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Dear Neighbor,

Engaging with residents is the part of my job I find most fulfilling. It's why I so enjoy serving as your Ward 4 Councilmember. I truly value the opportunity to spend time with neighbors in the community learning about your concerns and how I can advance an agenda that addresses those priorities through legislative and community action.

In that spirit, I am announcing a series of "Pop Up Office Hours" over the coming weeks:

Thursday, September 6th, 7:30 - 8:30 AM, Dunkin Donuts (850 Quincy St, NW)

Wednesday, September 12th, 7:30 - 8:30 AM, Takoma Metro

Friday, September 14th, 7:30 - 8:30 AM, Lafayette Elementary School

If you have a concern in the neighborhood you would like to see addressed, a legislative idea, input on a matter before the Council, or just want to chat with your elected representative, I sincerely hope you will join me. No appointments necessary in this casual, unstructured opportunity for engagement. If you are unable to attend any of these office hours events, you are always welcome to contact me via email or call my office directly at (202) 724-8052. See you around the Ward!

Sincerely,



Brandon T. Todd
Councilmember, Ward 4
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Guest Letter

Office on Aging Executive Director: Laura Newland

Dear Ward 4 Residents:

I'm thankful for the opportunity Councilmember Todd has given me to tell you about the [DC Office on Aging](#) (DCOA) and how we are working hard every day to make sure our older residents, ages 60+, and adults with disabilities are able to continue living and thriving in the Ward 4 community.

The work of our agency is driven by Mayor Muriel Bowser's commitment to making DC the best city in the world to age! As Mayor Bowser often says, "Our city needs to take care of those who have taken care of us."

We're doing this by making sure our older Washingtonians feel safe in their own homes, and in the communities they know and love. September is Falls Prevention Awareness Month and it's a great opportunity to learn what you can do to help the older adults in your life reduce the risk of injury due to falls. DCOA will be holding a Falls Prevention Awareness workshop at the Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center in Ward 4 on September 21st. Contact my office at 202-724-5626 to learn how you can get involved.

In addition, our [Safe at Home](#) program provides safety adaptations in and around the homes of qualifying seniors and adults with disabilities. In-home accessibility adaptations may include bathtub cuts, stair lifts, chair lifts, and grab bars to reduce the risk of falls and address mobility barriers, while exterior cameras provide extra security outside the home and throughout the community. In Ward 4 alone, we've made the homes of more than 330 seniors safer through in-home modifications and security camera installations. Safe at Home promotes community living for as long as our residents choose to remain in their own homes.

We also want to make sure our older populations are connected to the resources to keep them healthy and engaged in their community. DCOA operates more than 45 community dining sites, which provide meals in a social group setting along with activities and nutrition counseling—one of which is our Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center located at 324 Kennedy Street NW. Residents, ages 60 and up can become members and enjoy a daily lunch, free physical fitness classes, social clubs, and programs and activities that promote healthy aging.

Our Ward 4 Lead Agency, TERRIFIC, Inc., can also connect residents to ward-based and citywide support services, as well as group social activities, home-delivered meals,

nutrition counseling and education.

As you can see, the DC Office on Aging provides a wealth of resources for our older populations, adults with disabilities, and caregivers. From advocacy to elder rights, special events to in-home supports, programs for LGBTQ populations to transportation, reach out to us at 202-724-5626 to learn more about programs in the District to keep our residents living, aging, and thriving in their communities.

Be well, and remember, aging is living!

Laura Newland
Executive Director
DC Office on Aging



Did You Know?

Principal Masi Anthony-Preston: Ward 4 Resident Improving Her Community



Masi Anthony-Preston is a native Washingtonian, who grew up in the Petworth area of Ward 4 and currently resides in Manor Park. Masi fellowships at Emory United Methodist Church in Ward 4. She attended DCPS and is a graduate of Coolidge High School. Her husband and children are also products of the District of Columbia Public School System. She has earned degrees from Howard University and Trinity University. Masi credits her participation in the Teaching Profession Program at Coolidge Senior High School with cultivating her love for working with students of Washington, DC.

Masi has always had a passion for teaching and educating the youth. She's been in the

field of education for twenty years and currently serves as a DCPS elementary school Principal at Dorothy I. Height in Ward 4. Through this work, she's able to give back and serve the students in the community in which she was raised. Masi finds it rewarding to work with a smart and diverse group of children and staff.

Although Masi serves at an Elementary School, she has prioritized developing a partnership with the neighboring school, Roosevelt HS. She works with their administration to provide opportunities for students to volunteer at Dorothy Height to earn community service hours. It is her hope that through their volunteer work, students will foster a love for working with children in the future.

Additionally, while serving as the Principal of Dorothy I. Height ES, Masi desires to meet the social and emotional needs of the children. For example, she built a partnership with the local Metropolitan Police Department to bring back the Officer Friendly Program to DHES. These activities gives students an opportunity to engage with police officers in a positive setting in lieu of what they may observe on television or hear otherwise. Also, DHES has partnered with Georgia Avenue Collaborative in Ward 4 to provide assistance to families in need of transportation and to combat truancy

Masi believes in living her life in service to others. Personally, she's helped to support a family in transition by providing food, shelter, and clothing until they were able to maintain a healthier and more stable lifestyle. Likewise, she has supported the Frank R. Williams Scholarship Fund by participating in walks and fundraisers that assist seniors at Coolidge High School via providing scholarships for college. Most recently she has supported the Youth March Against Gun Violence to help fight to keep our children and streets safe.

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In Case You Missed It

Listen To Councilmember Todd's "Hearing The Council" Interview



Visit soundcloud.com/user-8195215/hearing-the-council-brandon-todd to listen to Councilmember Todd's "Hearing the Council" interview and learn more about your Ward 4 Councilmember. Stay tuned for the round two interview coming in September!

Week In Review

Councilmember Todd Celebrates Community,

Welcomes Students Back To School



Councilmember Todd has been active in the community! He continued his tour of Ward 4 schools, welcoming students back to class, giving out pencils, and encouraging students to prioritize their education. Councilmember Todd or the Ward 4 Council staff visited Shepherd and LaSalle Elementary Schools, E.L. Haynes, Capital City, and Washington Latin Public Charter Schools, Alice Deal Middle School, West Education Campus, and DC International School at Walter Reed.

This past weekend, the Councilmember celebrated community at a variety of events across the Ward. He attended the 3rd Annual Emery Heights Taste of the World Festival, the Cease Fire event to stop neighborhood violence, the 5th Annual Spruce Drive block party, and co-sponsored the Petworth Jazz Festival.

Mark Your Calendar

Ward 4 Kids Bike Ride: Sunday, Sept. 16th, 11:00 AM - 12 Noon, Sherman Circle



Join Councilmember Todd, Ward 4 Representative to the DC Bicycle Advisory Council Rachel Maisler, and neighbors for the Ward 4 kids bike ride! Meet at Sherman Circle at 11 AM on Sunday, September 16th for a social, casual, kid-friendly ride around the neighborhood. More details to follow. RSVP on the [facebook event](#).

Important Announcements

Labor Day Gov Closures & Metrobus Schedule

Please be advised that on Labor Day, District of Columbia Government offices will be closed.

The Dept. of Public Works

The DC Department of Public Works (DPW) will observe Labor Day, Monday, September 3; therefore, sanitation services and most parking enforcement will be suspended and will resume on Tuesday, September 4. Sanitation services will be suspended for the holiday and will resume Tuesday, September 4.

- Trash and recycling collections in once-a-week collection neighborhoods will “slide” to the next day for the remainder of the week.
- In twice-a-week collection neighborhoods, Monday’s and Thursday’s collections will slide to Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday’s and Friday’s collections will slide to Wednesday and Saturday.
- Street sweeping will be suspended Monday and resume Tuesday, September 4.

The [Fort Totten Transfer Station](#) will be closed Monday, September 3 and reopen Tuesday, September 4 to residents between 1 pm and 5 pm.

“Summer collection hours” will end over the Labor Day weekend, with collection crews starting their routes at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, September 4. Collections had begun an hour earlier at 6:00 AM throughout the hotter summer months.

Metrobus

On Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2018, Metrobus will operate on a Sunday schedule, no school trips will be in service. Visit wmata.com to [plan your trip](#) and to view [bus timetables](#).

Additionally, Metro's Customer Information, Lost and Found and Customer Relations Call Centers will be closed on the holiday.



Water Campaign Provides Opportunity For Students To Engage Hands-On In Conservation

Grades of Green, a non-profit organization working with student groups to help them make lasting environmental change, is rolling out their [Water Campaign](#) to Washington D.C. and are looking for 50 schools / student groups to represent our community. Water Campaign is a virtual environmental program that guides student teams to take action to conserve water and protect water quality in their region. Teams can be comprised of class members, student government, or even club members, and Teams that complete the Campaign will have a chance to win a \$1,000 eco-grant to fund their water solution.

Register for the campaign [HERE](#) by the extended deadline of September 7th. Questions? Contact info@gradesofgreen.org.

Special Education Town Hall For Parents Of Children With Disabilities: Saturday, Sept. 8th, 9 AM - 1 PM

Please join us for this
interactive event.
We want to hear your
thoughts, concerns &
ideas!

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/SpedTownHall>

SPECIAL EDUCATION TOWN HALL for DC PARENTS

12-1 Lunch
& Resource
Fair

Saturday, Sept 8 from 9am-1pm

1050 First St, NE

Hosted by DC's State Advisory Panel for Special Education (SAPSE), whose members are DC parents of children with disabilities and representatives of DC agencies and community organizations. SAPSE provide's advice to DC's state education agency, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) from the perspective of parents of students with disabilities.

Register at: bit.ly/SpedTownHall

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Visit and bookmark: eservices.dcr.dc.gov/DocumentManagementSystem.



Fall Youth Class Offerings at Dance Loft on 14!

The Dance Loft on 14 is excited to announce their New Fall Class Offerings! For more information please visit us online at www.danceloft14.org.

Dance Loft on 14 is a spacious four-studio arts facility located in a historic Art Deco movie theater in the heart of Ward 4. They offer dance classes, space rentals for rehearsals and performances, and a performance series in their new theater.

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