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Free Strength/Tone & Yoga Classes at Turkey Thicket Recreation Center, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM, 1100 Michigan Ave NE; Senior Water Aerobics on Mon & Wed from 8-9AM & 9-10AM (DC Residents 55 Plus ONLY).

The Request for Traffic Safety Assessment for Unit Block of Bryant Street NW Service was approved by ANC5E on June 18, 2019 at its Public Meeting – DDOT Request #: 19-00745542

ANC5E provided a Letter of Support to DDO on the request to install two speed humps on the Unit Block of Bryant St NW. Below, is a response from DDOT to this request:

The investigation normally takes up to 130 days, and will involve an evaluation of the site, roadway characteristics, crash data, speed data (which will have to be collected), volume data (also collected), and any other characteristics of the roadway network that could help DDOT investigate the concerns raised in the Traffic Calming Assessment application.

Once DDOT has completed the investigation we will provide you with a response with our findings and any measures that DDOT is taking to address traffic-related issues in the area.

For further questions regarding this matter, please contact Connie Wheeler, Supervisory Engineering Technician at 202-671-4607 or connie.wheeler@dc.gov. Please reference your Traffic Safety Investigation Service Request Confirmation Number.

Note: Since this investigation will take at least 130 days to review, you are asked to contact Ms. Wheeler via info provided above or 311 to report any new issues regarding this Tracking #: 19-00745542 for the request of two speed humps to be installed on the Unit Block of Bryant St NW to help slow down traffic on this block. You may view a copy of the request from ANC5E to DDOT on www.anc5edc.org.

ANC 5E Resolution re: Traffic Calming on 1st St. NW – DDOT will discuss internally and send an update to the ANC before moving forward with construction on First Street NW.

Copies of **DC Water's newsletters for the Florida Avenue NW and the R Street NW Construction Sites** were forward via the email distribution list.

R Street NW Construction Site: On or about July 1, 2019, DC Water's contractor will begin fully mobilizing.

Florida Avenue NW Construction Site: On or about Tuesday, July 9, 2019, DC Water's contractor will deliver a drill rig at 2 am and will begin work within the fenced construction site to install secant piles as support for the excavation of the drop shaft. Distribute invitation to the upcoming NEBT Tunnel Forum on July 11th. Hadiyah.Jordan@dcwater.com is available if you have any questions.

Tuesday, July 2, Urgent Meeting: "Community DC Statehood Forum" with Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton @ 6pm at the Metropolitan AME Church, Congresswoman Norton will host a forum for all DC residents to discuss “**DC Statehood & Community Building**”. This forum is non-political and non-religious event. Instead, it is an ecumenical, public policy discussion between the Congresswoman and her constituents about the importance of D.C. Statehood. The event will include Q&A from the audience. Karen Owens forwarded this message on behalf of the Congresswoman.
POC: Anise Jenkins <standup_freedc@yahoo.com>

Thursday, July 4, Metro Preliminary Service Information - Metro released service information for customers planning to travel on July 4, 2019. While noting that some event details are still being finalized, the service information reflects the transit authority's most current information for customers. Metro noted that the information provided on its website (wmata.com/july4) will be updated as necessary, based on any new information provided by event organizers or outside law enforcement agencies. Among the highlights:

- Metrorail will open at 7 a.m. and close at 11:30 p.m. This year, Metro will ramp up to rush-hour service levels beginning at 2 p.m. Off-peak fares will be in effect all day and parking will be free at all Metro-operated facilities.
- Due to expected ridership, bicycles and large coolers will not be permitted on Metrorail after 2 p.m.
- Six Blue and Yellow line stations south of Reagan National Airport remain closed due to platform reconstruction. Free shuttle bus service will be available, but customers who have the option to drive to open stations are encouraged to do so.
- Because Memorial Bridge will be closed to pedestrian traffic this year, Arlington Cemetery Station should not be used by customers traveling to the National Mall.
- Due to its proximity to the Lincoln Memorial, Foggy Bottom Station may become “exit only” before the event and “entry only” after the event, as conditions warrant.
- At Smithsonian Station, the National Mall side will become “entry only” starting at 9 p.m. to accommodate returning crowds.
- All customers planning to use Metro are encouraged to purchase and load a SmarTrip card for each traveler prior to July 4. Be sure to load the card with enough value for an entire round trip to avoid lines. For complete information, please see the service advisory: www.wmata.com/july4

Monday, July 8, 7PM – 8:30PM – Stronghold Civic Association (SCA) meets at the Inspired Teaching Public Charter School (200 Douglas St NE) every 1st Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday, then it's on the 2nd Monday. POC: Laura Jackson, President). SCA listserv: strongholdcivicassociation@yahoo.com. Next Door website: https://stronghold.nextdoor.com/news_feed/. E-mail: StrongholdCivicAssociation@gmail.com

Thursday, July 11, 7PM, MAG Meeting to be held at the Inspired Teaching Public Charter School, 200 Douglas St NE; this development continues to be in the Appeals Court; a Traffic Control Plan will be presented at this meeting.

Monday, July 15, 7PM-9PM - Bloomingdale Civic Association (BCA) meets at St George's Episcopal Church, 2nd and U Streets NW. BCA meets every 3rd Monday of the month but if a holiday falls on the 3rd Monday, it meets on the 4th Mon. POC: Teri Quinn, President - (bloomingdalecivicassociation.org), No meeting in August.

Tuesday, Sept 17, 7PM-9PM - ANC5E Public Meetings meets at Friendship Armstrong Public Charter School; ANC 5E meets every 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 1400 P Street NW (corner of 1st and P St NW). (www.anc5edc.org – twitter @anc5e). POC: Bradley Thomas, Chair. No monthly meetings for July & August.

Tuesday, Sept 17 & Nov 12: MedStar Washington Hospital Center's Community Health Department invites you to attend **the AARP Smart Driver Course**. In this course, you will learn: Safe ways to merge with traffic, change lanes, make turns at busy intersections and proper following distance; Proper use of seat belts, air-bags and getting your best seating position for driving; New technologies to assist in accident prevention such as anti-lock brakes, skid control, blind-spot monitoring and collision avoidance; Effects of medications and distractions on driving; New laws & challenges of driving in Washington DC such as bicycle lanes, scooter, traffic circles & road changes.

Location: MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital, Tele-Center & Tele-Conference Room, 102 Irving St NW; Cost: AARP Members: \$15 & Non-members: \$20 – Payment is required via cash or check at the time of class. Register: Call Scott Hunt @ 202-431-5107 (before 9PM.). Certification will be provided upon completion of the course, which can be used to receive discounts on car insurance. Please check with your insurance company about their policy.

UDC Causes (causes@udc.edu) - Soil-Less Workshop Certificate Series: The College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES), of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), is offering a soil-less workshop series. This series is designed to provide participants with the skills they need to grow vegetables for their own enjoyment or agriculture-based business. The soil-less series is based on hydroponic and aquaponic growing. Participants will receive a certificate for successfully completing all of the workshops in the series. The series is free and open to the public.

July 8, 5pm - 8:30 pm - **Hydroponic and Aquaponic System Design and Material Selection**
July 9, 5pm - 8:30 pm - **Monitoring and General Maintenance of Hydroponic & Aquaponic Systems**
July 10, 5p.m. - 8:30pm - **General Introduction to Integrated Pest Management**
July 11, 5pm - 8:30pm - **General Introduction to Food Handling & Harvesting**

LOCATION: University of the District of Columbia (Van Ness Campus), Building 44, Room 219, 4200 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. The University of the District of Columbia is located at the Van Ness/UDC Metro stop on the Red Line. There is a parking garage on campus for those who prefer to drive (\$8 for 1-3 hours; \$12 for 4-6 hours; \$20 for 7 hours or longer). Limited street parking is available. **CONTACT:** Victoria Mirowski, victoria.mirowski@udc.edu (202) 819-5704. Registration is required.

The College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES), of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), is starting a **Compost Training Class**. Do you want to learn how to turn your food and yard waste into valuable soil, a process called composting? If yes, please join our compost training class. The class will meet seven times for two and a half hours. Participants must attend all seven classes to complete this training. Upon the successful completion of all training classes and the passing of the final exam, a certificate will be issued.

What is compost? Compost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Making compost keeps your yard and food waste materials out of landfills where they take up space and release methane, a greenhouse gas. Compost loosens clay soils and helps sandy soils retain water. Adding compost to soil improves its fertility and stimulates healthy root development in plants. The organic matter provided in compost provides food for microorganisms, which keeps the soil in a healthy, balanced condition.

EVENT DETAILS: Every Tuesday, July 9 - August 20, 2019, 5:30 pm - 8pm
PAYMENT: This class is FREE and open to the public.
LOCATION: P.R. Harris Urban Food Hub, 4600 Livingston Road, SE, Washington, DC 20032
CONTACT: Paula Avellan, paula.avellan@udc.edu, (202) 274-7128. Registration is required.

The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is collaborating with the D.C. Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), offering **Training for the Turf (Category 3B) and Ornamental (Category 3A) Pesticide Applicator Certification**. Participants will receive study materials, hear informational lectures, and be eligible to participate in raffles for a pesticide applicator and personal protective equipment. The course will be facilitated by Dr. Megan Wilkerson. **Participants must attend all trainings scheduled for the week.**

This training will prepare participants to take the pesticide certification exam, and will supply participants with general knowledge of proper management practices of pesticide use. Pesticide use includes the receipt, handling, mixing, storage, recordkeeping and disposal of pesticides while following all necessary safety precautions. Participants must be able to read and understand all label information, including application and use directions, formulations, storage and disposal hazards, precautionary statements, and statements of practical treatment.

EVENT DETAILS: July 15 - 19, 2019, 6:00 pm - 9:45 pm; **LOCATION:** UDC (Van Ness Campus), Building 44, Room 219, 4200 Conn Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. The UDC is located at the Van Ness/UDC Metro stop on the Red Line. There is a parking garage on campus for those who prefer to drive (\$8 for 1-3 hours; \$12 for 4-6 hours; \$20 for 7 hours or longer). Limited street parking is available. **Training is FREE and open to the public. Dr. POC: Wilkerson, megan.wilkerson@udc.edu, (202) 274-7190.** Registration is required.

Please Let Your Voice Be Heard: Complete the DC Community Health Needs Assessment Survey:

As part of the health improvement planning process for the District of Columbia, DC Health in partnership with the DC Hospital Association, created a survey to better identify the needs and strengths of our city and residents. The information collected in the survey will be used in creating the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment, as well as planning for future services, programs, policies, and better coordination among organizations. Please visit <https://ourhealthydc.org/survey-community-needs/> to take the survey now.

Filling out the survey is voluntary and your responses are anonymous. You will not be asked for your name, address, or any other information that can identify you. The survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. At the end of this survey, there is information on how you can enter a raffle for three chances to win a \$100 gift card as a thank you for your time. [Take the survey today!](#)

For immediate release: June 30, 2019

Metro to add more service, more affordable pass products starting July 1: Metro customers will be able to ride more and spend less beginning this Monday, July 1, with the introduction of more affordable passes and more Red and Yellow Line service at some stations.

All Metrorail passes will now come with free Metrobus service, providing a better value and experience of customers. Four passes will be lowered in price - the 7-Day Unlimited, 7-Day Short Trip, 7-Day Regional Bus and 1-Day Unlimited Pass. There is also the new option of a 3-Day Unlimited Pass.

Red Line trains will run end-to-end between Glenmont and Shady Grove, instead of turning some trains back at Silver Spring. The change complements the extended service to Shady Grove that began in December when Metro eliminated the “Grosvenor Turnback”, where every other Red Line train began and ended at Grosvenor.

On the Yellow Line, extended service to Greenbelt is already in effect, doubling rush hour service at nine stations north of Mt Vernon Square (Shaw-Howard, U Street, Columbia Heights, Georgia Ave-Petworth, Fort Totten, West Hyattsville, Prince George’s Plaza, College Park and Greenbelt) to reduce crowding conditions. Previously, Yellow Line trains turned back at Mt Vernon Square during rush hours and at Fort Totten at all other times.

“Metro is delivering better, more reliable service today thanks to the hard work and dedication of our employees and support of our riders,” said Metro General Manager/CEO Paul J. Wiedefeld. “Now it’s time to do more – more affordable rail and bus passes and more service – that will attract new riders and benefit current customers.”

In keeping with Metro’s commitment to improve reliability and customer service, Metro’s industry-first “Rush Hour Promise” will continue to provide riders with a credit toward future travel for unscheduled delays of 10 minutes or more. These customer-focused improvements come as Metro’s safety and reliability continue to improve, thanks to robust preventive maintenance, capital investments and new dedicated funding sources. On-time performance last month reached 90% for the first time in at least eight years. Railcar reliability is also at the highest level in eight years, averaging more than 145,000 miles between delays, a 150% improvement over last year.

For a detailed look at the changes, including customer brochure, [click here](#)

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**A Note from Your People's Counsel
Sandra Mattavous-Frye**

The Office of the People's Counsel has long-been supportive of thoughtful efforts to improve the reliability and resiliency of the energy delivery system in the District of Columbia. At the same time, OPC has played an integral role in shaping the city's clean energy policies. Thus, OPC enthusiastically participated in the Public Service Commission's MEDSIS initiative. Launched in 2015, MEDSIS stands for "Modernizing the Energy Delivery System for Increased Sustainability." The Commission will issue a report on this phase of the proceeding by July 31, 2019 to guide the path forward.

Following the submission of the PSC Staff Report which set forth the PSC's goals, the Commission established six working groups to address the issues. OPC participated in all six working groups of more than 200 stakeholders engaged in robust conversations on the pros and cons of modernizing the electric grid. Ultimately, the groups made recommendations to the Commission in areas such as rate design, pilot projects and information access.

OPC believes the MEDSIS Initiative is timely and critical to meeting the needs of the changing landscape of the District's energy and environmental future. Equally important is our belief that consumers must be at the table in the discussions. OPC's objective has been to ensure that any recommendations result in benefits that will be equitably distributed to all consumers in all eight wards of the city.

In testifying at the Commission's MEDSIS town hall on June 13, OPC recommended that the Commission seriously consider the impact of the costs of modernization on all District ratepayers, particularly lower income consumers.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Commission and stakeholders to take MEDSIS to the next phase

**Pepco's Multi-Year Rate Proposal Seeks to Increase Rates by \$162 Million
Over 3 Years**

OPC has been thoroughly analyzing Pepco's request to increase rates by \$162 million over the next three years since the utility filed an application with the DC Public Service Commission on May 30. As part of the request, Pepco also seeks to change its ratemaking design from asking the Commission each time it wants to increase rates, to a multi-year rate plan in which rates would increase automatically each year of the plan.

People's Counsel Sandra Mattavous-Frye says the size of the proposed rate increase is excessive. If approved, Pepco estimates average monthly residential customer rates would increase by \$8.57 after May 2020, an additional \$3.69 in 2021, and \$3.19 by 2022. OPC is closely examining the proposal to ensure that Pepco is only authorized to collect from its customers those costs that are necessary for the delivery of safe, reliable, resilient, affordable, and environmentally sustainable service, and any change in the ratemaking process benefits consumers. OPC will continue to keep consumers up-to-date throughout the proceedings. We welcome opportunities to brief Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and community groups about Pepco's plans. You can contact the office at (202) 727-3071 or info@opc-dc.gov. Please also see a [fact sheet](#) we've prepared to explain what's on the table.

OPC Calls on FERC To Review Pepco's Transmission Rate Impact on Consumers

On May 31, 2019, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an Order heeding a joint call from OPC and the Maryland Office of People's Counsel to further examine Pepco's proposed changes to its Formula Transmission Rate, which sets Pepco's wholesale electricity rate.

Pepco's unilateral changes would result in electric rate increases because transmission rates make up a portion of the consumer's retail electricity bill covering the cost to bring electricity to the District and are not regulated by the Public Service Commission. The changes would make it more difficult for consumers, OPC and other advocates to challenge Pepco on its data and calculations before FERC.

Although FERC set the matter for public hearing, it first asked the parties, which include Pepco, OPC-DC, Maryland OPC, and the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative to undergo settlement proceedings, which will require Pepco to provide key answers to questions about its proposed changes.

OPC will fight to ensure stability in any proposed rate changes, more transparency, and that no undue risks are unfairly shifted to ratepayers.

DC Water Rate Increase Plan Under Scrutiny As OPC Calls for Review of Alternatives

In case you missed it, OPC is now assisting DC Water consumers following passage of a new law that made OPC the statutory representative of water ratepayers as of April 11, 2019. The new law also charged OPC with scrutinizing and commenting on proposed rate increases.

A June 12th public hearing before the DC Water Board of Directors on the water authority's proposed rulemaking to increase residential sewer rates and decrease the Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge (CRIAC) was OPC's first formal outing as the advocate for water consumers. Diving into this new role, OPC calls on the Board to reject the new rate structure and direct the water authority to supply evidence to support its rate changes.

DC Water says its plan is designed to provide relief for costly CRIAC fees. However, it would shift the CRIAC burden from one customer group to another. OPC understands there is a need to reduce high water bills paid by large faith-based institutions and similar entities that provide vital services to residents. However, DC Water's remedy will result in higher bills for vulnerable residential households. "A plan that will create financial inequities is not the solution," said People's Counsel Sandra Mattavous-Frye.

The new rates are proposed to take effect October 1st of this year if approved by the DC Water Board of Directors. Instead, OPC encourages consideration of other strategies for addressing rising CRIAC costs.

Note: The Solar Connection is a feature designed to "shine the light" on developments in solar power and educate consumers about this energy option.

OPC Energy Efficiency Outreach Specialist Pamela Nelson speaks at Groundswell's Solar for All event.