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Dear Neighbors:

Here are some of the items to be addressed during the DC Council Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, June 17:

- ★ **Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Amendment Act of 2007, Bill 17-0479.** To provide conditions for the construction of new streets being dedicated to the District and to allow for narrower minor streets in the District of Columbia.
- ★ **Taxation without Representation Federal Tax Pay-Out Message Board Installation Act of 2007, Bill 17-0028.** To provide for the installation of LED message boards on the outside front wall of the John A. Wilson Building and the new baseball stadium to display the dollar amount of federal taxes paid by District of Columbia residents.
- ★ **District of Columbia Youth Council Establishment Act of 2008, Bill 17-0582.** To establish the District of Columbia Youth Council to provide an organized youth perspective on various issues to the Council of the District of Columbia.
- ★ **Department of Transportation Establishment Amendment Act of 2007, Bill 17-0395.** To authorize the DDOT Director to issue grants and enter into agreements with community-based organizations to achieve transportation goals, including safety objectives and also to enter into agreements with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority regarding transportation projects that benefit the District of Columbia.
- ★ **Injured Fire Fighter Relief Amendment Act of 2008, Bill 17-0676.** To require that members of the FEMS Department with severe performance-of-duty injuries shall have an extension of the allowable work days in a less-than-full-duty status from 64 days to 170 days; and to require the Department to employ those members in non-firefighting duties.
- ★ **Animal Protection Amendment Act of 2007, Bill 17-0089.** To amend the penalty for animal cruelty, abandonment, and fighting and to allow courts to order counseling, treatment, community service, or forfeiture of the right to possess animals for those convicted of animal cruelty, abandonment, or neglect.

I hope this is helpful information and please visit the DC Council website for more details at: www.dccouncil.us.

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DC Council held hearing on Upper Georgia Avenue and Kennedy Street plans

The DC Council Chambers was full for the Committee of the Whole hearing on Tuesday for the draft land use development plans for Upper Georgia Avenue and Kennedy Street. Testimony was received from business owners, non profit leaders, ANC Commissioners, and community activists. While there was some disagreement with a couple aspects of the plans, the overwhelming majority supported the plans and look forward to the approval by the DC Council.

Over the past year, Councilmember Muriel Bowser has worked closely with the Office of Planning and neighborhoods surrounding the Upper Georgia Avenue and Kennedy Street corridors to develop these strategic land use plans that will help guide development and growth in these areas over the next 5-10 years. These plans suggest a vision for these commercial corridors that will make them destination places that are pedestrian friendly and provide for the density where businesses can thrive. Both plans were developed in collaboration with community stakeholders and District government agencies and provide guidance on land use, zoning, transportation, housing and economic development strategies for revitalizing these corridors.

If you have not yet reviewed the plans, the respective land use plans can be downloaded at www.planning.dc.gov under the 'Neighborhood and Revitalization Plans.' Further information is available about the planning process for each plan under the Ward 4 link. DC Council will most likely vote on these plans at the July 8th legislative session.

Rescheduled - Citywide Soccer Championship at Takoma Community Center - June 14

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has rescheduled the Citywide Spring Soccer Championship for THIS Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Takoma Community Center, 300 Van Buren Street, NW. Games will run throughout the day beginning at 10 am; championship games for the tournament will begin at approximately 2 pm. The games were postponed due to the extreme heat last Saturday.

This season over 400 young athletes on 55 teams participated in DPR's Spring Soccer League. During Saturday's championship games, 35 soccer teams in five divisions – Ages 5 and 6, Ages 7 and 8, Ages 9 and 10, Ages 11 and 12, and Ages 18 and Under – will participate, featuring players from all eight Wards. Trophies will be awarded to both the winner and runner-up of each age group. For more information please contact: DPR Athletic Programs Administration at (202) 671-1700.

Home Energy Use Workshop – June 18

Please come to a community event learn about how to reduce your home's carbon footprint and energy costs. The event will be Wednesday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chevy Chase DC Branch Library at 5625 Connecticut Avenue, NW next to the Chevy Chase Community Center.

There will be presentations on how to reduce your energy bills while improving your home's comfort and decreasing its contribution to climate change. The DC Department of the Environment will be available to sign up residents for free home energy audits.

Presenters include: Asa Foss, Manager of the Maryland Home Performance (<http://www.mdhomeperformance.org/>) and Willie Vazquez, DC Department of the Environment, Energy Office (<http://ddoe.dc.gov/ddoe/site/default.asp>).

There is seating for 60 people. Please respond to the following email address to ensure a seat:
info@mdhomeperformance.org

DC Youth Orchestra Summer registration in progress

The DC Youth Orchestra Program (DCYOP) is still registering for the Summer 2008 Session. Students just beginning a musical instrument or those who already have experience are invited to register for the summer session, a 6-week summer evening camp.

The DC YOP has been providing music education to young people from throughout the greater metropolitan DC area since 1960, and this summer is a great time to join the hundreds of students who learn and succeed through music at the DC YOP. This year, in addition to the excellent faculty taught classes and ensemble training, there is also air conditioning! Classes are available for intermediate and beginning violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, recorder, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba, percussion and guitar. Dates are from June 23 to August 1. The times are in the evening and vary depending upon level of student. All classes are held at Coolidge High School.

For more information or to register please visit: www.dcyop.org or call 202-723-1612.

Save the Date – June 26 – Councilmember Bowser hosts second business development roundtable

Councilmember Muriel Bowser will host another Business Roundtable on Thursday, June 26 from 9 AM to 10:30 AM at Emory United Methodist Church, 6100 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20011

This roundtable will bring businesses together to discuss how to improve the business climate in the Ward, how to take advantage of existing programs and services and how the revitalization of our corridors will be good for business. Please do not miss this important discussion.

For more information and to RSVP please contact Brandon Todd at 202-724-8052 or btodd@dccouncil.us.