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Kathy Cox of Fort Dupont Ice Arena and Brian Cullen of the Ashburn Ice House with donated equipment.

Ashburn Ice House Donates Skating Equipment to Kids On Ice at FDIA

Ashburn Ice House recently donated over \$15,000 of new hockey and figure skating equipment to the Kids On Ice program at Fort Dupont Ice Arena in Washington, DC. The equipment will be distributed to Kids On Ice participants in the learn to skate, figure skating and hockey classes. "We serve primarily District of Columbia resi-

dents, particularly Ward 7 and 8 families. Skating is an expensive sport, and we rely on donations and community support like this to help keep our programs affordable," said Kathy Cox, executive director of Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena. FDIA is located at 3779 Ely Place SE. Call 202-584-5007 or visit www.fdia.org to learn more.



AARP volunteers, Ruth Grossman (left) of Capitol Hill and Novell Sullivan (right) of Anacostia in front of the Capitol Hill Safeway.

AARP DC Food Drive Benefits Capital Area Food Bank

On Oct. 22, Ruth Grossman, Novell Sullivan and 15 fellow Create the Good volunteers helped gather more than 30 boxes of non-perishable food items on behalf of the AARP DC Community Food Drive benefiting the Capital Area Food Bank. AARP volunteers gathered donations at Safeway and Giant stores in all eight wards providing hundreds of pounds of food to restock the

shelves of the food bank where demand is going through the roof, but contributions are simply not keeping pace. According to the Capital Area Food Bank, half of DC's children under the age of 18 and one-third of DC seniors suffer from or are at risk for hunger. For more information about how you can help, log onto www.capitalareafoodbank.org or call 202-526-5344.



Cricket area marketing manager Matt Andrews shows homeowner Mrs. Ernestine Andrews (no relation) her new laptop – courtesy of Cricket Communications. Cricket provided the homeowners with laptops and free broadband service for a year. Mrs. Andrews' grandchildren look on.

Cricket Communications and Rebuilding Together Help with Home Repairs in Anacostia

Cricket Communications Inc., a wireless service provider, and Rebuilding Together joined forces on Oct. 24 to help two elderly residents from the historic Anacostia neighborhood with much needed home repairs. The homeowners – Ernestine Andrews and James Burden – are both longtime residents of the Anacostia neighborhood and are unable to make their own home repairs. Andrews, 62, suffers from emphysema and must rely on an oxygen machine to assist with her breathing. She shares her home with her sister and two children, all have of whom have asthma due to water problems in the home's basement. They have lived in the home for over 30 years.

Burden, 80, is a widower who suffered a stroke a few years ago and has great trouble maneuvering

stairs. He also suffers from severe asthma and is unable to make any repairs on his own. He shares his home with his son, great-granddaughter and her children.

More than 100 Cricket employees, friends and family volunteered their time to clean, repaint, make minor and major repairs, fix water damage and replace drywall among other repairs. Volunteers also included students from Largo High School and Spingarn High School. The initiative is part of a year-long alliance, for which Cricket and Rebuilding Together are repairing and restoring homes, revitalizing communities and making a lasting impression on the many volunteers who are donating their time and energy. For more information about the initiative, call 202-965-2824 or visit www.rebuildingtogetherdc.org.

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.

Final Two Public Meetings for the Benning Road-H Street Line Study

Over the past few months, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has been looking into ways of improving transit service along the Metrobus X Line corridor, and community input has been essential to the study process. The purpose of these two meetings is to present draft recommended service improvements to the Metrobus X Line. Participants at the meetings will be encouraged to comment on the draft recommendations, ask questions, and make additional suggestions. At the conclusion of the study, the study team will make its final recommendations to the WMATA board, hold a public hearing, and (pending board approval) begin implementing the first phase of service changes.

The dates and locations of the meetings are: Nov. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sherwood Recreation Center 640 10th St. NE; and Nov. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, 3939 Benning Road NE. The program for both meetings is the same: an open house from 6:30-7 p.m. and a presentation and group exercise from 7-8:30 p.m. Both meetings are open to the public, and no RSVP is necessary. The facilities are wheelchair accessible. If you have any special needs to be accommodated, call 703-682-5060.

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 Wards 7 & 8

The District Department of Health will be hosting free vaccine clinics for youth and pregnant women in Wards 7 & 8 at the following locations: Balou Senior High School (3401 Fourth St. SE), Nov. 7, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Nov. 12, 5-9 p.m.; Kelly Miller Middle School (301 49th St. NE), Nov. 7, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Nov. 14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 311 or visit the Department of Health’s website at www.doh.dc.gov.

Community Tree Plantings in Wards 7 & 8

Casey Trees is sponsoring community tree plantings (CTP) at Mayfair Mansions, 3819 J St. NE, and Watts Branch, Marvin Gaye Park, 42nd and Gault streets NE, on Nov. 14, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at both locations, 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 Nov. 14. 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. The hearing schedule is as follows: Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m., Hillcrest Recreation Center, 3100 Denver St. SE; and Nov. 20, 10 a.m., DC Public Service Commission, 1333 H St. NW, hearing room. To participate in the hearings, sign up in advance by contacting the commission secretary at 202-626-5150, at least three days before each 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. The committee provides input in the affairs of the Democratic Party at the block, precinct, state and national levels with regards to ensuring, preserving and protecting the principles of democracy, freedom, equality and service for the common good through political action activities supporting good government for strong and vibrant communities, fair elections, recruitment and election of Democratic officials, voting right and statehood for DC, and the election of a Democratic nominee for president of the United States.

Customarily the local committee meets, sponsors projects, craft positions and testifies on legislation, work with the eight ward Democratic committees and affiliate Democratic orga-

nizations to engage DC residents in the affairs of the Democratic Party.

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.

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.

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.

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