

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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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. NBR also guarantees your registration. If your bike is stolen and not recovered by police within 6 months, NBR will register your next bike for free and the stolen bike information will remain in the database until the bike is recovered no matter how long it takes.

- » 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>

MPD TO JOIN DPW AND OTHER AGENCIES AT ANNUAL TRUCK TOUCH ON 6/4

Mark your calendars! DC's summer kick off and citywide "Truck Touch" is this Saturday, June 4, 2016, from 9 am to 2 pm at RFK Stadium, Lot 7. The event will feature a variety of free activities for kids and adults. This is the city's ninth Truck Touch, which is coordinated annually by the DC Department of Public Works. Its popularity throughout the Washington metropolitan area over the



- » Get more information at: <http://dpw.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-hold-summer-kick-city%E2%80%99s-annual-%E2%80%9Ctruck-touch%E2%80%9D-sat-june-4-rfk-lot-7>

years has led visitor attendance to grow from several hundred to several thousand. A host of DC government agencies will present and demonstrate nearly 30 vehicles used to clean and repair streets, change traffic lights, collect refuse, clear snow, provide emergency services, administer mobile health care, and more. Free boxed lunches will be provided to kids age 18 and under.

The District's Citywide Truck Touch features vehicles from the District departments of Public Works, Transportation, Health, Employment Services, Parks and Recreation, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, the Metropolitan Police Department, and the DC Water and Sewer Authority. Other agencies will also be available to provide direct services and disseminate information about other DC government agencies. Free, boxed lunch will also be offered to children and teens by the Office of the State Superintendent for Education to heighten awareness of the DC Free Summer Meals Program, funded by the US Department of Agriculture.

Come experience the high-tech equipment & vehicles used to provide vital city services. Learn how they operate to serve you better. Kids can **Climb Aboard, Work the Gears, Honk the Horns!**

Free & Fun for the Family
Kids & Teens Eat Free

The District of Columbia Government
Invites You to The 2016

TRUCK TOUCH

Saturday, June 4
9:00am-2:00pm

RFK Stadium Lot 7
Located off
Oklahoma Ave, NE

For more info, contact
Department of Public
Works, (202) 673-6833

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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

DISTRICT OPENS POOLS, OFFERS MORE WAYS TO BEAT SUMMER BOREDOM

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) opened its 18 outdoor swimming pools, 24 spray parks, and one children's pools for the 2016 summer season on Saturday, May 28. Weekend hours from 12 pm until 6 pm will continue through June 12; pools will be open on weekdays starting Saturday, June 18. District residents (must show accepted proof of residency) swim free of charge at all DPR pools, non-District residents must pay a fee.

With large outdoor pools, indoor pools, and even walk-to-learn pools for young children, the summer heat is no excuse for not joining in the fun. But remember to exercise caution when cooling off. Parents should ensure that young children are equipped with the proper flotation devices and basic understanding of water safety. All children should be supervised when swimming. Adults should avoid drinking alcohol before a visit to the pool. Most pools will be open to the public seven days a week.

- » For the locations of all of the District's indoor and outdoor swimming facilities, see: <http://dpr.dc.gov/page/aquatic-facilities>
- » Get more information about DC summer programs at the Department of Parks and Recreation at: <http://dpr.dc.gov>

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 CyberTipline is a Congressionally-mandated means for reporting crimes against children. 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>.

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/>

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Support the Washington DC Police Foundation. The Washington DC Police Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization that brings together the business, civic, and other professional communities to promote public safety by providing financial and in-kind resources to the MPD, expanding public safety awareness, and advancing public safety policy and initiatives. Learn more about the extraordinary support the Washington DC Police Foundation provides to the MPD. Learn more about the Foundation at <http://www.dcpolicefoundation.org>.

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