel (OPC), the ratepayer advocate, has announced public hearings scheduled before the DC Public Service Commission and is seeking the public's input on PEPCO's request for a \$51.7 million increase in its electric

distribution rates. OPC is calling for a \$10.4 million decrease in PEPCO's current rates. A hearing will be held on Nov. 20, 10 a.m., at the DC Public Service Commission, 1333 H St. NW. To participate in the hearings, sign up in advance by contacting the commission secretary at 202-626-5150, at least three days before the hearing, and ask to be placed on the public witness list. Persons with special needs are encouraged to call the Public Service Commission in advance to assist with any arrangements to facilitate participation. Citizens also may submit written testimony to be included on the public record to Dorothy Wideman, director, Office of the Commission Secretary, DC Public Service Commission, 1333 H St. NW, Washington DC, 20010. Testimony can also be e-mailed to dwideman@psc.dc.org.

DC Democrats Seek Candidates for Special Election

The District of Columbia Democratic State Committee will hold a special election during its Dec. 3 general meeting for one male at-large member and one female at-large member. This election is to fill the unexpired terms of vacated positions through 2012. The election is open to any DC registered Democrat who is interested in serving on the local Democratic Committee. For consideration and further information, visit www.dcdsc.org or contact the DC Democratic Party at 202-714-3368 or by e-mail information@dcdsc.org before Nov. 13.

Small Business Brief Advice Legal Clinic: Meet with a Lawyer for Free

If you are an existing or aspiring small-business owner, come out to meet one-on-one with attorneys during a brief advice legal clinic Nov. 18, 5-7:30 p.m., at the Center for Urban Progress, in the Reeves Municipal Building (2000 14th St. NW). Lawyers will answer questions about business formation, contracts, leases, taxes or any other legal matters related to running a small business. Even if you do not have specific questions, come and receive general advice about your business – the attorneys may be able to address issues before they become problems. This walk-in clinic is sponsored by the DC Bar Pro Bono Program. Please bring

any documents relevant to the issues you wish to discuss. For more information, call 202-737-4700.

Thanksgiving Baskets and Toys for Needy Kids

World Missions Extension Center is sponsoring two holiday rallies this season: a Thanksgiving Basket Give-away and a CHRISTmas Toys to Needy Kids Give Away. First, the annual Thanksgiving Basket Give-away will be held Nov. 21, 10 a.m., at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 315 Rhode Island Ave. NW. Thanksgiving meal baskets will be handed out to needy families. The center is collecting \$25 donations to prepare these baskets. At the Thanksgiving Basket Give-away rally, children who are present with a parent will be able to register to receive CHRISTmas gifts at the second CHRISTmas Toys to Needy Kids Give Away, which will be Dec. 19, 10 a.m., at McKinley Technology Senior High School (gymnasium), 315 T St. NE. Call 202-387-3082 or visit extensioncenter-dc.org for more information.

Help the Homeless Walkathon

The 22nd annual Help the Homeless Walkathon will take place Nov. 21 on the National Mall. The walkathon has grown into the nation's largest fundraising event benefiting the homeless. Consider walking to support the Southeast Veterans Service Center and Chesapeake Veterans House of Washington, DC, which operates a 93-bed housing program in Southeast Washington (820 Chesapeake St. SE) for homeless male and female veterans of all wars and eras. The program was originally formulated as a social model and is now integrated with structured case management and mental health therapy while simultaneously addressing the addiction, medical needs, family issues, spiritual development, employment training and housing placement requirements of each veteran. Donate and register online at www.helpthehomelessdc.org. The Southeast Veterans Service Center's agency code is DC002. Preregistration, before Nov. 19: \$25/adult; \$15/youth (age 25 and younger). Registration, Nov. 20 & 21: \$30/adult; \$15/youth.

Halloween in Shaw! Photos: Alexander M. Padro, Courtesy Shaw Main Streets.



Halloween in Shaw: The Great Pumpkin, Planting Tulips and Fright Night!

Shaw celebrated Halloween in variety of ways. Although rain made door-to-door trick-or-treaters scarce, it didn't deter volunteers who were planting tulip bulbs in treeboxes on Ninth Street NW that morning. Sponsored by Shaw Main Streets, with financial support from Douglas Development, Shiloh Baptist Church, Old City Green, Independence Bank, Inle Development, Community Three Development, EFN Lounge and others, neighborhood residents, business leaders and members of Shiloh dug holes, planted bulbs, enriched the soil and covered the boxes with mulch, finishing all 30 boxes between N Street and Rhode Island Avenue before noon. At Old City Green, new Shaw resident Melissa Kennison's winning guess of 83 inches won her a giant pumpkin for



her front stoop. Guessing the diameter of the Great Pumpkin was a fundraiser for the tulip planting event. The night before, the Kennedy Recreation Center hosted a Halloween celebration, complete with a dirt- and worm-eating contest (powdered chocolate cookies and gummy worms), an outdoor flashlight hunt for candy on the ball field, and a haunted house that scared adults and kids alike. The screams could be heard outside the building. To learn more about Shaw Main Streets, call 202-265-SHAW or visit shawmainstreets.com.

Feast of Sharing at the Convention Center

Join Safeway and the Convention Center for the annual "Feast of Sharing" dinner on Nov. 25, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. This event ensures that more than 40,000 District residents get an extra special Thanksgiving with a hot holiday meal and an opportunity to participate in a community services and job fair, workshops, including interviewing tips, resume writing and how to dress for success. The event also includes health screenings with free flu vaccinations from the DC Immunization Program. Limited transportation is available. Free. For more information, call or e-mail Faith Williams at 202-422-8968, feastofsharing@hotmail.com. 801 Mount Vernon Place NW.

Foreclosure Prevention Clinics

Housing Counseling Services Inc. (HCS), a HUD-certified counseling agency, now offers free weekly foreclosure prevention clinics every Wednesday, at noon, in its offices, in response to the ongoing foreclosure crisis and prevalence of mortgage fraud in the DC area. Homeowners behind on their mortgages or in danger of falling behind will receive information and individual counseling to help them identify and pursue realistic foreclosure alternatives. HCS is located at 2410 17th St. NW. Contact Su Cheng at 202-667-7712 for more information.

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