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Dear Neighbors:

Here are a few of the highlights from the March 4 legislative session:

The **Accrued Sick and Safe Leave Act of 2007 (introduced as Paid Sick and Safe Days Act of 2007)** passed unanimously with a final vote after a number of amendments were introduced. This legislation will require employers to provide paid sick leave to employees and also to employees dealing with domestic violence or family illness. “This is a much needed benefit for working families,” said Councilmember Bowser, “I’m very pleased to lend my support on this critical issue for Ward 4 families.”

Councilmember Bowser introduced a bill on March 4 to amend Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code to eliminate the sunset date on the sale of individual containers of beer, malt liquor or ale in targeted areas of Ward 4, also know as the **Ward 4 Single Sales Moratorium**. “I have heard from residents, ANC Commissioners and members of the Metropolitan Police Department all over Ward 4 about how effective the Ward 4 Single Sales Moratorium has been to eliminate litter, public drunkenness and other quality of life issues,” said Councilmember Bowser during the legislative session.

Eight of her Council colleagues endorsed this extension of the Ward 4 Moratorium by cosponsoring the bill. Those Council members include: Council Chair Vincent Gray, Yvette Alexander, Marion Barry, Kwame Brown, David Catania, Mary Cheh, Carol Schwartz, and Tommy Wells.

After surviving a legal challenge, on August 1, 2007, all holders of off-premises retailer liquor licenses, Class A and B licensees, located within Ward 4, were prohibited from dividing a manufacturer’s package of more than one container of beer, malt liquor, or ale, to sell an individual container of the package if the container is less than 70 ounces or less. This law enacting the Ward 4 moratorium zone will expire on September 30, 2008 (four years after the enactment). Councilmember Bowser’s bill will eliminate this sunset date.

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

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Upshur Park Clean Up - March 8

The Friends of the 16th Street Heights Parks will sponsor a park clean-up at Upshur Park and Recreation Center (14th Street and Arkansas Avenue, NW) tomorrow Saturday, March 8 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Trash bags, gloves, tools, and refreshments will be provided. Come help spruce up one of our best Ward 4 community assets! For more information, please contact Jean Badalamenti at: jnfz@starpower.net or call 202-829-2543.

Congratulations Roosevelt High School Rough Riders!

Congratulations to the Roosevelt High School Rough Riders boys' basketball team who went all the way to play Gonzaga in the City Title game on Tuesday night at the Verizon Center. Unfortunately the Rough Riders were not victorious against the Gonzaga team but they put up a good fight with a final score of 78 Gonzaga, 44 Roosevelt!

New Foot Beat Officers in MPD's Fourth District

Fourth District MPD Commander Linda Brown, announced six new Full Stride Officers (also known as foot beat officers) in Ward 4 who will be in specific neighborhoods throughout the Fourth District. These foot beats all became effective on Sunday, March 2, 2008.

Here is the list:

PSA 401 - Officer Emmit Jones/ Hemlock St. to Eastern Ave. - Georgia Ave. to 7th St. NW
He will be working Tuesday - Saturday 1pm-9:30pm.

PSA 402 - Officer Irving Bolton/ Kansas Ave. to New Hampshire Ave. and also Missouri Ave. to Madison St. NE & NW)
He will be working Tuesday - Saturday 1pm-9:30pm.

PSA 403 - Officer Adbu Amir/ 8th to 9th St. - Longfellow to Ingraham St. NW
He is working Tuesday - Saturday 2:30pm-11pm

PSA 403 - Officer Anne deRoo/ 2nd - 3rd St. - Jefferson St. to Gallatin St. NW
She is working Tuesday - Saturday 2:30pm-11pm

PSA 403 - Officer Samuel Folks/ 4900 - 5000 block of 1st St. to Unit block of Farragut Pl. NW
He is working Tuesday - Saturday 2:30pm-11pm

PSA 404 - Officer Michael Pokladnik area is Spring Road between 10th Street and 14th Street NW.
He is working Tuesday - Saturday 1pm-9:30pm

Please be on the look out for these officers and talk with them when you see them. They are out there to work closely with you and help keep your neighborhood safe!

DC Council holds oversight hearings for ANC Commissions

The Committee of the Whole has announced public oversight hearings to review the operations and activities of the District of Columbia's 37 Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC). Most Ward 4 Commissions will have a hearing on Monday, March 10th. Here is the schedule for March 10th: ANC 4A -7:40 p.m.; ANC 4B - 8:00 p.m.; ANC 4C - 8:20 p.m.; and ANC 4D - 8:40 p.m. ANC3/4 G is scheduled at 6 PM on March 18th. Each commission was required to complete a questionnaire prior to the hearing. The testimony will be limited to the scheduled ANC Commissions however the public is invited to provide written statements that will become part of the official record. If you have questions you would like Councilmember Bowser to ask, please email her at mbowser@dccouncil.us.

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty's Spring 2008 Citywide Job Fair

The DC Department of Human Resources (DCHR), in partnership with the DC Department of Employment Services (DOES), is proud to announce Mayor Adrian M. Fenty's Spring 2008 Citywide Job Fair on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Hall D.

More than 50 District agencies along with another 100 private and federal employers are expected to exhibit at the premiere citywide recruiting event. DOES will also be registering District youth for the Mayor's Summer Youth Program at the event. Employers can register to exhibit at the Job Fair by visiting the Job Fair information page at: <http://dcop.dc.gov/dcop/cwp/view,a,1222,q,637864.asp> or can call (202) 442-9700.

The event is free and open to all jobseekers and no pre-registration is necessary. For more information please visit: www.dchr.dc.gov or call 202-442-9700.

Takoma Aquatic Center will be closed for repairs – March 17 -23

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will temporarily close the Takoma Aquatic Center at 300 Van Buren Street, NW, from March 17 to 23 for scheduled repairs and maintenance work. During this temporary closure, DPR is offering expanded hours at the Turkey Thicket Aquatic Facility, 1100 Michigan Avenue, NE, 202-576-9236. The expanded hours will be Monday-Friday from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM and on Saturday and Sunday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Registrants of programs and classes that were to be held at the Takoma Aquatic Center during this temporary closure are being rescheduled at other nearby DPR Aquatic centers. To find out where those classes will be held, please call 202-673-7647.