

# 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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## DC PREPARES FOR PAPAL VISIT, SEPTEMBER 22-24

Pope Francis will be visiting the District of Columbia September 22-24, 2015, and most people who live, work or regularly visit the city know that security measures, including street closures and parking restrictions will make getting around – especially by car – fairly difficult on those days. Anyone



## 2015 Papal Visit to WASHINGTON, DC September 22-24, 2015

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

who plans to attend an event related to the Pope's Visit is encouraged to utilize public transportation. The Office of Personnel Management is encouraging federal employees to telework during the Pope's Visit.

The Pope will be busy during his visit, making stops at the Vatican Embassy (September 22); the White House, the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, the Basilica, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church (September 23); and the US Capitol (September 24).

On the morning of Wednesday, September 23, after leaving the White House, Pope Francis will travel along 15th Street, Constitution Avenue and 17th Street, NW in the Popemobile. This parade is the only non-ticketed event for people wishing to see the Pope. The parade will begin around 11 am and is free and open to the public on a first-come first-serve basis. However, spectators will need to pass through security, with gates opening for the Ellipse and the National Mall at 4 am on September 23 and closing at 10 am. No one will be admitted into the area after that point in time. Once inside the perimeter, attendees will not be allowed to leave and re-enter until the Holy Father's Popemobile parade is complete.

All attendees, including the general public and ticketed guests, will be subject to a thorough security screening before entering the Papal motorcade route or designated Papal events. Please be advised that all Washington D.C. Papal sites, with the exception of the parade, are ticketed events. No other individuals will be allowed access. Please allow additional time for these security screenings. A complete list of items prohibited from entry into any Papal events in Washington DC available via the links below. Please note that drones and other unmanned aircraft systems are included in the list of prohibited items.

- » Read the joint news release issued by the US Secret Service, which provides security restrictions and the joint transportation plan at: <http://www.secretservice.gov/data/press/releases/GPA11-15-Papal-Visit-DC.pdf>
- » Get detailed information on the Papal Visit from the DC Government, including the Pope's daily schedule, a list of prohibited items, and road closures at: <http://pope.dc.gov>
- » AlertDC will provide alerts directly to your mobile device. Sign up for AlertDC at: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/1332612387832012#/signup>
- » Download the All-in-One Papal Closures Map for comprehensive information about all three days of Pope Francis' visit: <http://pope.dc.gov/node/1112237>

## MPD TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE ON SEPTEMBER 26

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, September 26, 2015, from 10 am to 2 pm. The Metropolitan Police Department is providing the public with a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. We urge the

- » Learn More about the Prescription Drug Take Back, and find a location where you can bring your drugs at: [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/)

community to take advantage of this opportunity to discard unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

Drop Off Location	Address
First District	101 M St., SW Washington, DC 20024
1D Substation	500 E St., SE Washington, DC 20003
Second District	3320 Idaho Ave., NW Washington, DC 20016
Third District	1620 V St., NW Washington, DC 20009
Fourth District	6001 Georgia Ave., NW Washington, DC 20011
Fourth District Substation	750 Park Rd., NW Washington, DC 20010
Fifth District	1805 Bladensburg Rd., NE Washington, DC 20002
Sixth District	100 42nd St., NE Washington, DC 20019
Seventh District	2455 Alabama Ave., SE Washington, DC 20020

“Prescription drug abuse is a huge problem and this is a great opportunity for folks around the country to help reduce the threat,” Rosenberg said. “Please clean out your medicine cabinet and make your home safe from drug theft and abuse.”

In the previous nine Take-Back events nationwide from 2010-2014, 4,823,251 pounds, or 2,411 tons of drugs were collected.



**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>.

**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>.

**Information, ideas, or comments about this service?**

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