

Happy Thanksgiving! Read on to learn all about what's happening in Ward 5 and the D.C. Council.

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Neighbors,

This is the time of year that we count our blessings, gather with loved ones, and remember those who are less fortunate.

On Monday, I came together with community partners to give away over 350 turkeys to Ward 5 families in need. And the photo above was taken Tuesday as my staff and I prepared turkeys and packed up sides dishes at Ward 5's own Food & Friends, which provides over 3500 meals throughout the region.

At this time when our nation faces adversity and polarization, I am so thankful of the wonderful community we have in Ward 5 and the diverse neighborhoods across the city that make the District of Columbia the special place we know it to be.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Kenyan

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Legislative Update

A couple highlights of bills championed or introduced by Councilmember McDuffie recently at the D.C. Council:

- Helping a Ward 5 small Business - The Food, Environmental, and Economic Development in the District of Columbia Amendment Act of 2016 expands a previous law that gives tax incentives for up to 10 years for qualifying supermarkets opening up in food deserts. Good Food Market on Rhode Island Ave fits this description perfectly, except that it was not in one of the designated census tracts delineated in the legislation. This amendment expands the previous law so that Good Food Market can enjoy these benefits as well. This bill has passed first vote of the Council and awaits a second vote.
 - Banning Powdered Alcohol - You may have heard of a new product called 'powdered alcohol.' This is just what it sounds like: a powder that can be mixed with a liquid and the result is an alcoholic beverage. As of November, 27 states have moved to ban powdered alcohol and the Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2016 would
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do that for the District of Columbia as well. This bill has passed first vote of the Council and awaits a second vote.

- Requiring that Developers Engage the Community - The Land Disposition Transparency Act passed first vote of the Council last week. This bill does a couple different things, including incorporating a provision Councilmember McDuffie introduced last year as a stand-alone bill. In the past, developers could locate part of one development in one part of town and locate the affordable housing units in another part of town, without even holding a community meeting in both locations! Councilmember McDuffie's contribution to this legislation ensures that developers who are building in more one area than must engage with the communities they would like to build in. Before they are granted the right to do so. This bill has passed first vote of the Council and awaits a second vote.

Kenyan in the Community

Councilmember McDuffie has nearly daily events in and around Ward 5, below is a sampling from his twitter feed.

November 17 - Councilmember McDuffie speaks at the swearing-in of the new student government class at Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School in Brookland



Elsie Whitlow Stokes
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Thank you [@kenyanmcduffie](#) for swearing in our new student government officials this morning!



November 22 - Councilmember McDuffie entering Delta Towers to give away turkeys for Thanksgiving.



CM McDuffie's Office
@CM_McDuffie

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CM [@kenyanmcduffie](#) dropping off turkeys for the seniors at Delta Towers



Councilmember McDuffie was honored to give a guest lecture at his alma mater, Howard University School of Political Science. He shared his experience and expertise with the students of Dr. Andre Byers Urban Government and Politics class.



CM McDuffie's Office 
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CM McDuffie was having fun as a guest lecturer today at [@HowardU](#) Urban Government and Politics class



Councilmember McDuffie greeting residents at the turkey giveaway at Carver Terrace.



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#OurWard5 turkey giveaway in full swing



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Small Business Saturday 11.26.2016



Shop Small. #ShopDC.



Celebrate Small Business Saturday by shopping at our Ward 5 small businesses this Saturday, November 26. Not sure what wonderful options we have right here in Ward 5? Check the [Rhode Island Avenue Main Street](#) or the [North Capitol Main Street](#) to find all the great, local spots.

Immediate Senior Housing Available at Seabury Resources

Many of you know the great work Seabury Resources does in Ward 5, and we wanted to pass along that they currently have immediate openings in their Home First Residences.



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Get the facts. Get covered.

[DC Health Link's](#) open enrollment season began on November 1st. Residents have until January 31, 2017 to enroll in quality affordable health insurance for themselves and their families. If they enroll by December 15, 2016, coverage can begin January 1, 2017. Residents can apply for Medicaid throughout the year. There is FREE expert enrollment support and as well as financial help with monthly premium.

Please note the outcome of the 2016 presidential election doesn't impact your ability to enroll residents in health insurance for 2017. DC Health Link has 20 private health insurance options to choose from for residents and their families from CareFirst and Kaiser Permanente. Small businesses have 151 health plan options from Aetna, CareFirst, Kaiser and United. Small businesses can sign up throughout the year.

Sign up to be a Snow Team Hero



We invite you to join Serve DC this winter to help seniors and residents with

access and functional needs in your community stay safe. Last year Serve DC was able to clear sidewalks and front walkways for over 4,000 seniors, enabling them to remain safe, to reach the street, and continue with their daily activities.

They've made some improvements to this year's Volunteer Snow Team program to make it even simpler to help out in your community this winter. They will be introducing an app that will alert you when to shovel, as well as to tell us when you've finished your shoveling assignment. They will also be including a pre-matching system so that you know which neighbor you'll be helping prior to inclement winter weather. Sign up to help those in your community stay safe by clicking [here](#).

Learn About the MLK Library Renovation in Woodridge



DC Public Library is hosting a series of community meetings around the city to share the latest information about the modernization of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.

The Ward 5 meeting is Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodridge Library, 1801 Hamlin Street NE. You'll be able to see the latest design, hear about the project timeline, and learn about city-wide library services during construction.





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