

# WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



*Friday, November 4, 2011*

## SPECIAL LIAISON DIVISION ANNOUNCES OPEN HOUSE EVENTS THROUGHOUT FALL

One of the primary goals of the Special Liaison Division — which includes the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit, the Asian Liaison Unit, the Latino Liaison Unit and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Unit — is to focus on supporting the agency's overall mission, goals and objectives while ensuring the safety of all of our customers. The Division can effectively work towards meeting the needs of the community by achieving its goals through the promotion of active communication, safety practices, self reporting and basic awareness. These strategies are specifically reflected through the accomplishment of activities, incorporation of existing programs, development and dissemination of information, and facilitating increased participation in crime prevention practices. The Division focuses its efforts on programs and activities that directly impact community stakeholders and the agency. The key to the Division's success is its ability to meet or exceed the needs of those it serves. Therefore, it is imperative that the Division maintain a customer focus as it carries out its mission. The Division strives to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction among its external stakeholders.

Below is the open house schedule throughout the District in the months of November and December.

- » Wednesday, November 16 at 6 PM  
Special Liaison Division, 801 Shepherd Street, NW
- » Wednesday, November 23, at 6 PM  
First District, 101 M Street, SW
- » Wednesday, November 30, at 6 PM  
Second District, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW
- » Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 6 PM  
Third District, 1620 V Street, NW
- » Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 6 PM  
Fourth District, 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW
- » Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 6 PM  
Fifth District, 1805 Bladensburg Road, NE
- » Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 6 PM  
Where: Sixth District, 100 42nd Street, NE
- » Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 6 PM  
Seventh District, 2455 Alabama Avenue, SE

» To learn more about the Special Liaison Division, see:  
<http://www.mpd.cdc.gov/sld>

## DPW ANNOUNCES FALL LEAF COLLECTION TO BEGIN MONDAY

Leaves are falling and the Department of Public Works is ready to deploy more than 200 employees Monday, November 7, 2011 to start collecting them. Leaf collection season runs through January 14, 2012, and every neighborhood in the District will have its leaves collected.

"Leaf collection is our most labor-intensive program," said DPW Director William O. Howland, Jr. "For two and a half months, our crews work six days a week, including Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day, across the District. We give each neighborhood two, two-week collection cycles, so please check the leaf collection brochure, which was mailed to households receiving DPW trash/recycling collection services, or go online to learn your collection weeks.

"The program works best when residents rake their leaves into the treebox the weekend before the first day of their neighborhood's collection cycles," he said. "The crews move fairly quickly, especially in the opening weeks because there are fewer leaves. So to make sure your leaves are collected, the weekend before the collection cycle begins, put loose or bagged leaves in the treebox or place bagged leaves where you put your trash/recycling." Mr. Howland also said this year DPW will compost bagged leaves as well as the loose leaves vacuumed from the treeboxes.

Here are some tips for a smooth-running leaf collection season:

- » Rake leaves into the treebox the weekend before your street's collection cycles.
- » Please – leaves only! Tree limbs, bricks, dirt, rocks, etc., will damage the equipment and delay collections.
- » Prevent fires, parking problems and possible flooding by placing leaves in the treebox, not in the street. When it rains, leaves will block the storm drains and cause flooding. Please remove any leaves you see blocking the storm drains.
- » If you choose to bag your leaves, please use paper bags. Plastic bags will be accepted but paper bags are preferred. You may place bagged leaves in the treebox or next to the trash/recycling container(s).
- » Protect the safety of our crews by driving slowly around their work area or change your route and avoid them altogether.
- » Leaf collection season coincides with the beginning of snow season. Mr. Howland said, "I want to remind residents that the leaf collection crews are the backbone of the snow removal program. When snow and/or ice are predicted, we stop collecting leaves to convert our leaf equipment to snow plows. No leaves are collected until after the snow event ends. Sometimes predictions don't result in snow, but we must have our snow equipment on the street regardless."

» Look up your street's collection schedule in the leaf collection brochure or at:  
<http://leaf.dcgis.dc.gov>

### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

**Join the MPD Reserve Corps.** The MPD Reserve Corps, a volunteer policing program is seeking new members. Applications are now being accepted at <http://dcpolice.jobs>.

**MPD Volunteer Programs Gets New Website.** The Metropolitan Police Volunteer

Program — which includes the Reserve Corps Division, the Citizen Volunteer Corps, and the Collegiate Internship Program — recently launched a new website full of great resources for those interested in helping MPD be the best police department in the country. To see the new site, and find out ways you can get involved, visit [www.joinmpdreserves.dc.gov](http://www.joinmpdreserves.dc.gov).

**US Attorney for DC to Hold Open House in Ward 6 on Monday.** You are

cordially invited to attend a reception with the US Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. on Monday November 14, 2011 at 6:45 PM, at Smith Commons Restaurant, 1245 H Street, NE. Interested participants are asked to RSVP to Douglas Klein by Monday, November 7, 2011 to [douglas.klein@usdoj.gov](mailto:douglas.klein@usdoj.gov) or call him on (202) 569-9640.

### DATA BOX

**Homicides** as of 11/4/11

2011: 95

2010: 111

% Change: -14.4%

Closure Rate: 93.6% (89 closures)

**Firearm Recoveries** as of 10/31/11

October: 164

2011 Total: 1,615

**Traffic Fatalities** as of 11/4/11

2011: 31

2010: 20

% Change: 55.0%

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