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Here is the Council calendar for the upcoming week:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 - Holiday observed and Council offices will be closed.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

11:00 AM, COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500, PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, Vincent C. Gray, Chairman  
Agenda item: "College Saving Program Increased Tax Benefit Act of 2007", Bill 17-0235.

2:00 PM, ROOM 412, PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ENVIRONMENT, Jim Graham, Chairperson  
Agenda item: "Non-Resident Taxi Drivers Registration Amendment Act of 2007", Bill 17-0113.

2:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500, PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, Vincent C. Gray, Chairman  
Agenda item: "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Clarification Amendment Act of 2007", Bill 17-0102.

2:00 PM, ROOM 123, COMMITTEE MEETING, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY, Phil Mendelson,  
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

11:00 AM, ROOM 120, COMMITTEE MEETING, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE, Jack Evans, Chairperson

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2:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500, PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE, Jack Evans, Chairperson

Agenda item: "Small Business Commercial Property Tax Relief"

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

10 AM, COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500, PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY, Phil Mendelson, Chairperson

Agenda item: "Omnibus Executive Service System, Police and Fire Systems, and Retirement Modifications for Chief of Police Cathy L. Lanier and Fire Chief Dennis L. Rubin Amendment Act of 2007", Bill 17-0249.

10 AM, ROOM 412, PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, Tommy Wells, Chairperson

Agenda item: "Child and Family Services Agency Grantmaking Amendment Act of 2007", Bill 17-0250.

11 AM, ROOM 412, PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, Tommy Wells, Chairperson

Agenda item: "Child Abuse and Neglect Investigation Record Access Amendment Act of 2007", Bill 17-0247.

11:00 AM, ROOM 123, COMMITTEE MEETING, COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES, PARKS AND RECREATION, Harry Thomas, Jr., Chairperson

(The Committee's agenda has not been set.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

11:00 AM, ROOM 412, PUBLIC HEARING, COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS, Marion Barry, Chairperson

Agenda item: "Affordable Housing Clearinghouse Directory Act of 2007", Bill 17-0339.

I hope this information is helpful and please visit the DC Council website for more details at: [www.dccouncil.us](http://www.dccouncil.us).

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## Recent Events

### **Muriel hosted a Ward 4 Business Development Roundtable**

Muriel hosted a Business Roundtable on Thursday, October 4, 2007 with over 50 businesses and agency representatives in attendance. There were presentations from the following agencies: DC Department of Small and Local Business Development; DC Office of Planning, including the Great Streets Initiative, Main Streets and other revitalization programs; Chamber of Commerce Business Resource Center; DCRA business license program; Office of Contracts and Procurement; and the Deputy Mayor's Office for Planning and Economic Development.

The roundtable was an interactive opportunity to find out about the many resources available for businesses and together we discussed how to improve the business climate in the Ward, how to take advantage of existing programs and services, and how to continue the revitalization of our commercial corridors.

If you would like copies of the materials distributed please contact, Kamaria Mabry, Constituent Services Coordinator at [kmabry@dccouncil.us](mailto:kmabry@dccouncil.us) or by calling 202-724-8052. We will continue to keep you informed about business development in the Ward through this newsletter. Please stay tuned!

## Upcoming Events

### Ward 4 Dog Parks meeting – October 6

Please join Muriel and the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, at the Emery Recreation Center, 5701 Georgia Avenue, NW, on Saturday October 6th, 2007 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM 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 at [kbarden@dccouncil.us](mailto:kbarden@dccouncil.us) or by calling 202-741-0917.

### Ward 4 Town Hall Meeting on Crime – October 11

Muriel would like neighbors to join her for a Ward 4 Town Hall Meeting on crime on Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 7 PM at Sharpe Health School, 4300 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011. The meeting will address recent crime trends, planned police response, juvenile criminal justice and rehabilitation, and community concerns. There will be brief presentations from MPD and panelists. The majority of the agenda will be devoted to community concerns.

Panelists will include:

- Metropolitan Police Department -- Assistant Chief Diane Groomes and Commander Hilton Burton
- DC Superior Court-Family Court Division -- Presiding Judge Anita Josey-Herring
- DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services -- Director Vincent Schiraldi
- Ward 4 Youth Service Providers

Other upcoming community events focused on crime issues:

ANC 4C is hosting a YOUTH OUTREACH SUMMIT on October 10, 2007 at 7:00PM at the ABC Charter School, 209 Upshur Street, NW. In attendance will be the Rebuilding the Village Project (Peaceaholics, Alliance for Concerned Men, & Roving Leaders), Girls. Inc. (invited), DC Youth Advisory Commission, and the DOES Job Corp. For more information, please contact ANC4C10 Commissioner Kevin Hummons at [Ehummons320@yahoo.com](mailto:Ehummons320@yahoo.com).

Also on October 10th at 7:00 PM there is a TAKE BACK THE CORNER event at the intersection of Georgia and Missouri Avenues. Please meet on the front lawn of the Fourth District Police Station at 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW to walk to the corner of Georgia and Missouri Avenues. For more information, please contact Keith Jarrel at 202-288-1867 or [k.jarrell01@comcast.net](mailto:k.jarrell01@comcast.net).

### Free Community Health Fair – October 20

Please come to a free Community Health Fair on Saturday, October 20th from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Nativity Church Colonnade Room, 6008 Georgia Avenue, NW. There will be information and representatives from: the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association, the Capital Breast Care Center, Children's National Medical Center, DC Department of Health, MedStar Diabetes Institute, and Unity Health Care among others. There will be food, live music, door prizes, free health screenings and face painting for the kids. For more information please call: 240-535-4100 or email Elaine Ellis at [ha2010@verizon.net](mailto:ha2010@verizon.net).

## Resources

### October is Disability Awareness Month

October is nationally recognized as Disability Awareness Month. On October 17th, DC will celebrate Disability Mentoring Day with job shadowing, career exploration, and promotion of an inclusive work place. To become a mentor or to participate in the mentoring day, please contact Linda Landers, Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Coordinator, in the Executive Office of the Mayor, Office of Risk Management at 202-727-8185 or at [Linda.landiers@dc.gov](mailto:Linda.landiers@dc.gov).

### What you should know: Illegal construction in your neighborhood

Illegal construction is any construction done without required building permits. It is dangerous and can hurt people and property.

What construction requires a permit:

These types of construction projects require building permits:

- additions
- demolitions
- new construction
- retaining walls, decks, fences, sheds, garages, and vaults
- signs and awnings

If you suspect illegal construction occurring in your neighborhood, please call 202-442-STOP (7867) and provide the address and description of the illegal construction. The DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) will schedule an inspection to investigate. For questions regarding the DC Construction Code, please call 202-442-4589.

### Historic Landmark Nomination Workshop

Are you interested in the preservation of your neighborhood and are having difficulty understanding what makes a property a historic landmark? What goes into the application for historic designation? What kind of research is required to landmark a property? How making a building a landmark can preserve your neighborhood's heritage?

If so, the answers to these questions and more will be answered at the DC Community Heritage Project's Landmark Nomination Workshop. The Humanities Council of Washington, DC in collaboration with the DC Historic Preservation Office will provide a half-day workshop so that you can learn from Washington's top experts about what you can do to protect your community's built environment and honor your neighborhood's heritage.

Become familiar with the DC and National Register landmark nomination process and the meaning of historic and architectural significance, how to research buildings, structures, objects, and neighborhoods and what goes into making a defensible case for nominating a landmark or historic district. There will be an overview of Washington's diverse and unique historic resources and a discussion of architectural styles. Presenters include professional architectural historian, Kim Williams, and historian and preservation activist, Peter Sefton.

When: Saturday, October 13, 2007, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Where: Historical Society of Washington, DC, 3rd floor, 801 K Street, NW, at Mount Vernon Square Metro RSVP's are being accepted only until Wednesday, October 10, 2007. Space is limited.