

# bulletin board



## Artists Bring Convention Center Windows to Life

In an attempt to bring some life to the vacant storefront windows at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Shaw, the center and the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities commissioned artists to paint or display their work in windows along the building's Seventh, Ninth, M and N streets NW frontages. The back-painted windows included child's-eye views of the Shaw neighborhood, the tearing down of the LeDroit Park fence in the late 19th century, and architectural elements drawn from buildings in the neighborhood.

Tim Conlon painted a Scrabble board with words associated with the neighborhood (including riots, Ellington and Langston), while Amber Robles-Gordon created a tribute to Washington Color School painter Alma Thomas, who taught art at Shaw Junior High School and lived in the neighborhood. Shaw artist Li-ani Foster showed his mixed media textile creations, while Anne Marchand, who created the Westminster Playground mural, presented her colorful abstract canvases.

The installation, titled "Windows into DC," will be on view until March 2010. Brochures are available at the information desks in the center's Grand Lobby.

## Cultural Convergence: Columbia Heights Heritage Trail

Cultural Tourism DC launches a self-guided walking tour in Columbia Heights on Oct. 24. Nineteen poster-sized street signs combine storytelling, photography and maps to lead residents and visitors through the story of a neighborhood that began as an elite suburb on the high ground above Washington and has hosted every group of people that ever influenced Washington's cultural life. Discover the old and new Columbia Heights and the people who changed the world with technology, ideas, literature, laws



and leadership.

The Columbia Heights Heritage Trail's official unveiling and neighborhood celebration will take place Oct. 24, 1 p.m., on Civic Plaza, 14th Street and Park Road NW. Ward 1 Councilmember Jim Graham will join Cultural Tourism DC and the Columbia Heights Heritage Trail Working Group for the unveiling ceremony. After the ceremony, performances will take place on Civic Plaza throughout the after-

discounts. This is

Cultural Tourism's 10th self-guided walking tour in DC. Call 202-661-7581 or visit [www.culturaltourismdc.org](http://www.culturaltourismdc.org) for more information about this and other walking tours.

## Bloomingdale Residents Needed for BCA Beautification Committee

The Bloomingdale Civic Association seeks volunteers to join its Beautification Committee. If you are



Arcade Market circa 1920, site of today's DC USA on 14th Street NW. Photo: Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

noon, and businesses along the trail will offer open house activities and/or

interested in working to enhance the appearance of Bloomingdale, contact Teri Janine at [terijanine@gmail.com](mailto:terijanine@gmail.com).



Artist Tim Conlon paints his Shaw Scrabble board in an M Street display window at the convention center. Photo: Alexander M. Padro, courtesy Shaw Main Streets

Amber Robles-Gordon emulates Alma Thomas' signature bold, colorful brush strokes on a window at the corner of Ninth and N streets NW, as the glass reflects nearby historic buildings and passersby. Photo: Alexander M. Padro, courtesy Shaw Main Streets

## Gay Men's Chorus of Washington to Perform at National Equality March

The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington will perform a pre-rally concert as marchers at the National Equality March come on to the West Lawn of the US Capitol on Oct. 11. Among the selections GMCW will perform is the anthemic GLBT Marriage Equality song "Marry Us," in addition to "The Star Spangled Banner," "Songs of Protest and Awakenings," "We Can Be Kind," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Walk Hand in Hand," and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." For more information, contact Taunee Grant, director of marketing and communications for the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC. 202-293-1548, [tgrant@gmcw.org](mailto:tgrant@gmcw.org).

## Small Business Brief Advice Legal Clinic

The Small Business Development Center and the DC Bar Pro Bono Program are offering a free legal clinic for existing or aspiring small-business owners on Oct. 14, 5-7:30 p.m., at the Small Business Development Center at the University of the District of Columbia. Attendees will meet one-on-one with attorneys for brief advice on any legal issues their businesses may be facing. The SBDC at UDC is located at 4340 Connecticut Ave. NW. For more information, contact Darryl Maxwell, staff attorney, DC Bar Pro Bono Program, at

202-737-4700 ext. 3369 or [dmaxwell@dcbar.org](mailto:dmaxwell@dcbar.org). [www.dcbar.org/ced](http://www.dcbar.org/ced)

## Union Station Now Home to Bikestation

Trading your four-wheel mode of transportation for two wheels just got a whole lot easier with the opening of Bikestation Washington, DC, in Union Station (50 Massachusetts Ave. NE). The 1,600-square-foot facility houses over 100 bikes and provides secure bike parking, a changing room, lockers, bike rental, bike repair and retail sales. The Bikestation is staffed 66 hours per week (7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends) by Bike and Roll Washington, DC. Members have 24/7 access. Call Bike and Roll at 202-842-2453 ext. 303 or visit [www.bikestation.com/washingtondc/index.asp](http://www.bikestation.com/washingtondc/index.asp) for more information.

## Bike DC Day

The annual Bike DC Day is Oct. 17, and area residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to bike around DC and see the sites in a new light – the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the White House, Embassy Row, the Pentagon, the Marine Corps and Air Force memorials, just to name a few. There is a family friendly 12-mile route and a more challenging 25-mile option. Children 15 years old and younger are invited to participate free of charge. Adult supervision is required. All participants must wear bicycle helmets. If you want to participate, but don't have access to a bike, visit [www.bikeandroll.com](http://www.bikeandroll.com) for bike rentals. For more information about Bike DC Day, visit, <http://bikedc.net>.

## October Workshops and Events at Common Good City Farm

**Growing Gardens Workshop: Uncommon Uses for Common Herbs.** Oct. 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme – you grow them in your garden and use them to flavor your cooking, but how else can they benefit you? Learn medicinal uses for the herbs in your spice rack, including fennel, mint, oregano, chamomile and catnip by making teas and brews in this hands-on workshop.

**Introduction to Urban and Community Food Gardens.** Oct. 23-25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Spend a weekend learning the basics of urban gardening, garden

design and starting a community garden. Learn how to winterize an existing garden and prepare an area now for a new garden in the spring. Discussion on basic theories of how to design with nature will be mixed with hands-on activities.

All workshops are held at Common Good City Farm, Third and V streets NW, and cost a suggested donation of \$10/participant. Call 202-330-5945 or visit [www.commongoodcityfarm.org](http://www.commongoodcityfarm.org) for more information and to register for these events.

## Black Student Fund School Fair

The Black Student Fund will host its 37th annual school fair Oct. 25, noon-3 p.m., at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, where 42 independent schools will be on hand to meet with thousands of students. Admission is free. BSF is a nonprofit organization that recruits, refers and assists black children, particularly those from low-income households, to attend and graduate from independent schools in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. All BSF students continue on to college. The Convention Center is located at 801 Mount Vernon Place NW. Call 202-387-1414 or visit [www.blackstudentfund.org](http://www.blackstudentfund.org) for more information.

## Casey Trees and Volunteers to Plant 350 Trees This Fall

Casey Trees will plant over 350 trees at 22 locations throughout all eight wards this fall as part of its Community Tree Planting (CTP) program. Each planted tree will help the District meet its Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) goal of 40 percent, or 216,300 new trees, by 2035. Currently the District is at 35 percent UTC. The fall CTP schedule includes the following locations in the DC North area: Catholic University of America, Oct. 10, Fourth Street and Michigan Avenue NE; Noyes Elementary School, Oct. 15, 2725 10th St. NE; St. Paul's Rock Creek Cemetery, Oct. 17, Rock Creek Church Road and Webster Street NW; LAMB Public Charter School, Oct. 22, 1375 Missouri Ave. NW; Bruce Monroe at Parkview Elementary School, Oct. 28, 3560 Warder St. NW; Our Lady Queen of the Americas Parish, Oct. 31, 2200 California St. NW. All events take place 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Casey Trees provides tools and instruction, along with light refreshments. Rain or shine, unless the

weather is severe. Casey Trees will post cancellations on the office phone voicemail at 202-833-4010 by 7:30 a.m. the morning of the event.

Over 1,700 trees have been planted in the District through Casey Trees' CTP program. Requests for a CTP in spring 2010 are currently being accepted. The deadline is Nov. 30. Information and applications, along with tree planting and care volunteer opportunities, are available at [www.caseytrees.org](http://www.caseytrees.org). Call 202-833-4010 for more information.

## 'Race to Remember' – National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial 5K

On Oct. 18, the Metropolitan Police Department invites the community to support law enforcement by participating in the "Race to Remember" – the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial 5K, which is organized by the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, DC. The race begins at 10 a.m. at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, 400 E St. NW. The event benefits the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a DC-based not-for-profit that honors US law enforcement, in particular officers who have died in the line of duty. A variety of prizes, including unique law enforcement-related merchandise, will be awarded. For more information and to register online, visit [www.nleomf.org/RaceToRemember](http://www.nleomf.org/RaceToRemember).

## The Humanities Council Award Ceremony

Join the Humanities Council of Washington, DC, in honoring Julian Bond, former chairman of the board, NAACP, and Benjamin Jealous, president & CEO, NAACP, recipients of the 2009 Distinguished Service to the Humanities Award. The ceremony takes place Oct. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Hogan & Hartson LLP, 555 13th St. NW. Bond and Jealous are being honored for their continuous efforts in promoting fundamental issues of freedom, respect, dignity, and economic and social equality. \$50, payable by check (preferred) or online at [www.wdchumanities.org](http://www.wdchumanities.org). Call 202-387-8391 for more information.

## Tying the Knot: A Pre-Marriage Workshop for Couples

If you're engaged or thinking of becoming engaged, consider this pre-marriage workshop, which begins Oct.

25. Explore your relationship and the skills needed to handle the challenges that arise when couples share their lives. Jewish values and traditions provide a strong context for a safe and supportive group discussion. Topics include marital roles and expectations; religion and spirituality; intimacy and finances; decision-making skills; and more. Classes run Oct. 25-Nov. 15 at the Washington DCJCC, 1529 16th St. NW. \$75/per couple. For more information and to register, visit [www.washingtondcjcc.org](http://www.washingtondcjcc.org) or contact Sarah Gershman at [sarahg@washingtondcjcc.org](mailto:sarahg@washingtondcjcc.org) or 202-777-3237.

## Fourth Annual Potomac Watershed Trash Summit – Trash Free by 2013!

The Alice Ferguson Foundation sponsors the annual Potomac Watershed Trash Summit, which takes place Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the House of Sweden (2900 K St. NW) and features a gathering of 300 key stakeholders to educate, dialogue, plan and take action on strategies that lead to a Trash Free Potomac Watershed by 2013. The event provides a venue for Congressional, state and local elected officials, citizens and youth leadership to collaborate on strategies to eliminate trash from our waterways, communities, streets and public lands – including regional public policy, model Best Management Practices, business actions and public education. \$50/participant. For more information or to register, call 202-518-7415 or visit [www.fergusonfoundation.org/trash\\_initiative/trash\\_summit.html](http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/trash_initiative/trash_summit.html).

## Young America Works PCS Community Workshops

Young America Works Public Charter Vocational High School is holding a series of workshops on computer skills with Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook applications; and basic home repairs (drywall, electricity, plumbing). All workshops are free and take place at the school, located at 6015-17 Chillum Place NE. For more information, contact Samuel Robertson at 202-722-9295 or [srobertson@youngamericaworkspcs.org](mailto:srobertson@youngamericaworkspcs.org) or visit [www.youngamericaworkspcs.org](http://www.youngamericaworkspcs.org).

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