

WHAT'S *New*

IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



Friday, May 2, 2014

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK TO BRING THOUSANDS TO DC TO HONOR OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as "National Police Week." Every year since, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on DC each May to participate in a variety of events to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in the line of duty. The 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Tuesday, May 13, 2013. Sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), at the Memorial grounds, located at Judiciary Square, on the 400 block of E Street, NW, Washington, DC. Other Police Week events include bicycle and motorcycle rides, wreath-laying ceremonies, the 20th annual Blue Mass (May 6 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 10th and G Streets, NW), seminars by Concerns of Police Survivors, a Pipeband March and Service, and the Police Unity Bicycle Tour.

Locally, the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary sponsors the 35th Annual Memorial Service for law enforcement officers from the region killed in the line of duty. The ceremony will take place at 11 am on Friday, May 9, 2014, at the memorial fountain outside MPD Headquarters at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW. This year, the service will honor four members of the community, as well as one canine, who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2013.

- » National Police Week info and a schedule of events are at: <http://www.policeweek.org>
- » To learn more about the Blue Mass and to see photos from past years, see: <http://www.saintpatrickdc.org/bluemass.shtml>
- » MPD maintains an online memorial to officers killed in the line of duty. Submit remembrances at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/heroes>

PLEASE JOIN US: 35th Annual Washington Area Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service Friday, May 9

Please join the Metropolitan Police Department, DC FOP Auxiliary, and the DC Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors to help honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 11:00 AM at the Washington Area Police Memorial Fountain, in front of MPD Headquarters, located at 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, in Washington, DC.

Honoring

 Sang T. Jun Special Agent Police Reserve Investigative Services	 Jason Schneider Officer at Large Investigative Services Police Reserve	 William Lusk Special Agent Police Reserve Investigative Services	 Stephen Shaw Special Agent Police Reserve Investigative Services	 K-9 "Momo" Police Canine Investigative Services Police Reserve
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Light refreshments will be offered following the service at DC Lodge #1, just two blocks north at 711 4th Street, NW.

To learn about other National Police Week events, please see www.policeweek.org

PREPARE FOR YOUR SUMMER BICYCLE RIDES BY GETTING THE APPROPRIATE SAFETY GEAR AND REGISTERING YOUR BIKE

According to the National Safe Kids Campaign, motor vehicle collisions account for nearly 90 percent of all bicycle-related deaths. A collision with a motor vehicle increases the risk of death, severity of injury, and probability of head injury. Help protect your child against such accidents by making sure that he/she wears a helmet at all times while cycling. The District of Columbia has bicycle helmet laws to protect cyclists under the age of 16, who enjoy the many streets and trails in and around the Nation's Capital. Helmet laws are enforced for minors and encouraged for all adult cyclists, so please make sure you and your child wear a helmet at all times when riding a bike. In addition to mandating that riders under age 16 wear a helmet while riding a bicycle, the law also requires that children under the age of 16 wear a helmet when riding a scooter, skateboard, sled, coaster, toy vehicle, or any similar device.

Bicycle registration is no longer required in the District of Columbia. However, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) strongly encourage residents to register their bicycles with the National Bicycle Registry (NBR). NBR is a service that allows you to register your bicycle by serial number in a national database. If your bike is ever stolen, it can be identified and you can prove ownership. Law enforcement anywhere can access this database.

- » Remember to bike responsibly and pay attention to drivers and pedestrians who also may be out on the road or crossing the street. Check out the MPD's "Share the Road" safety tips for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/sharetheroad>
- » Read the MPD's frequently asked questions on registering your bike in the District of Columbia at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/bikereg>
- » Get details on the bike helmet law in DC at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/bikesafety>

DDOT TO PRESENT "THE ABC'S OF FAMILY BIKING" ON 5/2

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is delighted to announce the return of "The ABC's of Family Biking." This free event celebrates the joy of biking with children and introduces local parents to the tools, skills and equipment that can help them start biking with their kids. Join DDOT Saturday, May 3, 2014, from 11 am – 2 pm at the Capitol Hill Montessori School at Logan, 215 G Street, NE. The event will feature:

- A Show & Tell to talk to area parents who bike with children of all ages
- Bicycles and equipment available at local bike shops to help parents bike safely with their children
- Free Youth Bike course with WABA instructors to teach basic riding skills to children.
- Parents & Kids Riding class to help parents bike alongside their kids, either alone or in a "bike train" group. This is a perfect opportunity for families to practice their bicycling skills in advance of National Bike to School Day which will be May 7, 2014.
- Balance bike races for our youngest riders
- A cargo bike obstacle course where interested parents can test demonstration bikes and experienced family cyclists can pit their skills against one another
- The opportunity for parents to "Swap or Sell" their gently used family biking equipment
- Free bike repair clinics from The Bike House

» For more details, registration information, and full event schedule, visit:

<http://kidicalmassdc.blogspot.com/p/abcs-of-family-biking.html>



STOLEN BICYCLE OR CELL PHONE?

CHECK OUT ONLINE PHOTOS OF PROPERTY RECOVERED BY MPD

Every year, the Metropolitan Police Department recovers hundreds of stolen and abandoned bicycles, and hundreds of lost and found electronic devices. This property is inventoried by the MPD's Evidence Control Branch. Property not claimed within 90 days of recovery is considered abandoned. The MPD will advertise this property as abandoned and may dispose of any property not claimed within the designated timeframe. Recovered property not claimed may be auctioned through www.govdeals.com or donated. Before any recovered bicycles are auctioned or donated, images will be posted online.

Any person or entity having a right of claim to any item of property pictured online must appear in person to the Evidence Control Branch. To claim property pictured via one of the links above, individuals must provide the MPD's Evidence Control Branch with the following information:

- Government Identification
- Bar code included with the bicycle image
- Proof of ownership of property OR documentation that a police report was filed (CCN)

» Photos are uploaded to Flickr accounts on a regular basis. For links to these sites, go to:

<http://mpdc.dc.gov/recover>

» All recovered property is managed by the Evidence Control Branch. Members of the ECB may be contacted at:

17 DC Village Lane, SW
Washington, DC 20032
(202) 727-3230



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://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>.

Preventing terrorism is everybody's business. If you SEE something, SAY something. Call the MPD at (202) 727-9099

to report suspicious activity that has already occurred. Call 911 to report in-progress threats or emergencies. Learn how you can help fight terrorism at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/operationTIPP>.

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