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Dear Neighbors:

I hope many of you read the public safety email I sent to the Ward 4 listservs this evening. The messages included a list of the actions that the Metropolitan Police Department and I are doing to respond to the recent spike in crime in our neighborhoods. If you did not receive it, please let me know and I will send it to you.

Here are some of the actions taken during the DC Council legislative session last Tuesday December 11th:

- Safe Rx Act of 2007 passed 7 to 6 on the First Reading, Second Reading will be at the January 8th legislative session. Councilmember Muriel Bowser voted against. This legislation would make the District the first jurisdiction in the country to license pharmaceutical sales representatives. Muriel said she worried that the SafeRx bill would set DC down the same path as the FDA: too few employees and too small a budget to combat a far bigger problem. "It promises exactly what the FDA can't accomplish," she said.
- Georgia Commons Real Property Tax Exemption and Abatement Act of 2007 passed and Councilmember Muriel Bowser voted to support. This project is for 100% affordable housing.
- Frank Harris Jr. Offset Justice Amendment Act of 2007, passed and Councilmember Muriel Bowser voted to support. This legislation clarifies that the Mayor shall not charge for the care of a person acquitted solely on the grounds of insanity where the District has been found negligent as to that person's care.
- National Capital Revitalization Corporation and Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Reorganization Clarification Act of 2007 passed and Councilmember Bowser voted to support.
- Councilmember Muriel Bowser co-sponsored the introduction of the Mandatory Pre-Kindergarten legislation.
- Councilmember Muriel Bowser co-sponsored the introduction of the legislation to increase the fine to \$500 for motorists who do not yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- Evictions with Dignity legislation was sent back to Committee for further review.

The next legislative session will be on Tuesday December 18th. Among other legislation, the Council will consider the Public Education Personnel Reform Amendment Act of 2007, Bill 17-0450 and also the Fiscal Year 2008 Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2007, Bill 17-0445.

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

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Kudos to MPD Fourth District

Congratulations to the Metropolitan Police Department's Fourth District officers who had a successful week:

On Tuesday December 11, 2007, four suspected were arrested for a burglary in the 600 block of Gallatin Street, NW .

On Thursday, December 13, 2007, officers responded to a fleeing gunman who had attempted a robbery at Macombo Lounge in the 5300 block of Georgia Avenue, NW. The officers, with the assistances of the K-9 Unit found the gunman in the 5200 block of Illinois Avenue, NW. He was placed under arrest for attempt robbery. During the search for the robbery suspect the robber's gun could not be located. Several Recruit Officers from the Academy later located the gun in the rear of the 5200 block of Illinois Avenue, NW.

I want to thank all the members of the Fourth District and the Fourth District Detective Unit for their hard work and the Special Operations Division for their assistance with K-9 and air support. Again, thanks to all for a job well done this week.

Upcoming Events

Councilmember Muriel Bowser's Annual Ward 4 Holiday Party – December 15

Councilmember Muriel Bowser's Annual Ward 4 Holiday Party will be on Saturday December 15th (rain, snow or shine) from 6 to 8 PM at the Kingsbury Day School, 5000 - 14th Street, NW. Please bring an unwrapped toy, book or game for children ages 2 to 18 years old. Donations of wrapping paper would also be appreciated. Please respond to Lisa Adams, Constituent Services Coordinator, 202-724-8052 or ladams@dccouncil.us.

Alpha Kappa Alpha and Councilmember Muriel Bowser host Town Hall Meeting on HIV/AIDS – December 17

Three DC Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters are partnering for a town hall meeting about HIV/AIDS with Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser and At-Large Councilmember Kwame Brown on Monday, December 17, 2007 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Xi Omega Center at 4411 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011 Light Refreshments Will Be Served

This will be a dialogue about the rising HIV/AIDS rate and how we can partner with the community to reduce the incidence of infection. For more information contact: Rosalind M. Parker, Esq., AKA Connection Committee Chair at Rozaka@aol.com; 202-255-3630 or Darlene T. Allen, AKA Connection Committee Vice Chair at allendarlenet@msn.com 202-583-6429.

Resources

Elevator at Georgia Avenue Petworth Metro Station will be closed temporarily beginning December 19, 2007

Metro has notified us that due to construction at the Georgia Avenue Petworth Metro Station, the street elevator will be closed between December 19, 2007 and March 19, 2008. Free shuttle service will be provided by ParaMed for senior citizens and people with disabilities. The shuttle will come approximately every 10 minutes. The shuttle will pick up and drop off on New Hampshire Avenue near the Metro escalators. There will be signs posted. The shuttle will operate between the Georgia Avenue Petworth and the Columbia Heights stations. For more information about the shuttle service, please contact ParaMed at 1-800-527-0005. Thanks for your patience as these improvements are made.

December 2007 activities at the Department of Parks and Recreation

Here is a list of some of the upcoming December activities at Department of Parks and Recreation facilities in Ward 4:

December 15, 2007

- Petworth Recreation Center at 801 Taylor Street, NW will be assembling food baskets for needy families from 11 am to 3 pm.
- The Lamond Recreation Center at 20 Tuckerman Street, NW will have a Senior Citizen brunch from 11 am to 3 pm.

December 17, 2007

- Hamilton Recreation Center at 1340 Hamilton Street, NW will have a coat drive from 4:30 to 5:30 pm to collect coats for needy families.

December 18, 2007

- Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center at 501 Riggs Road, NE will have teen groups raking leaves and then going caroling from 3 to 8 PM.

December 21, 2007

- The Hamilton Recreation Center at 1340 Hamilton Street, NW will have young people caroling at neighborhood senior citizens buildings from 5:30 to 7 PM and also assembling food baskets for needy families during the same time.
- Raymond Recreation Center at 915 Spring Road, NW will have a Christmas Toy Drive from 6 to 8 PM.
- Rudolph Recreation Center at 5200 2nd Street, NW will be assembling food baskets from 6 to 8 pm.

For more information about any of these events, please contact: Regina Williams at the Department of Parks and Recreation at regina.williams@dc.gov or by calling (202) 673-7647.