



## Dupont Circle Pride!

The month of June is always a special time in Dupont Circle as neighbors proudly (and loudly) celebrate acceptance, equality, and love.

This year's Pride Parade and street celebration has been curbed for safety but DCCA took some time to share some special thoughts on the history and importance of Pride in Dupont Circle. [Click here to watch DCCA's video](#)



## DC COVID-19 Updates and Response

As always you can find the DC Government's COVID-19 informational update [here](#). The page contains continually updated news, resources, and data on the public health emergency.



- Mayor Bowser's June 15th Situational Update can be found[here](#). The update addresses District supported testing, **free Firehouse testing and free anti-body testing across the District**.
- Mayor Bowser is expected to announce that Phase Two will start on Monday. **Details on Phase Two guidelines** including indoor dining, nail salons and other personal services, gyms, summer camps and parks, and more, can be found in the June 17th Situational Update by clicking [here](#).

## More Sidewalk Extensions Added to 17th Street

[Click here](#) to check out the new configuration of 17th St between P and R Streets.



This is a temporary arrangement under the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) plan to extend sidewalks near grocery stores and other essential retailers to allow pedestrians enough space to practice social distancing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

The extended sidewalk allows extra space for shared biking and walking, and the eastern travel lane has been effectively converted to a loading, pick-up drop-off, and short-term parking zone, alleviating the chaotic double parking.

DCCA has been advocating to turn these blocks of 17th Street into a true shared street. This temporary arrangement gives us a nice taste of what a shared street could be. Thanks to ANC2B05 Commissioner Randy Downs for advocating for this sidewalk extension, and for the pictures.

## A Juneteenth Conversation about the Meaning of Freedom

The Office of the Attorney General will host a call a videochat today, at 12 p.m. to commemorate Juneteenth, an annual holiday recognizing the end of slavery in the United States. Join local experts as they discuss Juneteenth's significance and the meaning of freedom following nationwide #BlackLivesMatter protests.



Speakers include Dr. Elise Scott, Founding Director of the Ronald W. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center at Howard University and Ms. Nicole Austin-Hillery, Human Rights Watch's inaugural U.S. Program Executive Director and

Attorney General Karl Racine.

Click [here](#) to RSVP and attend.

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## Stead Park Survey

DPR recently held an online community meeting on the future of Stead Park Recreation Center. The presentation will be posted to the project website <https://dgs.dc.gov/page/stead-park-recreation-center-project>

An online survey to collect residents' opinions is also posted here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K8DRVGL>

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## Vigil Against Racism Continues Each Friday in June

The strong and positive response to the recent vigil against racism has led to a plan to hold vigils every week for the month of June.

Foundry Church on 16th & P will join other churches along 16th Street to toll its bells at 5:45 p.m. for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. This all faiths event is a way to express solidarity with protesters in downtown D.C. and across the country calling for an end to police violence. At the end of 8:46, organizers invite you to pray or meditate, either silently or out loud, on your commitment to ending racism.



## DC Council Passes Sweeping Police Reforms

On June 9th the Council of the District of Columbia unanimously voted in favor of the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 to bring greater accountability and transparency to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). Click [here](#) to read the legislation.

This Emergency Legislation goes into effect for only 90 days, the DC Council will consider permanent legislation in the coming weeks.



## Public Meeting on DC Water Rates

DC Water CEO David Gatis is co-hosting a Town Hall style meeting to discuss proposed rates, current projects, and issues impacting the community. The meeting will be held by phone and online using Microsoft Teams.

**Tuesday, June 23**  
**Ward 2 Town Hall Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m.**



To join the conversation online go to: DCWater.com/Ward(Enter your ward number)TownHall  
Or dial in by phone 202-753-6714  
Conference ID: 392 062 222

For more information, [email](#) the Community Outreach Manager.

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## PHOTOS: Black Lives Matter Artwork

The *Washingtonian* put together a collection of photos spotlighting an inspiring temporary exhibit that stretches along 7th Street NW.

Click [here](#) to take a look at how this Black Lives Matter street art has livened up boarded up windows and then head out for a walk and enjoy the street gallery. The effort was put together by Downtown BID, the PAINTS Institute and the Denver Smith Foundation.



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## Planning a Summer Solstice or Father's Day Celebration?

Don't forget to consider local restaurants for takeout, catering, or other options. In addition to your neighborhood favorites or outdoor dining options you can peruse this [database](#) of DC restaurants offering takeout and delivery options.

Dupont's favorite hardware store, TrueValue on 17th, were dedicated to staying open and serving neighbors needs since lockdown began and are still available for all the grill and indoor/outdoor supplies you need to kick off summer.



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## What do Naked Mole Rats and Elephants Have in Common?

They can all be viewed live through the National Zoo's webcams! The zoo remains closed at this time but if you are interested in how animals are spending time in quarantine visit the zoo's webcam where you can watch live feeds of lions, baby cheetahs, ferrets and more!

Click [here](#) to find an animal cam.



Looking for alternate ways to pass the time this weekend? Check out [10 Virtual Things to Do This Weekend in DC](#)

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## Reminder: How to Become an ANC Commissioner

**Your Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)** provides people with a greater say in the matters that affect their neighborhoods, to bring government closer to the people and to bring the people closer to government. ANCs are a unique feature of the District's Home Rule Charter since 1976.

Dupont Circle is represented by ANC2B with nine Commissioners. Each Commissioner has a Single Member District (SMD) and represents about 2,000 residents. Corcoran Street NW neighbor Susan Meehan served on the first Dupont Circle ANC. The Ward 2 ANC map can be viewed [here](#).

**Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners** are non-partisan, serve two-year terms without pay and are elected at DC Elections in November in even-numbered years.

The ANCs' main job is to be their neighborhood's official voice in advising the District government (and Federal agencies) on things that affect their neighborhoods. Although not required to follow the ANCs' advice, District agencies are required to give the ANCs' recommendations "**great weight**" on certain issues.

Moreover, District law says that agencies cannot take any action that will significantly affect a neighborhood unless they give the affected ANCs 30 days advance notice. This includes zoning, streets, recreation, education, social services, sanitation, planning, safety, budget, and health services. The ANCs may also initiate recommendations for improving city services, conduct neighborhood improvement programs, and monitor resident complaints.

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**Qualifications:** *To have your name on the November 3, 2020 ballot you must be a registered voter and have lived in your Single Member District (SMD) for 60 days prior to turning in your nomination petition. The deadline for turning in your petition this year is Wednesday, August 5th, 2020 therefore you must have begun living in your SMD no later than June 6th, 2020. The petitions are scheduled to become available on Friday, June 26th, 2020.*

*Because of covid-19 there will be a different procedure this year for nomination petitions. Instead of*

requiring the signatures of 25 other registered voters of your SMD, only 10 will be required. Petitions will also be available electronically, and they may be turned in electronically. More information on these procedures will be on the Board of Elections website ([dcboe.org](http://dcboe.org)) once they are available.

## Local Newslinks of Note

**MPD Announces Street Closures and Restrictions for Demonstrations Taking Place this Friday through Sunday - [LINK](#)**



**Brooke Pinto wins Ward 2 D.C. Council race to serve the rest of this year - [LINK](#)**

**U.S. House Of Representatives Schedules D.C. Statehood Vote For June 26 - [LINK](#)**

**Supreme Court says gay, transgender workers are protected by federal law forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex - [LINK](#)**

**Anju Teams Up With a Korean Bakery to Launch a Pastry-Intensive Brunch - [LINK](#)**

**Click to join us for another year of civic engagement. Your neighborhood needs you! First time members can join for only \$15!!**

Membership runs through the calendar year.

DCCA membership is open to residents, businesses and supporters of the Dupont Circle neighborhood according to the Association's Bylaws.

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