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Dear Neighbors:

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) recently released their draft Pedestrian Master Plan. The plan is a culmination of 18 months of study that examined all aspects of the District's pedestrian environment, from policies to design guidelines to specific safety improvements in the city's highest pedestrian crash corridors. The Plan has two primary goals: 1) to reduce the number of pedestrians killed and injured in crashes with motor vehicles; and 2) to increase pedestrian activity by making walking a comfortable and accessible mode of travel throughout all parts of the District.

The Pedestrian Master Plan includes a proposal to remove the reversible lanes along 16th Street, NW. To respond to residents' interest, I am hosting a community meeting with representatives of DDOT on Monday, August 11 at 6:30 PM at the National Church of the Nazarene, 4401 16th St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20011. To review the Pedestrian Master Plan please visit: <http://www.tooledesign.com/projects/dc> or call our office and we can send you a copy 202-724-8052. Please join us on August 11!

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Brightwood Heritage Trail launches on August 16

On Saturday August 16th, please join Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Cultural Tourism DC, the Brightwood Heritage Trail Working Group, and the District Department of Transportation, for the unveiling of the "Battleground to Community: Brightwood Heritage Trail." The launch of the new heritage trail will begin at the Emery Recreation Center at 5701 Georgia Avenue, NW at 10 AM. Tours of the trail will begin at 11 AM. Free guidebooks will be available at Emery Recreation Center from 11 am to 4 pm, and at local businesses that day and thereafter. The guidebooks can be downloaded for free at: www.CulturalTourismDC.org. A complete list of distribution points is online as well. Students from Marie Reed's Civil War Cadet Academy representing DC's first regiment of US Colored Troops in 1863 will present the colors to introduce the program along with members from the Calvin Coolidge High School Marching Band.

The Brightwood Heritage Trail's 18 poster-sized street signs combine storytelling, photography, and maps to lead you through this community's storied past. This past includes the site of the only Civil War battle to take place within the District at Fort Stevens. The Heritage Trail's first sign is located at 14th and Jefferson Streets, NW. The 90-minute, self-guided tour then proceeds up Georgia Avenue and winds around Fort Stevens, ending at Van Buren Street, NW, one block south of Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Cultural Tourism DC and the Brightwood Heritage Trail Working Group began their work to create the trail in 2004. Community residents led the effort to collect neighborhood stories and photographs, shaping the trail every step of the way. Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser looks

forward to the launch of the Brightwood Heritage Trail. "I'm very pleased the Brightwood Heritage Trail is now complete. It will help link residents to the vibrant past of this neighborhood. It will create a sense of community today and foster a culture of curiosity among our young people for tomorrow. I hope residents and visitors will visit the trail often and continue to learn about the rich history in our backyard," said Councilmember Bowser.

Stroll the trail and stop at neighborhood businesses and organizations for free cold drinks and discounts!

For more information, visit the Cultural Tourism website at: www.CulturalTourismDC.org or call 202-661-7581. No reservations required. Street parking is available or take Metro bus # 70 or 71 from Georgia Avenue-Petworth Metro Station.

More good school news!

Last week we reported on the progress made to meet the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in DCPS Ward 4 schools. This week we are pleased to report more good news about public charter schools in Ward 4 that have also met AYP as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Those schools are: Barbara Jordan Public Charter Schools, Community Academy Amos 1 and Paul Junior High Public Charter School. We are especially proud of Paul Junior High because they exceeded the benchmark, and have once again secured their place as a premier middle school in the District's offerings of public and public charter schools. Having been slated as number 8 in a list of the top 20 charter schools in DC in 2007, this new data should push Paul Junior High up a notch or two.

Congratulations to all the teachers, administrators, parents and students! Enjoy the rest of the Summer and we look forward to even greater academic achievements this Fall!

Hospitality High School accepting applications for Fall!

Hospitality High School of Washington, DC, a unique public charter school based at Roosevelt High School, is now accepting applications for 9th and 10th grades for the 2008-2009 school year. Hospitality studies include: hotel & restaurant management, culinary travel & tourism, sports marketing, event planning, and business management, among others. Hospitality High School offers a small learning community with low student-teacher ratios. They have a complete honors curriculum and are expanding their advanced placement curriculum this year. Hospitality High School offers mentoring from hospitality industry leaders, technology driven classes and coursework and college & career seminars. Please call 202-737-4150 for more information to register for this Fall.

DC Weatherization, Rehabilitation & Asset Preservation Program (DCWRAP)

The District of Columbia Weatherization, Rehabilitation, and Asset Preservation Program (DCWRAP) is sponsored by the DC Department of the Environment/Energy Office and Energy Programs Consortium and provides grants for direct services in the homes of eligible home owners to improve energy efficiency.

DCWRAP could provide you with up to \$2,300 in weatherization services for a variety of cost-effective energy efficiency improvements including lighting, insulation, furnace and air conditioning maintenance and repair and refrigerator and appliance replacement. Each home will receive a comprehensive energy audit at no cost to you to determine what energy efficient measures would likely benefit your home. This demonstration program will run for 16 months, ending September 2009, and will accept families on a first come first serve basis who are qualified so hurry to see if you can take advantage of these free energy efficiency services.

If you are a homeowner and use your District home as your primary residence, you must: (1) show proof that the home is owned and occupied by you; (2) the home is not in danger of receivership by the City for unpaid taxes or loans; and (3) your total family income falls within the range for your family size, for example if you have a family of four, your income must be between \$47,250 - \$60,000 to be eligible.

To further determine your eligibility for this program, please contact Robert Adams at 202 624-5867 at the DC WRAP office to request the DC WRAP Referral Form. Once eligibility is confirmed, they will arrange for an energy audit and install energy improvement measures in your home.