

ANC 5E06 FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER

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VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

Have any voting questions, comments or concerns? Contact DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) at 202.727.2525 or dcboe.org

Registration Status: dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Check-Voter-Registration-Status

Absentee Voting: Call: 202.741.5283 Info: tinyurl.com/absentvote

Track Your Ballot: dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Track-Absentee-Ballot

Locations: Residents can drop their mail-in-ballots in ANY ballot drop box until Nov 2nd, 8:00 PM.

Location	Address	Ballot Drop Box	Early Voting Center	Election Day Vote Center
Dunbar High School	101 N St, NW	☑		
Mckinley Technology High School	151 T St. NE	☑	☑	☑
Northwest One Neighborhood Library	155 L Street, NW	☑		
Shaw (Watha T. Daniel) Library	1630 7th Street NW	☑		
SUPER VOTE CENTER: Dock 5 @ Union Market	1309 5th Street, NE	☑	☑	☑
Turkey Thicket Recreation Center	1100 Michigan Avenue, NE	☑	☑	☑
Walker-Jones Education Campus	1125 New Jersey Ave. NW	☑	☑	☑

Info: dcboe.org/Voters/How-to-Vote/Voter-Assistance, dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Mail-Ballot-Drop-Sites, dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Election-Day-Vote-Centers,

#PROTECTVOTERS50PLUS: Voting insights for all, but especially seniors Call: 1.888.OUR.AARP (1.888.687.2277)

Info: [#protectvoters50plus](https://protectvoters50plus.org), aarp.org/DCVotes, @Vote4DC, @AARPCDC

FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

DC CORONAVIRUS EXTENSION: The Mayor extended the public health emergency until December 31, 2020.

Call: 311 Info: coronavirus.dc.gov/page/stay-home

#MASKUP DC: DC encourages everyone older than 2 years old to wear a mask when they leave home, and to social distance when around small groups of family and friends that are not part of their households. Call: 311

DC's public elementary schools start back on Monday, November 9th

Have any questions, comments or concerns? Contact DC Public Schools (DCPS) at 202.442.5885 or dcpsreopenstrong.com

BACK TO SCHOOL:

Safety: To address safety concerns, updated health protocols will be in place including: personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and staff e.g. masks and face shields; deep cleaning supplies and procedures; socially-distanced spacing arrangements; and upgraded HVAC filters.

Student Support: DCPS has school-based, student-support teams to ensure that learners receive appropriate help during these unusual circumstances. Staff will coordinate services related to academics, attendance, school culture, health and wellness. Teams include teachers, parents, nurses, social workers, and administrators. Call: 202.442.5885

Info: dcps.dc.gov/page/student-support-teams

Food—Following updated federal policy, any DC youths can receive meals from any DCPS or Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) meal site. Young people, parents or guardians can collect up to three breakfasts and three lunches per visit. Call: 311 Info: coronavirus.dc.gov/food

Child Care Provider Relief Fund: As part of DC's coronavirus recovery efforts, this fund will supply \$5 million in emergency-relief, operational money to local, licensed, child care facilities.

In-Person Seating: DCPS is contacting families about seats for in-person learning. To accept, participants should confirm their seat within two days of notification. Call: 202.442.5885 Info: tinyurl.com/childinpersonseating, dcps.dc.gov

WELL-CHILD VISIT: It is more important than ever to keep up with vaccinations. Find out what to do, why, how and where, including free visits. Call: 202.442.5955 Info: tinyurl.com/CDCwellchildinfo, dchealth.dc.gov/immunizations

HALLOWEEN, DIA DE LOS MUERTOS SAFETY: The Mayor's Office released guidelines to help keep revelers safe this Fall. Call: 311 Info: tinyurl.com/halloweendia

WARD 5 COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. MCDUFFIE

RACISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH: Councilmember McDuffie introduced measures to create a reparations task force and declare racism a public health crisis. Call: 202.288.0741 Email: jmcnair@dccouncil.us Info: tinyurl.com/yxhw56xc

ABOUT THE REACH ACT: Councilmember McDuffie has been working to advance racial equity as a policy in the District of Columbia in a meaningful way for years. The Racial Equity Achieves Results Act (REACH) of 2020 helps by:

- Establishes the Office of Racial Equity, led by the District's new Chief Equity Officer:
- Creates a new Racial Equity Impact Assessment for Council legislation
- Trains all DC government employees on racial equity
- Creates a Racial Equity Tool to ensure the District government is accountable
- Establishes a Commission to advance racial equity into the future

Info: KenyanMcDuffieWard5.com/Equity

EMERGENCY JUSTICE AND POLICE REFORM LEGISLATION: DC Council unanimously passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2020. It includes use of force reforms drafted by Councilmember McDuffie. The goal is to reduce and effectively abolish unlawful use of force. Info: tinyurl.com/y3pdjfl8

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

FALL LEAF COLLECTION CHANGES: Vacuum leaf collection will occur twice per neighborhood from Monday, November 9th, 2020 to January 30th, 2021. Contrary to the Mayor's September announcement, paper bags are not needed. Instead, rake leaves to the curb or front tree box. Park vehicles away from curb lanes on collection days. Call: 311, 202.737.4404 Info: dpw.dc.gov/service/leaf-collection, 311.dc.gov or download the MyDPW app on Apple or Android.

RODENT PREVENTION: The Mayor's Clean City Rodent Prevention program has updated rules regarding trash, to help keep DC clean, safe, and healthy. Call: 202.442.8150 Info: tinyurl.com/mayorsrodentprevention, cleancity.dc.gov

TRASH CONTAINER REPAIR AND PURCHASE: DC residents who are within their first 90 days of moving in and did not have containers when they moved-in or have containers that are damaged beyond repair can apply for trash container repair or replacement. Ineligible residents may purchase containers. Call: 311, 202.737.4404 Email: swma.infor@dc.gov with a copy of your deed or settlement letter. Info: tinyurl.com/trashrepair

COMMUNITY RESTROOM PILOT PROGRAM: DC Council's Public Restroom Facilities Installation and Promotion Act of 2018 aims to install public restroom facilities in underserved areas, and provide financial incentives to selected Business Improvement Districts that open their restrooms to the public. Commissioner Lewis needs feedback from residents on possible locations. Call: 410.705.4070 Commissioner Lewis by November 20th Info: tinyurl.com/restroomincentive

HEALTH

DC COVID ALERT APP: DC CAN is a smartphone app to help users reduce their risk of exposure to COVID-19 and help with contact tracing efforts. It uses Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology. Call: 311 Info: coronavirus.dc.gov/dccan

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE (DHCF) MEDICAID REFORM: Effective October 1st, many Medicaid recipients received new health plans. Benefits will stay the same, although some may receive more services. There are no changes to eligibility. Coverage and care will not be interrupted. Learn more about DHCF's three new contract awardees. Call: 202.442.5988, For providers: 1.877.685.6391 Info: dhcf.dc.gov and dhcf.dc.gov/page/medicaid-reform

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Help struggling blood banks maintain inventory. Protective measure will be in place at the venue. Register in advance to donate. When: November 16th, 17th and 19th from 12:00–5:30 PM Where: Beverly Snow (2nd Floor), Eaton DC, 1201 K St, NW Call: 1.800.RED.CROSS (800.733.2767), Eaton Workshop 202.900.8414 Info: Register at tinyurl.com/donatebloodregister, eatonworkshop.com/zh-hans/culture/event

COVID-19 TESTING AND FLU VACCINE: All the locations below offer COVID-19 testing. Flu vaccines sites and dates have an asterisk (*) next to them. Call: 311, 202.727.2643 Info: tinyurl.com/publictestingsites, dchealth.dc.gov/flu

Firehouse Engine Sites

Mon, Wed, and Fri, 3:00–7:00 PM

Tue and Thu, 3:00–7:00 PM*, Sat 12:00–4:00 PM

4 2531 Sherman Ave, NW	24 5101 Georgia Ave, NW	8* 1520 C St, SE	30* 50 49th St, NE
11 3420 14th St, NW	31 4930 Connecticut Ave, NW	10 1342 Florida Ave, NE	33* 101 Atlantic St, SE

Other Sites

Mon–Fri, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Judiciary Square	F St, NW between 4th St, NW and 5th St, NW	walk-up only
UDC-CC Bertie Backus Campus	5171 South Dakota Ave, NE	walk-up and drive-thru

RECREATION CENTERS REOPENING: Recreation centers are hosting fall programming and other limited services. Call: 202.673.7647 Info: dpr.dc.gov, fitnessandlapswim.splashthat.com, dprprograms.com

Fitness centers: Over a dozen are available by reservation including: Banneker, Edgewood, and Turkey Thicket.

Aquatic centers: Six are open for lap swimming by reservation and with limited programming: Barry Farm, Marie Reed, Rumsey, Takoma, Turkey Thicket, and Wilson.

In-person sports, senior fitness, teen programming, etc.: These are available by registration.

COVID HELP

EMERGENCY GROCERIES AND MEAL PROGRAMS: Find updates on DC's emergency and low-cost groceries, and meals for the hungry. Where: Capital Area Food Bank - Hunger Lifeline Call: 202.639.9770 Info: dchunger.org/get-help

GROCERY DISTRIBUTION UPDATE: Community-based providers will begin to take over all grocery distribution on Nov 3rd. Residents will still have access to free groceries at grocery distribution sites. Call: 311 Info: coronavirus.dc.gov/food

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (OAG) - HELP DURING COVID:

Consumers & Tenants	scammed, overcharged, face eviction, rent late fees, utilities shut-offs	Call: 202.442.9828, Email: consumer.protection@dc.gov Info: oag.dc.gov/consumercomplaint
Workers & Businesses	denied paid sick leave, unemployment resources	Call: 202.442.9828, Info: coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery
Seniors & Vulnerable	elder abuse, fraud, exploitation	Call: Protective services 202.541.3950, MPD 202.737.4404, OAG 202.727.3807, Email: elderjustive@dc.gov
Children & Youth	child abuse, neglect	D.C Child and Family Services Agency 202.671.7233

RENTERS AND CONDOMINIUM OWNERS

EMERGENCY RENTER LEGISLATION: DC Council approved emergency legislation on October 20th, to provide additional renter assistance funds. Call: 202.724.8000 Info: coronavirus.dc.gov/rent, tinyurl.com/renterlegislation

EMERGENCY COMMUNITY VIRTUAL MEETING AMENDMENT ACT: This Act will allow Condominium Unit Owners Associations to hold virtual meetings and clarify voting and quorum requirements during the public health emergency. Call: 202.724.8000 Info: tinyurl.com/communityvirtualmeetingact

JOB SEEKERS

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EXTENSION AMENDMENT ACT: B23-0983, DC's Unemployment Compensation Act, to qualify workers for additional seven weeks of unemployment insurance and pandemic unemployment assistance benefits under the extended benefits program. Call: 202.724.8000 Info: lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0983, dccouncil.us/unemploymentbenefits

SENIORS LEARNING & WORKING: A new, age-friendly, DC workforce development initiative helps people who are at least 50 years old who are looking for part-time work. Call: Department of Social Services at 202.645.4614, DC Housing Authority at 202.535.1000, and US Social Security Administration at 202.495.0048 Info: agefriendly.dc.gov

BUSINESS

STREATERY WINTER READY GRANT PROGRAM: On September 21st, Mayor Bowser announced a \$4 million investment in small business through the new Streater Winter Ready Grant program. The Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture is offering \$6,000 to assist with winterizing outdoor dining locations. Deadline: October 31, 2020, but applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the funds are exhausted. Call: 311, Mayor's Office on Nightlife 202.442.8150, ABRA 202.442.4423 Email: nightlife@dc.gov, sarah.fashbaugh@dc.gov Info: abra.dc.gov/page/temporary-programs and coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-business

NEW EXPANDED OUTDOOR SEATING PROGRAM: The DC Council extended this through to Dec 31st, 2021. Advanced registration is required. Call: 202.442.4423 Info: abra.dc.gov/node/1479681

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS (DCRA): Learn who they are and what they do at tinyurl.com/DCRAInfo Call: 202.442-4400 Email: dcr@dc.gov Info: dcr.dc.gov

DCRA BUILDING PERMITS: View DC building permits issued in ANC 5E06 Info: tinyurl.com/DCBuildingPermitFiles

LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATES:

Rafael Grocery Deli, 233 Florida Ave, NW. Application for Renewal of an Alcoholic Beverage License: Petitions of opposition or support should be filed by Dec 7, 2020 Hearing: Dec 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM Where: 2000 14th street, NW, 4th floor Call: Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) 202.442.4423 Info: abra.dc.gov

Glassey, 1625 1st St NW, Unit A, NW. Application for Licences: ANC 5E voted to support the stipulated licences.

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Jan 4, 2021 Hearing: March 31, 2021 at 4:30 PM Where: 2000 14th St, NW, 4th Floor Call: Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) 202.442.4423 Info: abra.dc.gov

INFRASTRUCTURE

HSEMA 9/10 FLOOD SURVEY: People impacted by the 9/10 flood event need help. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) is gathering data to understand the full scope of homes and businesses impacted to help Mayor Bowser decide whether or not to have FEMA respond. Info: To complete survey tinyurl.com/hsemafloosurvey, fema.gov/disasters/how-declared

SOLID WASTE EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (SWEEP): SWEEP's guidance includes:

- Cut back tree limbs so that they do not overhang and obstruct the free use of public space.
- Place trash and recycling out no earlier than 6:30 PM the day before your collection day(s).
- Return your trash and recycling cans to your property by 8 PM on your collection day.
- Keep the public space around your property clean, including sidewalks, alleys, tree boxes, storm drains and gutters.

Call: 202.645.7190 Email: dpw@dc.gov Info: tinyurl.com/SWEEPGuidance, dpw.dc.gov

MOVEDC 2021: The Bowser administration and DDOT are launching the moveDC long-range plan to set the 25-year vision for the District's multimodal transportation system. Residents who drive, walk, bike, or take public transit will be asked for input to help shape the plan. Call: 202.599.7371 Email: moveDC@dc.gov Info: metroquestsurvey.com/x3q8k, wemovedc.org

DC SLOW STREETS: This initiative is to give residents more space to social distance outside, restrict roads to local traffic and place 15 mile per hour speed limits on selected roads. Residents, emergency vehicles, deliveries, and trash collection vehicles will have access. Since 2nd St NW is being used as detour for the North East Boundary Tunnel (NEBT) project, DDOT decided that at this time it would be confusing and conflicting to designate 2nd St NW as a slow street.

Call: 202.673.6813 Email: kelly.jeong-olson1@dc.gov, vision.zero@dc.gov, ddot@dc.gov

Info: tinyurl.com/slowstreetsupdate, ddot.dc.gov/slowstreets, bit.ly/34bcyLY

FIRST STREET TRAFFIC CALMING: DDOT has monitored the First St corridor since Feb 2020, when they installed flex-post curb extensions at the intersections of R St, NW to W St, NW. Due to the NEBT, traffic patterns have changed, which will require additional monitoring and safety measures. Call: Kelly Jeong-Olson, Community Engagement Specialist – Ward 5 202.727.8503 Info: tinyurl.com/1ststreettrafficcalming, tinyurl.com/ddottrafficsafety

EVENTS

DEC 7, 7:00 PM—BATES AREA CIVIC ASSOCIATION: When: Meets on 1st Mondays monthly, except on holidays, when it meets the following Monday **This meeting is cancelled for November 2020.** Where: Online Info: batesareacivicassociation.org/blog, @dcbaca

NOV 15, 10:00 AM—BLOOMINGDALE CLEAN-UP: Join our local neighborhood team. Where: 41 Quincy Pl, NW Call: 410.705.4070 Email: include your block for davidgdo@gmail.com Info: facebook.com/groups/bloomingdalecleanup

NOV 16, 7:00 PM—BLOOMINGDALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION: When: Meets on 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM, except on holidays, when it meets the following Monday. Where: Online (Zoom); advanced registration required. Email: ReachBloomingtonCA@gmail.com Info: bloomingtoncivicassociation.org, @BloomingtonCA Meeting Access: Visit tinyurl.com/Bloomingtoncivicmeeting and click on the Agenda link for the month you want to attend.

NOV 17, 7:00 PM—ANC 5E: When: Meets on 3rd Tuesdays monthly, except in July and August. Info: anc5edc.blogspot.com/p/home.html, anc5edc.blogspot.com and @ANC5E

CRIME AND SAFETY

CAR THEFT: Learn MPD's tips to reduce vehicle theft risk. Learn tips Call: 202.727.9099 Info: tinyurl.com/autothefthelp

- Do keep valuables out of sight, i.e. keys, small electronic devices (smart phones, tablets, GPS, etc.), shopping bags, gifts.
- Do keep car doors and windows locked when parked and driving.
- Don't leave your engine running or vehicle unlocked while you run into your home, a convenience store or anywhere else.
- Don't stop to assist a stranger whose car has broken down. Instead use your cell phone to call police for help.

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Going forward, the print version of this newsletter will be limited to seniors and residents without internet access. Be sure to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter to continue receiving updates about your neighborhood. If you would like to help your community by keeping them informed, consider volunteering for this newsletter. Commissioner Lewis is looking for civic-minded neighbors, local high school and college students, and others who can help with distribution, website and social media updates, and more. Call: 410.705.4070 Info: tinyurl.com/ANC5E06ENewsletter