

Potomac Job Corps Center team awaiting the judges' feedback.



Potomac Job Corps Students at 2009 Job Corps Culinary Arts Expo

Four aspiring chefs from the Potomac Job Corps Center in Washington competed in the 2009 Job Corps Culinary Arts Expo June 15-19 at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing, N.J. Geneva Lewis, Brandon James, Anthony Roberson and Andrew Parsons of the Potomac Job Corps Center were vying for the title of "Iron Chef" under the direction of Chef Lisa Malbrough, culinary instructor at the Potomac center. Numerous well-known celebrity chefs served as guest judges and workshop presenters during the event including Robert Irvine, host of the Food Network's "Dinner Impossible," and Chefs Jonathan Jernigan and Darius Peacock, the chef duo known as "Twice Baked" who competed on the Food Network's "Chopped," which was won by Peacock. The Potomac Job Corps team won the following awards: third place, food presentation; second place, food knowledge; second place, Mise en Place; second place, food originality; third place, sanitation; second place, time management; fourth place, first round of competition; and second place, people's choice centerpiece. The Connecticut Culinary Institute and Clemens College provided \$50,000 in scholarships for all students participating in the expo.

The Potomac Job Corps Center is located at 1 DC Village Lane SW. Call 202-547-5000 or visit Potomac.jobcorps.gov for more information.

Upper Anacostia Tour

On Aug. 9, the DC Environmental Justice Program will host a boat tour of the upper Anacostia River in conjunction with the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS). The tour will depart from Bladensburg, Md., at 10 a.m. and cruise along the river for approximately two hours. Jim Foster, president of the Anacostia Watershed Society, will lead the tour and provide attendees with information on the river's history, its issues and activities to restore it. The purpose of the tour is to expand awareness of the issues related to the river that requires our collective attention, to discuss actions that we can possibly take to address them, and to have a great day cruising with friends and colleagues. The AWS pontoon boat will accommodate 20 passengers; call ASAP to reserve a spot. Call 202-575-1469 or visit www.sierraclub.org for more information.

Back to School Block Party

Anacostia Senior High School is hosting its third annual Back to School Block Party Aug. 14, 3-7 p.m., at the high school, 1601 16th St. SE. The event features free food, carnival games, live entertainment, and the opportunity for students to register for the new school year. Volunteers are needed to make the event a success. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Kim Harrison at 240-606-5435.

11th Street Bridges Open House

On Aug. 19, the Anacostia Waterfront organization will host an 11th Street Bridges Open House to update Ward 8 residents about the status of the bridge replacement project. The event is from 7-8:30 p.m., at the Union Temple Baptist Church at 1225

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W St. SE. For more information, visit www.theanacostiawaterfront.com or call Mariah Morales, 202-870-2046.

DCPS Beautification Day

Beautification Day, the annual event established in 2005 as a citywide "spruce up" of all DC public school buildings in preparation for the first day of school, will be held Aug. 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and DCPS needs volunteers at over 100 schools for landscaping, picking up trash, light painting, planting flowers, sweeping sidewalks and other external beautification efforts. Volunteers will receive their assignment from the site manager on Aug. 22. Event takes place rain or shine. Volunteer in advance by calling 202-442-5447 or e-mailing dcpsvolunteers@dc.gov.

Capital Hip Hop Soul Fest a Success

The second annual Capital Hip Hop Soul Fest took place July 25 in Northeast Washington's Marvin Gaye Park. The event – produced by local group Liberated Muse Productions and sponsored in part by Washington Parks and People, East of the River Newspaper, State Farm and the United States Census Bureau – had all-day music performances by local artists from the DC and Baltimore area, and Ward 7 Councilmember Yvette Alexander was in attendance for most of the day. The Soul Fest boasted high attendance despite the heat and the construction taking place in the park, which resulted in most of the green space being fenced in or turned over. City officials confirm that construction on the park should be finished in time for next year's festival, which will

At-Large Councilmember Kwame Brown and a young constituent at the 2008 Bookbag Giveaway.



Second Annual Life Day: 10,000 Book Bag Giveaway

The Life Center Church and At-Large Councilmember Kwame Brown are teaming up once again to host Life Day: 10,000 Bookbag Giveaway, Aug. 16, at The Life Center Church (5610 Linda Lane, Camp Springs, Md.), noon-3 p.m., and the Ambulatory Care Center at DC General Hospital (1900 Massachusetts Ave. SE), 3-6 p.m. More than 10,000 bookbags will be given away to children attending schools in the greater Washington metropolitan area. The day of the event, Life Day will also be hosting a Healthy Choices Expo, during which time health experts will be on hand to show kids how to read and interpret nutrition labels and how to prepare their own healthy lunches and after-school snacks as well as how to manage stress with meditation and yoga. Ginuwine and his wife Solo will make a special appearance to support the event. For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, visit www.10000bookbags.com.

once again take place in late July. Visit www.capitalhiphopsoulfest.com for more information.

Celebrating The Legend That is John R. Kinard

John R. Kinard was a curator, activist, minister and well-loved community leader in Washington, DC; but Kinard was best known for pioneering the Neighborhood Museum (Anacostia Community Museum) in 1967 that was dedicated to educating the community and preserving its history through the eyes of its residence. While serving as pastor at John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Kinard established the museum to create a place that provided a sense of pride in the African-American community and involved the neighborhood in positive and uplifting programs. The community will commemorate the 20-year anniversary of Kinard's passing and celebrate the passion and achievements of his life on Aug. 23, 4 p.m., at the AMEZ Church at 1615 14th St. NW. All are welcome to attend.

A Mother's Summertime Tea

All are invited to attend the fifth annual "Mother's Summertime Tea," on Aug. 30, from 3-5 p.m., at the ballroom of the historic Willard Intercontinental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. This free event is organized to promote support and healing for the survivors and victims of violent crime. RSVP by Aug. 23 at 202-373-0398 or innerthoughts@starpower.net.

Work for the Far Northeast Corridor Weed and Seed Initiative

The Far Northeast Corridor Weed and Seed Initiative seeks a site coordinator to implement and advance the federal "Weed and Seed" strategy. The full-time position is grant funded and includes benefits. Cover letters and resumes may be sent by mail to Rev. Melvin T. Ivey, Chairman, Neighborhood Advisory Board, Far Northeast Corridor Weed and Seed, 1125 47th Place NE, Washington, DC 20019 or by e-mail to melvin.ivey@verizon.net. All resumes must be received by Aug. 14, 6 p.m. For questions about the application process or other mat-

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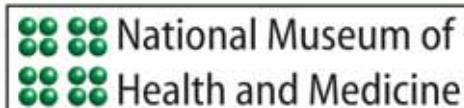


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Call to Ward 7 & 8 Artists and Writers

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities in collaboration with District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) is seeking East of the River artists, including writers, to submit proposals for four prominent areas inside the new Benning and Anacostia libraries, which are expected to open in the spring of 2010. The art may include, but is not limited to, artists who work with mixed media, fiber arts, photography, graphics, lighting, the written word, and other materials and techniques that can be transferred in a digital print or transparent material. One of the artworks may be rendered in glass. Themes for the artworks may include concepts of creativity, learning, imagination, ingenuity, the freedom of ideas, the freedom to read and view, and/or the importance of libraries. The artwork should also celebrate the unique history and cultures of the Benning and Anacostia communities. This is open to all artists and writers who reside or work in Wards 7 or 8. Benning Library is located at 3935 Benning Road NE; Anacostia Library is located at 18th Street and Good Hope Road SE. Each artist who is selected will receive an honorarium of \$2,500. The deadline for submissions is Aug. 21, 5:30 p.m. Finalists will be notified Sept. 15. For more information, contact Rachel Dickerson at rachel.dickerson@dc.gov or call 202-724-5613.

MPCTA First Annual Tenant Choice Awards

The Marbury Plaza Concerned Tenants – Tenant's Association (MPCTA) invites the community to the first annual Tenant Choice Awards to raise money for the MPCTA Legal Defense Fund. This year's theme is "Building Community Through Empowerment." This event will be held Sept. 2, 7 p.m., at THEARC located at 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE. Currently, MPCTA's entire Legal Defense Fund has been exhausted through representation in the Tenant Petition Case thus far. The goal is to raise \$20,000 at this event.

The awards show will acknowledge significant contributions to the association and the community by Marbury Plaza tenants, community organizations and city officials. Some of the award recipients include the Executive Office of the Mayor, DC Councilmembers Yvette Alexander (Ward 7), Marion Barry (Ward 8), Muriel Bowser (Ward 4) and Kwame Brown (At-Large), the Office of the Tenant Advocate, Bread for the City, the Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and EmpowerDC. The show also includes a variety of highly acclaimed performers. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. All proceeds go to the Legal Defense Fund. Call 202-459-4660 or e-mail marburyta@hotmail.com for tickets or more information.

ERFSC Has a New Look

The East River Family Strengthening Collaborative has a new look! ERFSC Communications Director Rosie Parke has developed a

new website, logo and promotional materials for the nonprofit. Call 202-397-7300 or visit www.erfsc.org to check out the changes and for more information about the group.

Extreme Green Neighborhood Makeover

Nominate your neighborhood for CarbonfreeDC's Extreme Green Neighborhood Makeover by Aug. 28, and you and 19 other families in your neighborhood could be sponsored by CarbonfreeDC for a green makeover. CarbonfreeDC will use \$20,000 to green the homes of 20 families as the families choose. For each home, the organization will purchase affordable carbon-reducing and money saving solutions like CFL bulbs, programmable thermostats, weather stripping, water heater insulation blankets and Energy Star-rated appliances. As funding permits, the organization may also install insulation or make additional repairs. CarbonfreeDC will ask eco-consultants to donate their time to do a complete energy audit of each home and recruit volunteers to help the families install the equipment. To qualify, a home must be owned by a family member who is not receiving government assistance on energy bills, and a head of household would need to self-identify as under-served or low-income. Metro-accessible neighborhoods strongly preferred. To nominate your neighborhood or to receive more information, e-mail Rhys Gerholdt at rhys006@gmail.com, call 202-341-1323 or visit CarbonfreeDC.org.

Get In Shape with FitFamily

Are you a resident of the DC area who's interested in a free health program for the whole family? Then join FitFamily, a wellness, fitness and nutrition program offered by Children's National Medical Center, in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. FitFamily provides fitness, nutrition, parenting and self-esteem classes at THEARC, located at 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE. The goal is to help families make healthier lifestyle choices. Children will receive a free two-year membership to the FBR branch of the Boys & Girls Club and a lot of other fun incentives by simply joining FitFamily. To learn how you can enroll in FitFamily today, call 202-476-5446.

Eastern High Alumni Raising Money for Scholarships

In mid-July, the Eastern Senior High School class of 1989 held an all-star basketball tournament at Coolidge Senior High School's gymnasium to raise money for scholarship funds for DC public high schools and reunion activities. If you missed this event but would like to donate money to the scholarships, visit easternhighalumni.com.

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A CHDO is a specific type of nonprofit organization with a defined mission to provide decent, affordable housing to low-income households. Although many nonprofit organizations share common characteristics with CHDOs, not all non-profits qualify as CHDOs under HUD's HOME program. Only nonprofit organizations that have been certified as CHDOs can receive HOME funds.

Funding under this Request for Applications (RFA) notice will be available in FY 2010, beginning on October 1, 2009. Awardees must be certified as CHDOs by DHCD by the time of grant execution. In addition, awardees under this RFA must have received written approval for a HOME funded project from DHCD by the time of grant execution.

Printed applications are available for pick up at DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE, third floor, Residential and Community Services Division. The application can also be downloaded from www.dhcd.dc.gov. Applications should be returned to DHCD no later than 4 pm on August 28, 2009.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend a pre-application conference at DHCD at 10 am on August 14, 2009 inside the third floor conference room.

For additional information, please contact DHCD's Residential and Community Services Division at (202) 442-7161.

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