

In this issue of the Ward 5 Report: Legislative update and pics from last week's Holiday Party

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Neighbors,

Thank you to the hundreds of neighbors who came out last Thursday for the Ward 5 Holiday Party. We had an excellent turn out - despite the cold weather - and everyone enjoyed the wonderful offerings of over 20 of our local restaurants. There are photos from that night contained in this issue of the Ward 5 Report and a listing of all the local businesses that participated; I encourage you to take a look.



I am also in the process of wrapping up the session of the D.C. Council. I am so proud of all we have accomplished for District residents and all we have done to make the laws of the District more just and fair. New Councilmembers will be sworn in on January 2, 2017 and I look forward to getting back to work with my colleagues - new and old. That same day, our Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners will also be sworn in to new two-year terms and I look forward to working alongside our passionate neighborhood advocates.

On behalf of my office, happy holidays. I look forward to working with you and continuing to fight for the residents of Ward 5 in the New Year.

In Service,

Kenyan

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Legislative Update



Councilmember McDuffie continues to champion legislation to help working families, ensure transparency in government, and work for equal justice and opportunity in the District. Here are updates on some of the latest bills:

- Rail Safety and Security Amendment Act - In the wake of the May 1, 2016 train derailment and spill at the railroad tracks that cross Rhode Island Avenue NE, this bill would create a District-level oversight body charged with working with the Federal Railroad Administration to ensure that the trains that travel

through the District are safe. By creating a local oversight body, trains that travel the District will be subject to more inspections and increased safety-related supervision. This bill passed a second vote at the Council and now goes to the Mayor.

- Limiting the use of Credit History in Employment - This bill prohibits employers from considering an applicant or current employee's credit history. Nearly half of employers check an employee's credit history when hiring for some or all positions, and its use often determines whether an applicant is hired. However, credit history is actually not a very good indicator of how an employee might perform on the job. Furthermore, poor credit history more frequently affects low-income individuals, women, and people of color, which in turn affects the employability of applicants from those backgrounds. This bill passed a second vote at the Council and now goes to the Mayor.
- 'Ban the Box' on Housing - This bill limits what aspects of a person's criminal record housing providers can consider when evaluating an applicant for tenancy. Crimes committed more than seven years ago may not be considered and neither can arrests that did not result in a conviction. This legislation also prohibits housing providers from asking about any criminal history until after a conditional offer is made. There are 45 crimes listed in the bill that are allowed to be considered; these crimes include murder in the first degree, arson, burglary, sexual assault, and aggravated assault. This legislation does not apply to rental buildings with four units or fewer, one of which is owner-occupied. This bill passed a second vote at the Council and now goes to the Mayor.
- Universal Paid Family Leave - This legislation got a lot of news coverage recently. Councilmember McDuffie voted in the majority on this bill to support working families in the District of Columbia. This bill provides eight weeks of paid family leave for parents to bond with newborn or adopted children, six weeks to care for an ailing parent or family member, and up to two weeks leave for a personal serious health condition. The bill would increase businesses taxes by .62% and use that money to compensate employees on leave. Those on paid leave would receive up to 90% of their salary, with the maximum benefit being \$1,000 per week. This bill passed a second vote at the Council and now goes to the Mayor.

Below is just a some of photos from Councilmember McDuffie's Ward 5 Holiday Party, check out the entire album on [Councilmember McDuffie's Facebook page](#).



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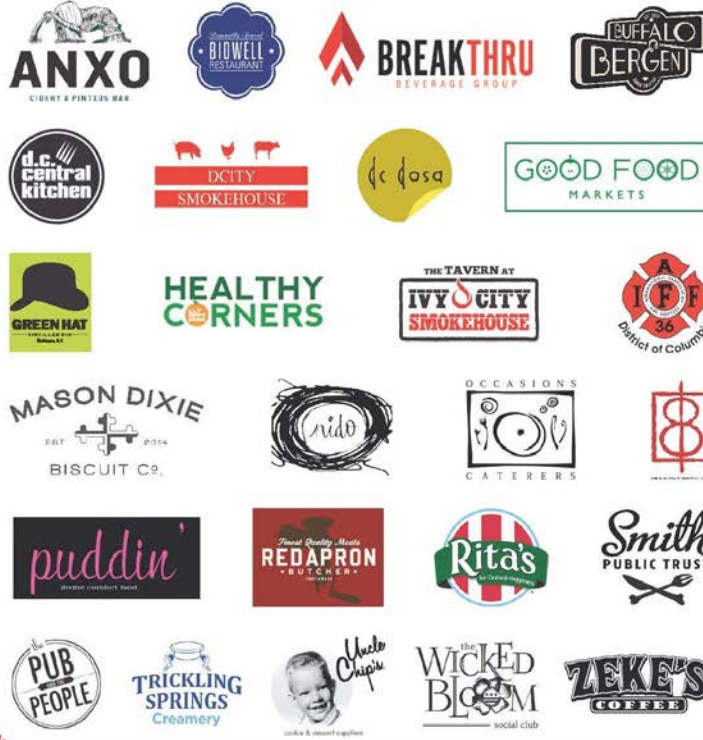
Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie
welcomes you to the

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Annual Holiday Party

DECEMBER 15, 2016

Participating Ward 5 Businesses



Sign up to be a Snow Team Hero



We invite you to join Serve DC this winter to help seniors and residents with access and functional needs in your community stay safe. Last year Serve DC was able to clear sidewalks and front walkways for over 4,000 seniors, enabling them to remain safe, to reach the street, and continue with their daily activities.

They've made some improvements to this year's Volunteer Snow Team program to make it even simpler to help out in your community this winter. They will be introducing an app that will alert you when to shovel, as well as to tell us when you've finished your shoveling assignment. They will also be including a pre-matching system so that you know which neighbor you'll be helping prior to inclement winter weather. Sign up to help those in your community stay safe by clicking [here](#).

Obamacare is alive in DC - sign up today!

An advertisement for DC HealthLink. On the left is a photo of a family: a man, a woman, and two young girls. On the right is a blue and red background with text. At the top, in a red bar, it says "Quality Health Insurance for You and Your Family". Below that, in large white letters on a blue background, it says "OPEN ENROLLMENT" and "November 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017". There are three columns of text: "Affordable Plans to Choose from", "Help Available to Reduce Monthly Premium Costs", and "FREE Expert Enrollment Support". At the bottom, it says "DCHealthLink.com (855) 532-5465 TTY 711" and "FOLLOW US ON [social media icons] @DCHEALTHLINK". The DC HealthLink logo is also present, with the tagline "Get the facts. Get covered." A small blue box at the bottom left of the family photo contains the text: "BRETT O. GREENE & FAMILY Self-employed | President/CEO, American Management Corporation SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR, DC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE".

[DC Health Link's](#) open enrollment season began on November 1st. Residents have until January 31, 2017 to enroll in quality affordable health insurance for themselves and their families. Residents can apply for Medicaid throughout the year. There is FREE expert enrollment support and as well as financial help with monthly premium.

Please note the outcome of the 2016 presidential election doesn't impact your ability to enroll residents in health insurance for 2017. DC Health Link has 20 private health insurance options to choose from for residents and their families from CareFirst and Kaiser Permanente. Small businesses have 151 health plan options from Aetna, CareFirst, Kaiser and United. Small businesses can sign up throughout the year.



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