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Dear Neighbors:

The next legislative session for DC Council is Tuesday, July 8, 2008. We will include bills to be considered in coming editions of our newsletter. Please visit the DC Council website for more details at: www.dccouncil.us.

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Councilmember Bowser hosts second business development roundtable – June 26

As part of Councilmember Bowser's initiatives to address the tough economy's impact on Ward 4 business, she will host another business development roundtable on Thursday, June 26 from 9 AM to 10:30 AM at Emory United Methodist Church, 6100 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20011. Earlier this week she hosted a roundtable with area developers to continue to engage them in projects throughout Ward 4.

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.

Councilmember Bowser is also working with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development and the Washington DC Economic Partnership on a marketing strategy to attract more businesses and investments to Ward 4—particularly to Georgia Avenue, Kennedy Street, Riggs Road, and Upper 14th Street NW. A critical part of this "Why Ward 4 Is Great" campaign is to hear from as many current Ward 4 residents and business owners. Please take a couple of minutes to fill out a three (3) question survey by going to our website: www.murielbowser.com. The survey questions are:

1. How long (# of years) have you lived in Ward 4?
2. What will others find if they move to or visit Ward 4?
3. Where in Ward 4 are the top three coolest places to visit?

The survey period ends this week so please don't delay. Please feel free to pass this message on to others in Ward 4. Some respondents may be contacted by the Deputy Mayor's Office for your comments to be videotaped for the web-based version of this marketing strategy.

Rock Creek Park Hiker/Biker Trail to close temporarily for repairs

Because so many Ward 4 residents use the trail in Rock Creek Park, we want to be sure you know that beginning today, Wednesday, June 18, the National Park Service (NPS) will begin a closure of the hiker-biker trail on the Rock Creek Parkway from Pennsylvania Avenue to the P Street ramp in both directions. The work is part of the on-going construction project on the Rock Creek Parkway.

The closure is scheduled to last for approximately three days, and when finished, will complete all major construction on the trail. The NPS expects to reopen the hiker-biker trail on Saturday, June 21, weather permitting. Inclement weather may require adjustments to the schedule. The NPS will continue to inform the public and the media of any adjustments in the work schedule. For more information please contact: Bill Line or Toni Braxton at 202-619-7400.

Brightwood Heritage Trail meeting – June 23

The Brightwood Heritage Trail Working Group and Cultural Tourism DC invite you to help plan the opening celebration of "Battleground to Community: Brightwood Heritage Trail" at a meeting on Monday, June 23, 6:30 pm, Emery Recreation Center, 5701 Georgia Ave, NW. The Trail is scheduled to open on August 16, 2008.

This self-guided walking tour of the historic Brightwood neighborhood consists of 18 signs complete with text, photographs, and maps. The trail tells the neighborhood's story, including the Battle of Fort Stevens, neighborhood development, schools, churches, heroes, and more. The Heritage Trail route takes about 90 minutes to walk and winds through the neighborhood and along the commercial section of Georgia Avenue.

For more information, contact Jane Levey at Cultural Tourism DC, jlevey@CulturalTourismDC.org and 202.661.7581 or Pat Tyson at 202.577.6956. For more information on the Washington, DC Neighborhood Heritage Trails, please visit www.CulturalTourismDC.org.

Community Bulletin Board to be built at Upshur Park – June 21

The Friends of the 16th St. Heights Parks is building a community bulletin board Saturday June 21 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Upshur Park Recreation Center at 14th Street and Arkansas Avenue, NW.

Please bring your tools and safety goggles and help build a community bulletin board. Childcare, refreshments and lunch provided for the builders. Even if you're not a builder, please stop by and say hello. Watch this exciting new addition to Upshur Park being constructed, help clean up the park, and visit with friends and neighbors. To sign up for shifts and tools, call Paige Lee at 291-5454 or email: friendsof16thstreetparks@googlegroups.com. Hope to see you there.

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The DC Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) outdoor swimming pools, walk to learn pools, and spray parks are now open week-days for Summer 2008. DPR also announces the temporary closure of the Takoma Aquatic Center, June 19 to 22, for the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics 2008 water polo competition. The center will reopen on Monday, June 23. Please visit: www.dpr.dc.gov for a complete listing of locations and hours for DPR's outdoor pools, spray parks, and other aquatic facilities.

On Saturday, June 21, 2008, the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will conclude the season of the DPR Girls Softball League, Ages 11 to 15 Division, with a Championship Tournament at the Riggs La Salle Community Center, 501 Riggs Rd., NE. The championship will be a single elimination tournament with games beginning at 10 am and running throughout the day on two fields. This season five teams and 90 players participated in the DPR league.

The competition is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, please contact the DPR Athletics Program Administration at (202) 671-1700.