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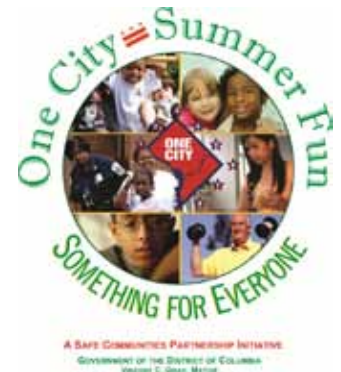
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DC OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION RELEASES "ONE CITY SUMMER FUN" VIDEO

On Tuesday, June 10, 2011, Mayor Vincent C. Gray held his first broadcast as part of his monthly "Inside Once City: A Conversation with DC Mayor Vincent C. Gray" on DC Cable Channel 16. Each broadcast will feature an inside look of the inner workings of the DC government and the people it serves. The first in this series focuses on the kick-off of the DC Government's "One City Summer Fun... Something for Everyone" initiative, which took place on June 10, 2011. It was first broadcast on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 6 pm on TV 16.

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.

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," a comprehensive and expanded citywide partnership between District government agencies, community and faith-based organizations and private sector groups, is an integrated approach to a safe and productive summer season. There's something of interest for everyone in every ward across the city.



» Watch the video from the July 10 Kick Office Summer prepared by the Office of Cable Television on TV-16 that was originally broadcast on Tuesday, June 21, 2011:

http://octt.dc.gov/services/channel16/index_new.shtm

» For additional information, you may also contact 311 or email us at onecitysummer@dc.gov.

MPD HARBOR PATROL TO CRACK DOWN ON IMPAIRED BOATERS DURING OPERATION DRY WATER

Operation Dry Water is a national weekend of Boating Under the Influence (BUI) education and enforcement aimed at reducing alcohol and drug-related accidents and fatalities. Members of MPD's Harbor Patrol will out in force June 24-26 for Operation Dry Water, conducting Boating while Under the Influence (BUI) Operations and handing out harbor safety information.

More than 17 percent of boating fatalities result from alcohol use. States have gotten tougher in recent years in enforcing laws against this high-risk behavior. Operating a recreational vessel with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher is against federal and most state laws. Boaters caught operating under the influence will find their voyage terminated and their vessel impounded. Additionally, penalties can include arrest, fines, loss of boating privileges, even loss of driving privileges.

Boating Under the Influence (BUI) is dangerous and illegal. BUI is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. So have fun out on the water, but be safe. Remember, if you boat under the influence:

- Your voyage will be terminated
- Your boat may be impounded, and
- You may be arrested.
- Penalties can include fine, imprisonment, impoundment of your boat, loss of boating privileges and even loss of driving privileges.

» Learn more about the MPD's Harbor Patrol at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/harborpatrol>

» The DC Harbor Patrol hosts boating safety course throughout the boating season. Get details on registering to participate in a boating safety course at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/boatingsafety>

» Get more information about the Operation Dry Water initiative at: <http://www.operationdrywater.org/>

BEAT THE HEAT: TIPS FOR STAYING COOL

Legend has it that in earlier times, foreign diplomats posted to the capital of the United States received hardship pay for enduring Washington's hot, humid, muggy summers. In those days, all activity in the nation's capital ceased during the month of August, and people escaped to the surrounding countryside. Washington's summer weather hasn't changed since those early days. However, the city's response to summer weather has changed significantly.

District Cooling Centers will be activated during weekdays from 12 pm - 6 pm when the ambient temperature reaches 95 degrees. The Street Showers Program will be implemented upon the notification that the ambient temperature has reached 95 degrees and will remain operational until 6 pm (Street Showers will begin with DC Public Schools summer dismissal).

We all enjoy having fun in the sun, but with temperatures expected to exceed 90 degrees this weekend, it is very important to pay attention to and abide by heat related warnings. Excessive exposure to high temperatures can cause life threatening illnesses such as: heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat rash, and heat cramps to name a few.

General symptoms associated with heat related illnesses include, but are not limited to, mild weakness, dizziness, fatigue, vomiting and high body temperature. Consider the following suggestions to avoid heat-related illnesses:

- Keep your body cool and hydrated by drinking a sufficient amount of water and juice throughout the day.
- Avoid drinking alcohol, especially beer, because it dehydrates the body.
- Wear light-colored and loose fitting clothing.
- Stay out of the sun or try to limit your sun exposure as much as possible.
- Stay in an air-conditioned environment as much as possible. If your home is not air-conditioned, visit your local mall or library.
- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities such as: sports, jogging, bike riding, mowing the lawn, etc.
- Be sure to check on elderly relatives or neighbors. Senior citizens are much more susceptible to the effects of heat.

- » Get information on coping with the heat in DC by visiting the DC Department of Homeland Security's website at: <http://hsema.dc.gov/> (click on "Extreme Weather")
- » Sign up for alerts from HSEMA and the Department of Health via the DC webpage at: <http://72hours.dc.gov>
- » During heat emergencies, United Planning Organization vans will canvass various areas throughout the city to identify persons suffering from the heat and transport them to cooling centers. Persons who need transportation to cooling centers can call the hypothermia hotline at (202) 399-7093.
- » Stay cool at the pool by visiting one of the swimming sites managed by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation. Details about pool locations, hours and fees are available at: http://app.dpr.dc.gov/DPR/information/swimming_pools/index.asp

DATA BOX	
Homicides	as of 6/24/11
2011: 52	
2010: 56	
% Change: -7.1%	
Closure Rate: 73% (38 closures)	
Adult Arrests	week end. 6/18/11
Total Arrests: 950	
Weapons: 13	
Robbery: 6	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 10	
Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 4	
Narcotics: 192	
Juvenile Activity	week end. 6/18/11
Total Arrests: 76	
Weapons: 1	
Robbery: 13	
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: 1	
Narcotics: 7	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 6/20/11
June: 95	
2011 Total: 861	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 6/24/11
2011: 16	
2010: 15	
% Change: 6.7%	

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

Street Closures this Weekend. The MPD would like to inform the public that streets will be closed for the 2011 Caribbean Festival and Parade are scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 25, 2011 along the Georgia Avenue corridor. Additionally there will be street closures in association with the National Capital BBQ battle along portions of Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW. For details on these events, go to <http://mpdc.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>.

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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>.

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