

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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MPD STRESSES SAFETY, OFFERS ACTIVITIES AT DISTRICT STATIONS THIS HALLOWEEN

To help ensure that youngsters across DC have a safe and fun place to celebrate Halloween, many of the MPD police districts are holding special events to celebrate the spooky holiday. Festivities include parties, haunted houses and Halloween celebrations at each of the seven police stations. All of the events are free and designed to provide an opportunity for Halloween fun for young people and parents who might want an alternative to trick-or-treating in the community.

For those who will be out and about on Halloween, the MPD offers a number of common-sense safety tips to help keep young ghosts and goblins safe. For example, in selecting costumes, bright, reflective and flame-retardant materials are a must, as are comfortable, well-fitting shoes. Instead of masks, which can restrict vision, youngsters are encouraged to get creative with face paints. To promote their safety while walking, trick-or-treaters are reminded to stay on the sidewalk and to cross only at the corner (never between cars). Motorists need to slow down and be on the lookout for children. Homeowners are encouraged to turn on exterior lights and clean up any debris near their property that children could trip on. And, of course, youngsters should never go into peoples' homes, talk to or accept rides from strangers, or eat any goodies before adults have a chance to inspect them.



- » For a list of Halloween safety tips as well as details on the MPD-sponsored Halloween parties, go to: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/halloween2012>
- » Through SoberRide, adults who have done a little too much Halloween celebrating can get free cab rides home from 10 pm on Wednesday, October 31 through 6 am on Thursday, November 1. Please call 1-800-200-TAXI or #TAXI on your AT&T wireless telephone. For further details, visit: <http://www.wrap.org/soberride/>

MAYOR GRAY, MPD AWARD MEDALS TO HEROES IN FRC SHOOTING

On Monday, October 22, 2012, Mayor Vincent C. Gray presented Leonardo "Leo" Johnson with the first-ever Mayor's Medal of Honor in recognition of Johnson's heroism on August 15, 2012. On that day, Johnson, the Operations Manager at the Family Research Council (FRC), despite being shot, disarmed an assailant and protected others at FRC, possibly preventing further bloodshed.

"Leo Johnson put his life on the line to wrestle a firearm away from an assailant and prevented what could have been a very tragic situation," said Mayor Gray. "He is a hero and it is my privilege to recognize his bravery by awarding him with the Medal of Honor."

Two Metropolitan Police Department officers also were recognized by the Mayor and Police Chief Cathy Lanier for their actions during the FRC incident. Commendations for Acting Sergeant Timothy Holmes and Officer Walter Gilmore highlighted the outstanding judgment and professionalism they displayed in responding to the incident, calling upon their training to accurately analyze the situation and take appropriate action.

The suspect in the case, Floyd Lee Corkins II of Herndon, VA, has been charged with the federal offense of interstate transportation of a firearms and ammunition, along with the District of Columbia offenses of assault with intent to kill while armed, and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence.

- » Read the complete news release online at: <http://mayor.dc.gov/newsroom>



STREET CLOSURES PLANNED FOR AIDS WALK, MARINE CORPS MARATHON, AND GEORGETOWN HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

On Saturday, October 27, 2012, streets will be closed beginning at 8 am for the AIDS Walk and are expected to reopen by 11 am. Walkers will gather at Freedom Plaza, at 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The event route will cover streets around the National Mall.

The Marine Corps Marathon, on Sunday, October 28, 2012, begins at 8 am in Arlington, Virginia, and then crosses the Potomac River into the District of Columbia. Streets along the race route will be closed beginning at 6:50 am and are expected to reopen by 1:30 pm. Police will reopen the roadways as soon as possible, provided doing so does not interfere with the race. Individuals participating in the event or supporting runners are strongly encouraged to take public transportation. Metrorail will begin service at 5 am on Sunday, October 28, 2012.

From 4 pm on Wednesday, October 31 through 6 am on Thursday, November 1, street closures and parking restrictions will be in effect in the Georgetown neighborhood to accommodate the heavy pedestrian traffic expected for Halloween. Only residents, visitors, and employees of businesses within these areas will be granted access to certain streets. Additional streets may be closed and/or opened at the direction of the Second District Commander or his designee. Citizens must present proof of work or residence to gain access to these streets. Individuals wishing to attend events in the Georgetown area are encouraged to use public transportation.

Due to the extremely heavy pedestrian crowds associated with these events, motorists are encouraged to exercise extreme caution when traveling in these areas.

» Learn more about the AIDS Walk and get route details at:
<http://www.aidswalkwashington.org/>

» For more information on the Marine Corps Marathon, including a course map and additional information regarding street closures in Arlington County, visit the official website at:
<http://www.marinemarathon.com>

WEEKLY RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING ENDS OCTOBER 31

Weekly, residential mechanical street cleaning ends for the season on Wednesday, October 31. "No parking/street cleaning" restrictions will be lifted and motorists may park along posted, alternate-side, daytime street sweeping routes without being required to move their cars on street-cleaning days. Residential street sweeping is suspended for public safety concerns during the winter. Trucks used to clean the streets are designed to release a fine spray of water to control the dust as they sweep. When the temperature drops to freezing or below, sweeping is discontinued to prevent freezing and accidents to vehicles and pedestrians. Overnight sweeping scheduled for the District's major roadways, which include Pennsylvania, Georgia, Constitution, and Independence avenues, will take place as usual all winter, as the weather permits. Motorists are urged not to park in these areas during the posted overnight sweeping hours. Residents and business owners will be notified when street sweeping resumes again in the spring of 2013.

» Read the complete news release on the Department of Public Works website at:
<http://dpw.dc.gov/> (search: "street sweeping")

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

Tell Us How We're Doing. MPD is now part of Grade DC. We invite you to share your thoughts on our service — positive or negative — through MPD's email groups, our social

media, or by visiting the Grade DC website. Get more information at <http://grade.dc.gov>.
Join the MPD Reserve Corps. The MPD Reserve Corps, a volunteer policing program is seeking new members. Applications are now being accepted at <http://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>.

Report Crimes Against Children through the CyberTipline. The 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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