

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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OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Domestic Violence Awareness Month was in 1981 following a "Day of Unity" event hosted by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Domestic Violence Awareness Month is now recognized nationwide and has been instrumental in highlighting the dangers of domestic violence. Through grassroots outreach efforts, media events, and client advocacy the domestic violence movement is able to use the testimony of victims to educate the public. Throughout the month, coalitions and agencies host programs and events within the community to inform people about domestic violence. Stakeholders use that time to explain what domestic violence is, who it affects, and available resources.



One of the major obstacles for victims of domestic violence is lack of funding for the victims. Inadequate funds leave victims to fend for themselves as they try to access safe housing, transportation, and counseling. The Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVCP) assists victims of violent crime with the financial burdens brought by tragic occurrences through reimbursement or direct payment to providers for necessary services. Some of those services include payment for medical treatments, medications, mental health counseling, funeral and burial cost, lost wages, crime scene clean up, temporary emergency shelter, and moving expenses.

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is working to increase community consciousness about the problem of domestic violence. In recognition of domestic violence awareness month, MPD has produced several brochures to educate the public about different aspects of domestic violence. These pamphlets include information on elder abuse, domestic violence in the workplace, domestic abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender relationships, domestic abuse during pregnancy, domestic violence amongst teens, violence targeted at male victims, and the harmful effects of domestic violence witnessed by children. Additionally, there are informational brochures on steps that can be taken to escape domestic violence situations, such as the procedure for obtaining a civil protection order and the process for creating a safety plan.

- » For information on Victim Services Branch activities during Domestic Violence Awareness Month contact Tyria Fields, Program Manager of the Victim Services Branch, at (202) 724-4339.
- » For more information about the Crime Victims Compensation Program, visit:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/victimassistance>
- » A list of organizations and telephone numbers to contact for help and support is provided in the domestic violence resources section, at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/domesticviolence>
- » Printable PDFs of all the MPD's Domestic Violence brochures are available online at:
http://mpdc.dc.gov/dv_brochures
- » The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence provides a number of resources for victims of domestic violence and suggestions on how to raise awareness. Get details online at:
<http://www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth.php>
- » The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides 24-hour assistance for shelter, counseling programs and resources across the country and can be reached at:
[1-800-799-SAFE](tel:1-800-799-SAFE)

SEVERAL STREET CLOSURES PLANNED FOR THIS WEEKEND

Several events planned for this weekend will require street closures and parking restrictions. Motorists traveling in the area of any of these events may experience delays and should consider alternative routes, if possible. The Metropolitan Police Department and the District Department of Transportation would like to remind motorists to pay full attention whenever operating any motor vehicle and to be mindful of heavy pedestrian traffic that may be associated with special events. These street closings are subject to change without notice based upon unanticipated events and prevailing conditions.

On Saturday, October 1, 2016, the **Taste of Georgetown** will take place from 11 am to 5 pm. The following streets will be closed from 12 am to 9 pm: K Street between Wisconsin Avenue and Thomas Jefferson Street, NW; 31st Street between South Street and K Street, NW; and the alley between 31st Street and Thomas Jefferson Street, NW (alley just north of K Street). For more information on this event go to: <http://www.tasteofgeorgetown.com/>.

The **Race for Every Child** that will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The event kick-off will be in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, which may be closed from 2 am – 5 pm. The race route will run along Pennsylvania Avenue, from 12th to 3rd Street, NW; south on 3rd to D Street, SW; along a few streets in Southwest, before heading back up 3rd Street to Pennsylvania, and returning to 12th Street, along Pennsylvania Avenue. The race route will be closed from approximately 8:30 am to 11 am.

On Sunday, October 2, 2015, the **Navy Mile** will take place, with related street closures lasting from 6 am – 12 noon. The event starts at 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW will include the following streets:

- Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, from 10th Street, NW to 3rd Street, NW.
- 9th Street, from D Street, NW, to Constitution Avenue, NW.
- 7th Street, from D Street, NW, to Constitution Avenue, NW.
- 6th Street, from C Street, NW, to Constitution Avenue, NW.
- 4th Street, from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, to Madison Drive, NW.
- Constitution Avenue, NW, from 7th Street, NW to 3rd Street, NW.

All street closures and listed times are subject to change based upon prevailing or unexpected conditions. Motorists could encounter possible delays if operating in the vicinity of this event and may wish to consider alternative routes.

» For complete details on upcoming street closures and all other news from the Metropolitan Police Department, go to:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/newsroom>

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>.

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