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## **Mourning the loss of Former First Lady Effi Barry**

"I have extended my condolences, and those of Ward 4 residents, to the Honorable Marion Barry and his family at the loss of the Former First Lady Effi Barry. I was deeply saddened to hear about the loss of this pillar of the Washington, DC community. Her commitment to helping those most in need serves as tremendous role model for all of us. My thoughts and prayers are with the Barry family during this difficult time," Muriel stated on Thursday, September 6.

The celebration of life for the Former First Lady Effi Barry will occur at the National Cathedral on Wisconsin Avenue, NW on Friday September 14th at 11 AM. All DC flags will be flown at half-staff until the day after the services. The Former First Lady will lie in repose at the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW on Thursday September 13th from 10 AM until 12 midnight and again on Friday September 14th from 6 AM until 9 AM.

## **Muriel applauds effort to enhance the athletic programs in DC Public School**

On Wednesday September 5th, Muriel joined Mayor Adrian Fenty, Council Chair Vincent Gray, Councilmember Harry Thomas, DCPS Chancellor Michelle Rhee, Deputy Mayor for Education Victor Reinoso, and State Superintendent of Education Deborah Gist, along with the DC Coaches Association and many students from the high school sports teams at Roosevelt High School to launch DCPS athletic programs for the school year. The DC Sports and Entertainments Commission, on behalf of DC Public Schools, spent the summer upgrading the athletic fields and facilities at schools throughout the city.

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The 'Ward 4 Cares' Constituent Services Fund made a donation to help buy new football uniforms for the Roosevelt High School team. "I'm very pleased to make this donation from the Ward 4 Cares Fund to help motivate the Roosevelt football team to succeed on the field and in the classroom," Muriel said.

### **Muriel congratulates Raymond Elementary School**

On Wednesday, September 5, the Columbia Heights Citizens Association (CHCA) made awards to four elementary schools. Muriel helped congratulate Raymond Elementary School on the receipt of their donation from the CHCA and PNC Bank. Councilmember Jim Graham was present along with Chief of Police Cathy Lanier who congratulated three additional elementary schools.

Congratulations Principal LaShada Ham, the teachers, and all the students and parents!!

### **St. John's College High School girls' soccer team is Number One**

The St. John's College High School girls' soccer team was voted the number one girls soccer team in the country! Our Ward 4 All-American soccer player Ms. Tiffany McCarty is to be congratulated on this outstanding accomplishment. You have a loaded schedule this season so best of luck to you.

### **Reminder - September is Preparedness Month**

Mayor Fenty has proclaimed September as Preparedness Month for the District of Columbia. There will be a series of events throughout the month to highlight preparedness programs and encourage citizen participation in preparedness efforts. For those of you that are dog lovers or owners remember that on Saturday, September 29th, there will be animal licensing, micro-chipping and vaccinations from 10 am to 2 pm at 1201 New York Avenue, NW.

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. The goal of the month is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action.

More than 625 national, regional, state and local organizations, including Serve DC and HSEMA, have pledged to distribute emergency preparedness information and sponsor activities throughout the month that will promote emergency preparedness.

"I hope you and your family will join us at one or more of the preparedness activities that will help you know about what to do to prepare for emergencies of all types, both natural and manmade. Please visit: <http://dcema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp> to learn more about the events around the city during the month of September.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Predatory Lending Town Hall Meeting –September 11**

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, DC Attorney General Linda Singer and the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs will host a predatory lending town hall meeting on Tuesday September 11th at 9:00 AM at Powell Elementary School, 1350 Upshur Street, NW. We will offer a bilingual presentation detailing what a prospective and recent homebuyer should be careful of when selecting a mortgage. The Attorney General will also discuss what residents can do to avoid the risk of foreclosure. For more information please contact: George Escobar, Acting Deputy Director, Office on Latino Affairs, 202-671-2824 or by email: [george.escobar@dc.gov](mailto:george.escobar@dc.gov).

### **Please join Muriel at the Kennedy Senior Wellness Center Grand Opening – September 19**

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Mayor Adrian Fenty and Dr. Clarence Brown, Acting Director of the DC Office on Aging invite the community to attend the ribbon cutting and open house for the new Kennedy Senior Wellness Center at 324 Kennedy Street, NW on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. The ribbon cutting will be at 10 AM and the open house from 11 am to 7 pm. To RSVP please call: 202-724-5626.

The Kennedy Senior Wellness Center will be the first Ward 4 senior wellness center and will join the city's 12 other senior recreation program centers, where residents over the age of 55 may take part in programs that challenge them to remain active and involved in the larger community.

### **Ward 4 Dog Parks meeting - September 22**

Please join Muriel and Clark Ray, Director of DC Department of Parks and Recreation, at the Emery Recreation Center, 5701 Georgia Avenue, NW, on Saturday, September 22 from 10 AM to 12 noon to discuss the draft dog park regulations introduced earlier this spring. There will also be a discussion about potential sites for dog parks in Ward 4. Please RSVP for this meeting to Kristen Barden, Communications Director for Councilmember Bowser at [kbarden@dccouncil.us](mailto:kbarden@dccouncil.us) or by calling 724-8052.

### **Girls Inc. celebrates September with "Money Talks!"**

A financial literacy workshop for girls and parents will be on Saturday, September 22 from 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. at the ARC Covenant House Washington, 2001 Mississippi Ave, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020. This free, hands-on, interactive family financial literacy workshop is designed for girls ages 10 to 15 years and their parent/caregiver. Reservations are required. To register and reserve a space, email girl's and parent's full name, phone number, and mailing address to: [dcgirlsinc@gmail.com](mailto:dcgirlsinc@gmail.com) or call 202-806-1175 and leave all relevant information. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given.

Girls Incorporated of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area is a new affiliate of the Girls Inc. national organization, which has worked for more than 145 years to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold through programming in science and math, media literacy, pregnancy prevention and adolescent health, violence prevention, economic literacy, and other areas that address girls' developmental needs.

For more information please contact: Nadirah Moreland, Program Director, Girls Incorporated of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area, phone: 202.806.1174, fax: 202.296.0594 or email: [nadirahgirlsinc@gmail.com](mailto:nadirahgirlsinc@gmail.com), [www.girlsincdc.org](http://www.girlsincdc.org).

### **DCYAC sponsors a Roc Star Youth Rally - September 29, 2007**

The DC Youth Advisory Council, Mayor Adrian Fenty & Councilmember Muriel Bowser invite all young people between the ages of 13 and 22 to join them at the 1st Annual Roc Star Youth Rally on September 29, 2007 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street, SW, Washington, DC. Come make some NOISE and raise awareness about issues important to the young people in DC! Learn about student rights and get connected to resources for success. You will also meet the 2007-2008 DCYAC Members. For more information please contact: Janice Ferebee, Director, DC Youth Advisory Council, Executive Office of the Mayor, 202.727.7995 – Main, 202.727.8179 – Fax and email: [Janice.Ferebee@dc.gov](mailto:Janice.Ferebee@dc.gov).

## Resources

### September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month

National Sickle Cell Awareness Month will be launched at the National Museum of Health and Medicine with a special health awareness program on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

In the United States it is estimated that more than 70,000 people have sickle cell disease. Sickle cell anemia is a serious condition in which the red blood cells can become sickle-shaped (that is, shaped like a "C").

Discover Genomics! mobile laboratory from the J. Craig Venter Institute will be onsite for "Mystery of the Crooked Cell," a free lab activity designed for middle and high school students. The museum will also have an exhibit that will include a hands-on microscope activity where participants can view sickle cell anemia.

Health Pact will host free screening areas where participants can have routine health indicators checked.

The museum is open every day (except Dec. 25) from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. More information can be found on the web site at: [www.nmhmwashingtondc.museum](http://www.nmhmwashingtondc.museum) phone 202-782-2200. Admission and parking are free.

### DC building trade training program for women begins new cycle on September 24

Washington Area Women in the Trades (WAWIT) program is a collaborative workforce development initiative of the YWCA National Capital Area, the Community Services Agency of the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO and Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW). The program is free of charge and includes 12 weeks of apprenticeship training at the Carpenters' and Masonry Union training sites, that includes hands-on work in masonry, welding, carpentry, working with tools and other crucial construction skills. In addition to adult basic education and hands-on trade skills instruction, it includes up to 18 months of case management. Participants go on to entry-level jobs in non-traditional employment, employer-sponsored training or union apprenticeship programs.

The new cycle begins on September 24. Participants range in age from their early 20s to mid-50s and now all graduates have direct access to any of the Washington Metro Area's seventeen union apprenticeship programs.

Over the next five years, WAWIT will train an estimated 400 women in the building trades and provide assistance to more than 3,000 women. Individuals interested in learning more about WAWIT should visit [www.ywcanca.org](http://www.ywcanca.org) or call 202/626-0700, extension. 39.