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Dear Neighbors:

On Tuesday, February 5, the DC Council had another legislative session. Here is a summary of my activity on the dais:

- On the consent agenda, I introduced a recognition resolution for Judge Anita Josey-Herring who received the Charlotte E Ray Award on Tuesday evening at the Greater Washington Area Chapter Women Lawyer Division of the National Bar Association. Judge Josey-Herring, a Ward 4 resident, has been a trail blazer, as was Charlotte E. Ray, enabling more and more African American women to advance their legal careers.
- Accrued Sick & Safe Leave Act of 2007, B17- 0197, I introduced two amendments that helped balance the needs of small business and working families. Both amendments passed with a vote of 11 to 2 on the first reading.
- Fire Hydrant Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance Amendment Act of 2008, B17-0437, which I cosponsored, passed on the first reading.
- I introduced two new bills, the “Rebuttable Presumption to Detain Juvenile Repeat Offenders Act of 2008” to detain repeat juvenile offenders for certain dangerous crimes in which the victim sustained injury and also the “Senior Citizens Housing Modernization Grant Fund Act of 2008” to authorize the Mayor to make grants available for home repairs to qualified senior citizens who live in an area affected by a new planned unit development.

I hope this is helpful information and please visit the DC Council website for more details at: www.dccouncil.us.

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Department of Parks and Recreation has Dog Park Applications

In 2005, DC City Council unanimously passed the “Dog Park Establishment Amendment Act of 2005” requiring DPR to establish rules and regulations for dog parks throughout the city. The dog park regulations were published in October 2007. Application forms are now available from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and can be found at www.dpr.dc.gov or by calling 202-673-7665. As outlined in the dog park rules, residents should contact DPR with their proposed locations prior to submission of an application so ownership of the proposed site can be determined.

Applications to create dog parks can be filed by nonprofit organizations who have received 501(c) (3) designation by the IRS. Prior to the submission of their application, sponsoring organizations will need to solicit the support of their ANC and neighboring residents. Sponsoring organizations will be responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the park. DPR will write a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each sponsoring organization to govern the relationship between the two and the dog park. DPR will review each application with a commission comprised of several DC agencies and community members and will do so within 30 days.

Annual Black History Swim Meet at Takoma Aquatic Center - February 16-17

The Department of Parks and Recreation is proud to once again host the 22nd Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet Be the Water at the Takoma Aquatic Center at 300 Van Buren Street, NW on February 16 -17 from 6 AM to 6 PM. The free event attracts over 800 minority competitors, ages 5 – 18, from swim teams in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Detroit, Cleveland, New York and other major U.S. cities. Many volunteers are needed to make this a success. Volunteers are needed to serve as timers, relief timers, time card timers, clean-up crew, ribbon runners and as greeters and crowd control. To volunteer please contact: David Brooks; (202) 498-2145; david.brooks@dc.gov. The volunteer shifts are: 6:00 am - 10:00 am; 9:30 am - 2:00 pm; 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm.

The Takoma Aquatic Center will be closed for general swim and classes beginning at noon on Friday, February 15; all day Saturday, February 16 and Sunday, February 17 for the swim meet. For more information, please visit DPR's website at <http://dpr.dc.gov> or contact DPR's Aquatic office at (202) 671-0335, Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 5pm.

DOES One-Stop Mobile Van returns to Georgia Avenue – February 11

The Department of Employment Services (DOES) One-Stop Mobile Van returns to the Georgia Avenue/Rock Creek East Family Support Collaborative at 4420 Georgia Avenue, NW (at Allison Street) on February 11 from 10 am to 2 pm. Residents looking for information and resources for their job search are welcome to visit the mobile van on Monday February 11. For more information, please call 202-722-1815 ext 351.

DC Chamber of Commerce Business Resource Center hosts business growth financing seminar – February 20

The DC Chamber of Commerce Business Resource Center is hosting a seminar on how to finance small business growth on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 from 6 to 8 pm at the Shepherd Park Library at 7420 Georgia Avenue, NW. The seminar is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by PNC Bank and Gateway Georgia Avenue Revitalization Corporation. For more information or to RSVP please call Daisy Hicks at 202-545-0220 or email dhicks@dcchamber.org.

Nationals Ball Park Job Fair – February 9

On Saturday February 9 from 10 am to 2 pm there will be a job fair at the King-Greenleaf Recreation center, 201 N Street, SW with more than 1200 jobs available for the new Nationals Ball Park. Part-time and seasonal jobs are available in the following categories: sales, hospitality, food service, event staff, guest services and management. Applicants must be 18 years or old and interviews will be conducted on site so applicants are reminded to dress professionally. For more information please contact DOES at: 202-202-645-5168 or by email: Alan.Morrison@dc.gov.