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The Ward 5 Report: Women's History Month



From left to right: Chief Cathy Lanier, Mayor Muriel Bowser, and Chancellor Kaya Henderson

Dear Reader,

In March, we pay a special tribute to the women who have contributed to our country's history.

I cannot think of a more important acknowledgement to make during Women's History Month than recognizing the three women pictured above. I

have the privilege of working with Mayor Bowser, Chief Lanier, and Chancellor Henderson on a daily basis. These pioneers are living proof that the District is best served by individuals who are qualified for the job, regardless of their race, class, sexual orientation or gender.

Like all parents, my wife and I want to give our two daughters the best the world can offer. But as much as we want to see them become successful, we know that every child in the District deserves the very same opportunities in life. That is why I have fought so hard to create equity in our school system. That is why I have fought so hard to tackle retaliatory practices taken against employees who openly discuss their earnings. And that is why I will continue to fight for fair, inclusive, and transparent policies on the Council.

Across the world, women are running countries, companies and households. This month, let us remember to honor women both home and abroad.

In Service,

Kenyan

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Announcements from the D.C. Government

[The Department of General Services launches new app](#)

The Department of General Services created a mobile app that provides users with a database of District properties, open solicitations, school construction details and energy usage accessible to the public.

[District of Columbia Office on Aging releases class schedule for first responder volunteer program](#)

The District of Columbia Office on Aging is recruiting active and retired seniors, former first responders, and lead agency personnel to train and support the District of Columbia's First Responder during an emergency, disaster or catastrophe.

[New Start Date: Residential Mechanical Street Sweeping Resumes March 9](#)

Today, the Department of Public Works began the residential mechanical street sweeping program. Originally scheduled for Monday, March 2, the

program was postponed due to inclement weather.

[The Metropolitan Police Department warns residents about IRS telephone scam](#)

The Metropolitan Police Department is informing the public about a consumer scam, where aggressive telephone calls are being made by scammers posing as IRS representatives.

Legislative & Committee Updates



Councilmember McDuffie participates in a panel discussion on returning citizens at the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law.

Third Legislative Meeting of 2015

On Tuesday, March 3, Councilmember McDuffie introduced the following three bills:

The "**Brewery, Winery, and Distillery Sidewalk Café Endorsement Amendment Act of 2015**" will allow breweries, wineries, and distilleries that possess a tasting license or sales permit to apply for a sidewalk café or summer garden endorsement. Applications will subject any manufacturer to the same stringent requirements and review process that ABRA currently conducts for approval of sidewalk cafés.

The "**Moratorium on Paint Spray Booth Permits in Ward 5 Temporary Act of 2015**" will prohibit the issuance of new paint spray booth permits for a period of two years. It is the Councilmember's hope that, during the two-year

moratorium, the District Department of the Environment will have enough time to review the effects of operating spray booths in Ward 5 and develop stricter standards, particularly around the release of volatile organic compounds.

For more information on why Councilmember McDuffie introduced the bill, [please read his letter to Ward 5 residents](#).

The "**BEGA Board Expansion Amendment Act of 2015**" will expand the size of the District's Board of Ethics and Government Accountability ("BEGA"), the independent board responsible for investigating ethics violations by District government employees and public officials, from three to five members. Increasing the size of the Board will address concerns with establishing a quorum and making closely-contested decisions. The Councilmember believes that the enlargement of the Board is a prudent move and will ensure that BEGA continues to operate efficiently.

Performance Oversight Hearing Schedule

Don't miss out on the action! If you are interested in watching or participating in a Council performance oversight hearing, [please check out the full schedule of hearings online](#).

If you are interested in testifying or submitting testimony to the Committee on the Judiciary, please contact Committee Director Katherine Mitchell, (202) 727-8275 or KMitchell@dccouncil.us.

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Kenyan in the News

Councilmember McDuffie on News Talk

On Friday, March 6, Councilmember McDuffie sat down with News 8's Mike Conneen. On the show, the Councilmember discussed a wide range of topics, including safety and protocol improvements implemented by the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority and District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services, changes in sidewalk shoveling policies beginning next year, and the Mayor and Chancellor's [Empowering Males of Color](#) initiative.



To watch the entire interview, please visit [WJLA's website](#).

Community Bulletin Board



Save the date! Ward 5's DC Water Town Hall on Thursday, April 9

Councilmember McDuffie is co-hosting a DC Water Town Hall in Ward 5 with DC Water General Manager/C.E.O. George Hawkins. The primary purpose for the meeting is to generate customer feedback regarding the proposed rate increase for water/sewer services for the upcoming fiscal year.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 9, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. A location is yet to be determined.

For updated information, please visit [DC Water's website](#).

16th Annual Youth Law Fair

Lawyers and judges will share their knowledge with high school students at the 16th Annual Youth Law Fair on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the D.C. Superior Court's H. Carl Moultrie Courthouse, located at 500 Indiana Avenue, NW. This free educational event will bring students, lawyers, judges and educators together to explore this year's theme, "Profiling: That's not me! What's the Problem?"



For more information, please call 202-626-3463 or email outreach@dcbar.org. You can also [visit DC Bar's website](#) to learn more about the event.



Harry Thomas Sr. Playspace is #2 on top 50 playgrounds list

According to a [list of the 50 best playgrounds in the](#)



[United States](#), Harry Thomas Senior Recreation Center's Playspace is number 2! Early Childhood Education describes the outdoor playing area as "a place where the core subjects of mathematics, art, architecture, science and nature are brought together in fascinating ways."

To learn more about the distinction and Ward 5's incredible playspace, please visit [Early Childhood Education's website](#).

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