

# 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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## ONE CITY SUMMIT SET FOR FEBRUARY 11

DC residents are invited to join Mayor Vincent Gray and 1,000 other community members on Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 9:30 am to 4 pm at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center for the "One City Summit" — a frank and open conversation about what needs to be done to create Washington, DC as One City.

At the event, you will have the opportunity to let your voice be heard by:

- » Voting on specific priorities for action in the coming year
- » Brainstorming new ideas about how the DC Government can work more effectively with its citizens
- » Identifying ways you can be more involved in future efforts to create a more unified city that works for everyone
- » Learning about current efforts to grow our economy, improve our schools, create more jobs, and other initiatives underway to move our city forward
- » Discussing some of the biggest challenges that prevent our city from becoming truly One City
- » Sharing your views in small group discussions and listening to neighbors from every part of the District



» Residents are encouraged to register for the summit today by using the online form or calling (202) 709-5132. Don't miss out on the opportunity to let your voice be heard. For more information, visit:  
<http://www.onecitysummit.dc.gov>

Along with other top city officials, Gray will be present all day to listen to your concerns and hear your ideas. A free lunch will be served to everyone who attends!

Have you ever wondered what "One City" really is? One City is not just a logo or a slogan. It is the recognition that all District residents, no matter their differences, are bound together by a common destiny and a shared desire to make the city even better for the people who live here. Regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ward or neighborhood, we all want a vibrant, sustainable city, where all residents have an opportunity to provide for themselves and their families, where every neighborhood is safe, where every student goes to a good school, where every tax dollar is spent wisely on a government that works, and where citizens' voices really count.

In order to create such a city, we need your help. The One City Summit will offer residents from all parts of the District the chance to talk together, learn from each other, and help find solutions to the challenges we face. It will help Washington, DC become a more livable, vibrant and inclusive city - for everyone. Join Mayor Gray and your fellow District residents at this informative, interactive, high tech meeting to help identify priorities for the future.

## MPD OFFERS ROBBERY AND ASSAULT PREVENTION TIPS

Over the past few weeks, several robberies have been reported, many of which took place in the late night or early morning hours. The MPD wants to remind everyone to take appropriate precautions, particularly if you plan on being out late at night.

Robbery and assault are serious crimes. While money is often the motivation, these incidents are considered crimes of violence because they involve the threat or actual use of physical violence. The basic rules of prevention are to be sensible and to be alert. The following tips will also help reduce the risk of robbery or assault.

Wherever you are—on the street, in an office building or shopping mall, driving, waiting for a bus or subway—stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings. Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going. Remember to always trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.

### Personal Safety Tips on the Street

- » If possible, don't walk alone during late-night hours.
- » Let a family member or friend know your destination and your estimated time of arrival or return.
- » Stay in well-lit areas as much as possible. Avoid alleys, vacant lots, wooded areas, and other short-cuts or secluded areas.
- » Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible, avoiding doorways, bushes, and other potential hiding places.
- » Walk confidently, directly, and at a steady pace. Don't stop to talk to strangers.
- » Always be aware of your surroundings. If you are wearing headphones, don't turn up the volume so high that you cannot hear outside noises.
- » Avoid carrying large sums of cash, or displaying expensive jewelry in public.

### If Someone Tries to Rob You

- » Don't resist. Give up your property—don't give up your life.
- » Report the crime to the police. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims.
- » Remember: Self defense measures are most effective when applied as preventive steps—avoiding the crime in the first place. These measures include running away, hiding, screaming, and raising an alarm.
- » When using an ATM, be aware of your surroundings, visit a well-lit machine, and put your money away before you leave.

- » For additional robbery and assault prevention tips, as well as other brochures on reducing your risk of becoming a victim of a crime while you're out and about, visit the MPD's website at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/streetsmarts>
- » Download a print-ready copy of the MPD's Nightlife Safety brochure, as well as numerous other safety publications at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/safety>

### NEWS & NOTES

#### Also Noteworthy

**Street Closures for the MLK, Jr., Day Parade.** Street closures are expected to begin around 9:30 am on Monday, January 16. The parade will begin at 645 Milwaukee Place, SE and end at 4201 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue, SW. Additionally, drivers should expect heavy traffic around the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial near the Tidal Basin. Details on street closures will be available online at [www.mpdcc.gov](http://www.mpdcc.gov).

**DMV Offers Ticket Amnesty Through 1/27.** All open parking, moving violation and photo-enforcement tickets issued prior to January 1, 2010 qualify for amnesty. During the amnesty period, all late penalties on eligible tickets are waived. To pay, call (866)-893-5023 or visit the online ticket payment page at: [https://wmq.etimspayments.com/pbw/include/dc\\_parking/info.jsp](https://wmq.etimspayments.com/pbw/include/dc_parking/info.jsp)

**DC Public Library Offering Fine Forgiveness through 2/5.** Do you have an overdue library book, CD or DVD? Check it in before February 5 and DC Public Library

(DCPL) will forgive your fines. That's right! No fines, no fees, and no questions asked. The DCPL will forgive lost books as well. Regardless of how long you've had it and the condition it's in, check it in and discover the joy of using DC Public Library again. For more information visit [www.dclibrary.org/node/29020](http://www.dclibrary.org/node/29020).

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

### DATA BOX

<b>Homicides</b>	as of 1/13/12
2012: 4	
2011: 5	
% Change: -20.0%	
Closure Rate: 25% (1 closure)	
<b>Firearm Recoveries</b>	as of 1/10/12
January: 53	
2012 Total: 53	
<b>Traffic Fatalities</b>	as of 1/13/12
2012: 1	
2011: 0	
% Change: +100.0%	

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