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10,000 Book Bag Giveaway a Success

At-Large Councilmember Kwame Brown would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's 10,000 Book Bag Giveaway a great success. Nearly 5,000 book bags were given away at the Ambulatory Care Center at DC General Health Campus alone in less than three hours. Thousands of students, parents, grandparents, teachers and friends received book bags to help kick off the start of a new school year. Councilmember Brown will work with co-event organizer Jay Cameron and Life Center Church to increase the number of bags to 20,000 for next year's giveaway. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.10000bookbag.com.

KIPP DC has highest math scores in DC

KIPP DC recently announced that the seventh-grade students at the KIPP WILL Academy, located in the Shaw neighborhood at 421 P St. NW, were the highest performing math students in the city, as measured by the 2009 DC-CAS test, a standardized test issued to DC public school students. Ninety-nine percent of KIPP WILL Academy seventh-grade math students scored proficient or advanced in 2009. WILL Academy, which opened in 2006 in the Shaw neighborhood, is KIPP DC's newest middle school. It joined Ward 7's KEY Academy (4801 Benning Road SE), the network's flagship school, and Ward 8's AIM Academy (2600 Douglas Road SE) as one of DC's highest performing public schools. Test scores show that by eighth grade, students at KIPP DC's three middle schools outperform other DC public schools by over 100 percent in both math and reading. Two new KIPP DC schools, Discover Academy early childhood school and KIPP DC: College Preparatory high school, are joining AIM Academy this school year in the renovated Douglass Campus building (2600 Douglas Road SE) – KIPP DC's newest facility, located in Ward 8. KIPP DC's first and oldest middle school, KEY Academy, was again the highest performing public middle school in DC. Ninety-four percent of KEY Academy's eighth-graders were proficient in reading; 99 percent were proficient in math. Visit www.kippdc.org for more information about KIPP schools in DC.



KIPP Students in music class. Photo courtesy of KIPP DC.

DC - Employment for All

The Mayor's Disability Awareness Conference

October 6, 2009

Featuring representatives of President Barack Obama

Kareem Dale, Special Assistant to President Obama for Disability Policy

Kathy Martinez, U.S. Department of Labor

Assist. Secretary of the Office of Disability Employment Policy

Opening Remarks from DC Mayor Adrian M. Fenty

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Christina Mitchell at 202-481-3877 or Mat McCollough 202-727-6744.



Also in October **DC Disability Mentoring Days** ... bringing students with disabilities together with District agencies for one-on-one job shadowing and mentoring .

Jazz on the Avenue & Ward 7 Economic Development Showcase Planning Meeting

Please join the Ward 7 Business & Professional Association in planning Jazz on the Avenue (event takes place Sept. 19, 6-8:30 p.m. at the UPO Washington Seniors Wellness Center, 3001 Alabama Ave. SE) to highlight the ward as a destination; and Ward 7 Economic Development Showcase (event takes place Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church

Harvey Hall, 3000 Pennsylvania Ave. SE) to foster greater relationships between developers that represent over two billion dollars in projects and 700 Ward businesses. The next planning meeting is Sept. 11, 6-7:30 p.m., Chesapeake Bagel Bakery, 3839 Minnesota Ave. NE. For more information, please contact the Ward 7 Business & Professional Association at 202-338-9727 or info@Ward7BPA.org.

2009 Ward 7 Community Day and Health Fair

This year's Ward 7 Community Day and Health Fair takes place Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Fort Dupont Ice Arena. The following organizations will be on hand providing free screenings and other health care information to fair-goers: DC TAG/DC CAP, Black Nurses Association of the Greater Washington Area, Andromeda Transcultural Health, Mary Kay, UPO Office of Aging Services, Bank of America, Metropolitan Police Department and The Richard B. and Lynne Cheney Cardiovascular Institute of George Washington University Hospital. There will also be many children activities, including a moonbounce, face painting, clowns, puppet shows, 3-on-3 basketball and more. Refreshments offered as well. Rain or

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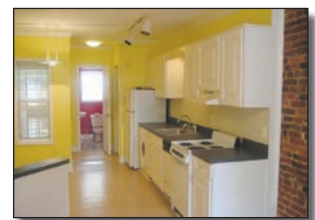
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DC Tobacco Free Coalition Events

The DC Tobacco Free Coalition will host its third annual conference, "H.O.P.E (Help Our Progress Endure), Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at United Medical Center, located at 1310 Southern Ave. SE. Registration is free for DC healthcare professionals and community organizations. "H.O.P.E." will feature speakers and presenters from several organizations, including The Mautner Project, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, The American Legacy Foundation, the National Cancer Institute and the National African American Tobacco Prevention Network. A networking reception will immediately follow. For more information and to register for the conference, visit: www.dctff.info/dctf-conference.

The second event is a two-day HIV and Tobacco training, "Treating Tobacco Dependence in the HIV Community," being held September 16 & 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. both days at the United Medical Center. This training is free for all DC healthcare providers and case workers who are licensed to serve DC residents.

For more information on both events, e-mail Charles Debnam, cdebnam@aladc.org.

Francis A. Gregory Library Community Meeting

The DC Public Library invites the community to learn more about the rebuilding of the Francis A. Gregory Library from the design team of Adjaye & Assoc. and Wienczek & Assoc. at a community meeting, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m., at the library, 3660 Alabama Ave. SE. Contact Archie Williams, archie.williams@dc.gov or 202-727-1437, with any questions regarding this meeting.

Community Input Wanted for Public 'Needs Assessment' Hearing

The Department of Housing and Community Development is holding a series of public hearings this fall and strongly encourages District residents to attend and discuss their needs re-

lating to: affordable and special needs housing; homelessness; homeownership; community development; and public services activities. Hearings will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates and at these locations: Sept. 17, 441 Fourth St. NW; Oct. 14, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE; Oct. 28, 3939 Benning Road NE; Nov. 19, Reeves Center 2000 14th St. NW. For additional information or to testify, e-mail dhcdevents@dc.gov or call 202-442-7251.

Utility Service Discount Programs for DC Residents

DC residents who meet the federal income guidelines for utility discount programs may receive discount rates on their electric, natural gas, water, and telephone bills if the utility bill is in the name of the applicant. Consumers must apply to the DC Energy Office (202-673-6750) for certification to participate in the programs. Joint Utility Discount Day takes place Sept. 17, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place NW. Call 311 for more information.

Second Annual Tenant and Tenant Association Summit

The DC Office of the Tenant Advocate is hosting the second annual Tenant and Tenant Association Summit, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Kellogg Conference Center of Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave. NE. Admission is free, lunch will be provided, multi-lingual translations, free giveaways, informative tenant's rights seminars, exhibits, free parking, free shuttle service and more. For more information or to register, call 202-719-6560 or visit www.ota.dc.gov.

DCWASA Public Meeting on Combined Sewer Overflows

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA) is hosting a public meeting Sept. 17, 6-8 p.m., at the Washington Highlands Library (115 Atlantic Ave. SW), to

discuss DC WASA's efforts to control combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the Anacostia and Potomac rivers and Rock Creek. Project information can be located at www.dcwasa.com/news/listings/press_release407.cfm.

For more information about the meeting, contact DC WASA's Public Affairs office at 202-787-2200.

AARP DC Hosts 'Health Action Now!'

AARP DC will host a discussion about lowering the cost of prescription drugs on Sept. 29, 9 to 11 a.m., at the AARP Brickfield Center, 601 E St. NW. Come hear from District experts about local efforts to lower skyrocketing drug costs and learn where prescription affordability measures stand in health care reform. The event is free, but seating is limited. RSVP is required by Sept. 24. Call 1-877-926-8300. Continental breakfast is provided.

Jazzercise at Riverside Fall Special

Come work out with Ward 7 Councilmember Yvette Alexander and develop a workout routine with Jazzercise! Jazzercise at the Riverside Center encourages residents of Ward 7 to come participate in a fun 60-minute workout to get your heart pumping. The fall special is \$99 to participate between Sept. 14- Dec.16. Or you can try Jazzercise for \$30 a month or \$10 walk-in fee. Free for those who receive government assistance, TANF or unemployment. Jazzercise is held every Monday and Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Riverside Center: 5200 Foote St. NE (across from Marvin Gaye Park). The first class is free. For more information contact Lottie Joiner, 202-396-4259 or msjoiner@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Ward 7 Democrats 2008 Annual Conference

This year's Ward 7 Democrats Conference takes place Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., at Kelly Miller Middle School (49th and Brooks streets NE). Exhibits and vendors will be in the cafeteria and corridor throughout the day, and workshop topics include

ABC's of DC civics and political structure and its history, voter education and registration, presidential elections and the political process, grass roots political engagement, political fundraising and youth empowerment in the District of Columbia. Mail \$5 check or money order for conference registration to: Ward 7 Democrats at P.O. Box 64001, Washington, DC 20029. Call 202-584-8477 or visit www.ward7democrats.org for more information.

KIPP DC Teacher, Student Receive \$10,000 Awards

During an Aug. 6 gala awards ceremony in Orlando, Fla., KIPP DC: AIM Academy eighth grader Jennifer Jones received a \$10,000 Doris Fisher KIPPster of the Year Award, and KIPP DC: LEAP Academy teacher Hannah Schneider received a \$10,000 KIPP Excellence in Teaching Award. Jones was one of six students selected from over 1,000 eligible students to win the \$10,000 scholarship, which honors students' accomplishments in overcoming challenges to excel in academics, leadership and character. Hannah Schneider was one of 10 teachers chosen from a pool of nearly 1,000 KIPP educators from across the country to win the \$10,000 KIPP Excellence in Teaching Award in 2009. KIPP DC: AIM Academy is located at 2600 Douglas Road SE. KIPP DC: LEAP Academy is located at 4801 Benning Road SE. For more information about KIPP charter schools, visit www.kipp.org.

Free After-School Program for DC Area Youth – Sign up now!

Youth ages 11-14 throughout the metropolitan area are invited to participate in the Teen Life Clubs of Children's National Medical Center. Teens meet once a week after school to explore different topics related to healthy bodies, sexual health, violence prevention, money skills and the world of work. All club members earn a stipend and are invited to participate in a weekly tutoring program and in monthly enrichment activities like self-defense training,

holiday parties, field trips, a basketball tournament and more. The program meets in nine sites all over DC from October to May. For more information or to sign up, contact Sheena Ware, 202-476-6018, or visit www.childrensnational.org.

Now Recruiting Chess Coaches

Chess Challenge in DC needs teachers or experienced youth workers to serve as chess coaches in several elementary and middle schools this school year. School Chess Clubs meet twice a week for 1.5 hours each session. Training will be provided. Responsibilities include: teaching specialized chess lesson plans, working with children and volunteers, attending tournaments and engaging students and parents. Coaches perform some administrative duties, such as attendance tracking and tournament registration. Coaches are paid \$30 per hour. Knowledge of chess is a requirement, experience as a chess coach is not. If interested, e-mail a resume to jan.gordon@chesschallengeindc.org and include days and times available.

LSB Elections

Through Oct. 15, WPFW 89.3 FM jazz and justice radio station is holding their elections for candidates nominated to the local station board (LSB). Members and listeners can listen to the station or visit the website at www.wpffw.org and follow the LSB elections links, or for info, call 202-588-0999 ext. 308. There will be live community forums and on-air forums. Live forums: Sankofa Bookstore and Café, 2415 Georgia Ave. NW, Sept. 12, 3-5 p.m.; Westminster Church, 400 I St. SW, Sept. 26, 4-5 p.m. On-air forums: Sept. 17, 11-noon, listener candidates; Sept. 30, 3-4 p.m., staff candidates; Oct. 8, 7-8 p.m., listener candidates.

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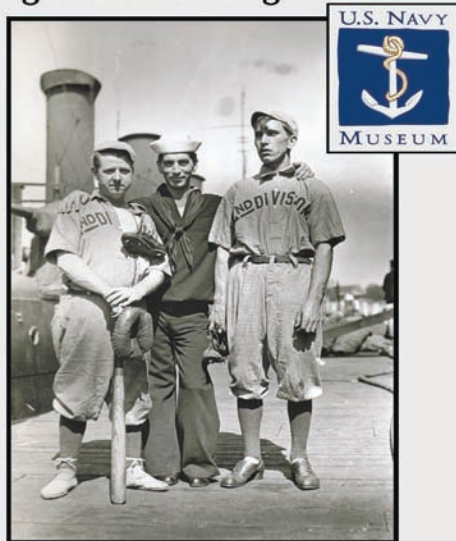
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