

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers in the District of Columbia



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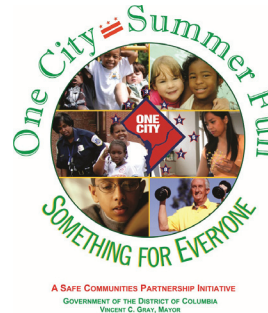
MAYOR VINCENT C. GRAY LAUNCHES ONE CITY SUMMER FUN ... SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Summer vacation is just around the corner for thousands of DC youth. Kids will be out of school, young people will need something to do and adults will be looking for activities to occupy their free time. "One City Summer Fun...Something for Everyone," a safe communities partnership initiative, is the answer. It is a wide-ranging and expanded citywide partnership among District government agencies, community and faith-based organizations, and private-sector groups.

"This summer, our residents will have a full spectrum of stimulating activities, events and programs," Mayor Gray said. "They can engage in fun, athletics, creativity, reading, learning, exploration, healthy living, volunteerism, and employment opportunities."

This summer, there will be a full array of exciting activities, events and programs that will engage everyone in fun, creativity, reading, learning, exploration, healthy living, volunteerism, and employment opportunities. "One City Summer Fun... Something for Everyone," is an integrated approach to a safe and productive summer season. There's something of interest for everyone in every ward across the city.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about One City Summer Fun...Something for Everyone. The countdown to One City Summer begins now. Find a program of interest and sign up today!



- » Learn more about DC's One City Summer Fun safe communities partnership initiative at:
<http://onecitysummer.dc.gov>
- » Follow us on Facebook and Twitter:
 - o Facebook: [facebook.com/onecitysummer](https://www.facebook.com/onecitysummer)
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- » For additional information on summer activities, call 311 or email onecitysummer@dc.gov.
- » Mayor Vincent Gray attended the June 10 kickoff for One City Summer Fun... Something For Everyone. To read the press release, click on "News Room" under:
<http://mayor.dc.gov>
- » Something happening in your neighborhood? Let DC know about other activities taking place in your community through a special link at:
<http://onecitysummer.dc.gov>

KNOW THE LAW ABOUT FIREWORKS IN DC

July 4th is just around the corner and, as Independence Day draws near, a number of fireworks stands have begun cropping up. Fireworks can be fun to watch, especially when they are managed by a professional fireworks display company. Unfortunately, serious injuries associated with illegal fireworks are all too common. Nationwide, nearly 10,000 people a year are treated in hospital emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries; more than 40 percent of the victims are ages 14 and younger. Every year, the MPD joins with other public safety organizations in advising the public to know the law on fireworks in DC. District law prohibits all firecrackers, as well as any fireworks that explode (including cherry bombs, salutes, Roman candles, floral shells, and artillery shells) and any fireworks that launch after being lit (such as bottle rockets, parachutes, buzz-bombs, pinwheels, helicopters, and jumping jacks). Fireworks that have a side fuse or that contain mercury, arsenic or other dangerous materials are also prohibited. Among the fireworks that are allowed in the District are small sparklers, fountains, torches and other novelty items.



- » For detailed information on fireworks laws in DC, as well as useful links to fireworks safety tips, click on:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/fireworks>
- » Get additional information about fireworks safety through the National Council on Fireworks Safety website at:
<http://www.fireworksafety.com/>

MPD CONTINUES EFFORTS TO KEEP COMMUNITY MEMBERS EDUCATED ON FILING POLICE COMMENDATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is committed to providing quality, professional service to all members of the community. The MPD does its best to recognize individuals who provide exemplary service. Community members or visitors to DC who have had a positive experience with an MPD officer or civilian employee are invited to share their positive experiences by submitting a commendation.

Sometimes, however, individuals may feel that a member of the MPD has failed to meet that standard by engaging in misconduct or using excessive force. In these situations, individuals are encouraged to report this information to the MPD or the District of Columbia's Office of Police Complaints (OPC). The Office of Police Complaints is a District Government agency that is independent of the MPD, and its mission is to receive, investigate, and resolve police misconduct complaints filed by the public against MPD and DC Housing Authority Police Department officers.

The MPD will investigate all complaints, including anonymous complaints, in a fair, thorough, and impartial manner. OPC has the authority to investigate complaints alleging harassment; use of unnecessary or excessive force; use of language or conduct that is insulting, demeaning, or humiliating; discrimination; retaliation for filing a complaint with OPC; or failure to wear required identification or refusal to provide name and badge number when requested to do so by a member of the public.

» OPC complaint forms and information sheets can be obtained by:

- Visiting OPC at 1400 I St., NW, # 700, Washington, DC 20005
- Calling OPC at (202) 727-3838
- Calling the OPC 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 866-588-0569
- Visiting OPC's website, <http://policecomplaints.dc.gov>

» OPC complaint forms can be submitted:

- In person or by mail to the address above
- By fax to (202) 727-9182
- By dropping forms off at any MPDC district station

» To file a complaint with the MPD, you may:

- Visit any MPD District station or facility
- Call (202) 727-4385 or the 24-hour hotline at 800-298-4006
- Visit MPD's website at mpdc.dc.gov
- Email the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) at citizen.complaints@dc.gov
- Call the IAB TTY number at (202) 898-1454
- Submit your complaint in person at any MPD facility or by mail to: Internal Affairs Bureau, Metropolitan Police Department, 51 N Street, NE, 4th Floor, Washington, DC
- Fax your complaint to (202) 727-5116

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

Street Closures for DC Triathlon on 6/19. The DC Triathlon is set for Sunday, June 19. Numerous streets will be impacted throughout the downtown DC area and motorists are advised there could be traffic delays associated with this event. There will also be parking restrictions along the race course and motorists should look for emergency "no parking" signs. For additional information, visit <http://ddot.dc.gov>.

Preventing terrorism is everybody's business. If you SEE something, SAY

something. Call the Metropolitan Police Department at (202) 727-9099 to report suspicious activity or behavior that has already occurred. Call 911 to report in-progress threats or emergencies. Learn more about steps you can take to help fight terrorism at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/operationTIPP>.

Report Crimes Against Children through the CyberTipline. The CyberTipline is a Congressionally-mandated means for reporting crimes against children. Report crimes 24-hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-800-843-5678 or reporting crimes online at <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

Support the Washington DC Police Foundation. The Washington DC Police Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization that brings together the business, civic, and other professional communities to promote public safety by providing financial and in-kind resources to the MPD, expanding public safety awareness, and advancing public safety policy and initiatives. Learn more about the extraordinary support the Washington DC Police Foundation provides to the MPD. Learn more about the Foundation at <http://www.dcpolicefoundation.org>.

DATA BOX

Homicides as of 6/17/11

2011: 49

2010: 51

% Change: -4.1%

Closure Rate: 76% (37 closures)

Adult Arrests week end. 6/11/11

Total Arrests: 1,067

Weapons: 20

Robbery: 15

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 8

Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 56

Narcotics: 199

Juvenile Activity week end. 6/11/11

Total Arrests: 75

Weapons: 1

Robbery: 3

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 1

Narcotics: 9

Firearm Recoveries as of 6/13/11

June: 66

2011 Total: 832

Traffic Fatalities as of /11

2011: 16

2010: 15

% Change: 6.7%

Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

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