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Community kids having fun at the first annual Deanwood Heights Main Street celebration.

DHMS Annual Event Brings the Community Together

On Sept. 26, the one-year-old Deanwood Heights Main Streets (DHMS) organization hosted its first annual event, which promoted the businesses located within the DHMS commercial target area of Sheriff Road and Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue NE and their relationship to the historic churches that serve the same community.

The event program included performances by local-to-DC gospel groups, and DHMS businesses came out as vendors to meet fellow business owners and the community. The day's programming also included "Tour Deanwood's Places of Worship: Faith and Foundation."

The tour, made possible by a community heritage project grant from the Humanities Council of DC, helped residents and visitors gain architectural and cultural insights into the history behind some of Deanwood's many churches.

Deborah Jones, DHMS executive director, felt that DHMS could engage and educate audiences about the heritage of some of the neighborhood's churches dotting the residential and commercial corridors and the importance of preserving the history and buildings in Deanwood, a community known for its numerous churches. In addition to the architectural and cultural highlights, tour guides shed light on several current high-profile economic development projects linking the community's growth to Deanwood's history as a "self-reliant people."

Jones explained, "The Main Streets approach encourages organizers to promote unique aspects of their neighborhoods in order to attract interest in its businesses and business corridors. That's why Deanwood Heights Main Streets adopted the motto 'home of history and urban nature.' For example, our businesses can cater to exercise and nature enthusiasts exploring the Marvin Gaye Park and serve the needs of visitors learning about our history."



The Shipley Community Garden at 23rd and Savannah streets SE.

Support the Shipley Community Garden

The Shipley Community Garden Club of Southeast Washington broke ground on its first garden plots, Aug. 22, at 23rd and Savannah streets SE. Business property owner Michael Choi donated the land for the community garden. The club's goal is to grow fruits, vegetables and relations within the Shipley Terrace community and is now seeking community involvement by way of garden plot purchases, contributions, donations and active involvement. The club also needs garden supplies and materials, including new or used tools. To contribute or to participate in the gardening project, please contact: Ms. Bennett at 202-525-3900 or Ms. Trollinger at 202-889-5033.

Expand Your Creativity at Bootcamp

EAB Creative Planning Services LLC and the Ward 7 Arts Collaborative will host a Creative Entrepreneurs Bootcamp Oct. 10 and Oct. 12, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Ward 7 Arts office, 4645 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave. NE. The workshop will teach creative entrepreneurs how to successfully integrate and balance the concepts of creativity and business into one solid plan. Participants will learn how to: create a mindset that supports success as a creative entrepreneur; create a "Creative Cosmic Business plan"; demystify financial planning and create an initial financial plan that focuses on both personal and business finances; create systems and a process that works for the individual as a creative entrepreneur; strategize ways that will help generate wealth from creativity. The cost for the workshop is \$20 and includes all workshop materials, workbook and snacks throughout the day.

For more information or to register, contact Evelyn Bandoh at 202-277-5904 or info@eabplanning.com or Crystal Kemp at 202-399-1997 or ward7artscollab@yahoo.com.

Estate Planning Seminar

Attend a free estate planning seminar Oct. 13, 6-8 p.m., at THEARC's community room, and learn how to prepare for disability and death to ensure your loved ones are protected. Leading estate planning attorneys will show you how to: provide for your dependents in case you become disabled or die; arrange for someone to manage your affairs if you become disabled; choose someone to make your health care decisions if you can't make them; ensure that your assets are transferred efficiently on your death; and other practical advice to plan for your and your family's future. Registration not required. THEARC is at 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE. Contact Catherine

Mary Rafferty with questions, 202-244-0608 or cm.rafferty@verizon.net.

Public 'Needs Assessment' Hearings

The DC Department of Housing and Community Development invites area residents and other stakeholders in the community to attend public "needs assessment" hearings this month, during which time, the public can express their needs related to affordable housing, special needs housing, homelessness, homeownership, community development and public service activities. The first hearing east of the river is Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m., at the Department of Housing and Community Development, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE; the second hearing is Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m., at the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, 3939 Benning Road NE. To testify or for more information, call 202-442-7251 or e-mail dhcdevents@dc.gov.

Fourth Annual ARCH Charity Golf Classic

Support ARCH's work in Anacostia by participating in the annual ARCH Charity Golf Classic, Oct. 16, 10 a.m., at Glenn Dale Golf Club. Registration opens at 9 a.m. All proceeds from this year's classic will benefit: at-risk youth seeking their GED's and skills training through the ARCH Youthbuild Program in Anacostia; and the revitalization of Historic Anacostia through the use of arts and culturally related programming such as the ARCH After School Photography Program. Prizes include: \$10,000 hole-in-one competition; two longest drive contests; and a closest to the pin challenge. \$150/person. The golf club is located at 11501 Old Prospect Hill Road, Glenn Dale, Md. 301-262-1166, www.glenndale-golfclub.com. Visit www.archdevelopment.org/events.html for information on registering for the event.

Domestic Violence Summit

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Metropolitan Police Department, as part of an ongoing effort to provide community outreach, education and resources, is holding a Domestic Violence Summit Oct. 17, 10 a.m., at Patterson Elementary School, 4399 South Capitol Ter-

race SW. The MPD wants to ensure that battered women are connected to advocates who are working to end violence against women and their children. To participate with information or other solutions, contact Lendia Sue Johnson, community outreach coordinator, at the Seventh District Metropolitan Police Department, 2455 Alabama Ave. SE. 202-698-1454, lendia.johnson@dc.gov.

Ward 8 Family Education Expo

Heads Up is partnering with the Ward 8 community to host an education expo Oct. 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Balfou Senior High School, 3401 Fourth St. SE. During this expo, students and their families will have an opportunity to speak directly to local college admissions representatives as well as high school college counselors. George Washington University, Georgetown University, Trinity University and the University of District of Columbia have confirmed their participation. Expo attendees will also hear a panel discussion on barriers to college access and tips on navigating the application process and being successful in college. The expo is free of charge and open to the entire community. Call 202-544-4468 or visit www.HeadsUp-DC.org 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 for information on bike rentals. To learn more about Bike DC Day, visit <http://bikedc.net>.

'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. All proceeds from the race benefit the Memorial Fund's latest project – creation of the first-ever National Law Enforcement Museum, which will be located adjacent to the memorial in Judiciary Square. For more information and to register online, visit www.nleomf.org/RaceToRemember.

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.black-studentfund.org for more information.

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.

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 Wards 7 & 8 locations: Wheeler Terrace, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 1217 Valley Avenue SE; Marvin Gaye Park, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 42nd and Gault streets NE; Mayfair Mansions, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 3819 J St. NE. 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 voice-mail 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. Call 202-833-4010 for more information.

Nia Community PCS Accepting Applications

The Nia Community Public Charter School is accepting applications for students in grades pre-k through six for the current school year. Nia is an African-centered charter school located in Ward 7, 100 41st St. NE, and a participant of the National School Lunch Program funded by the USDA. For additional information contact Nia Community Public Charter School at 202-562-5440.

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