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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Community Living

The Department of Aging and Community Living has a new look! As I mentioned last month, you've been the most essential part of the process in creating our new brand and identity — and we couldn't be happier with the results.

Mayor Muriel Bowser often reminds us that our role as government is to serve at the pleasure of our community, be a part of our community, and keep community at the core of all we do.

So when Mayor Bowser signed legislation officially designating us as a Department, we knew that creating a new brand and identity would be a huge responsibility — one that that we couldn't take lightly! We wanted our new brand to connect with you, to represent our history, and to fulfil the vision our former Mayor Marion Barry had in 2013, that you pushed forward and Mayor Bowser made a reality.

Many of you have been connected to our agency for decades (and just like you, we've only gotten better with each passing year!). You've been with us when we were a small office of 26 staff members — you've seen us grow, you've seen our budget grow, and you've seen our network grow. You've forged great relationships with me and my team, you've advocated for the needs of your neighbors and friends, and you've been with us for Holiday Celebrations, Symposiums and Salutes to Centenarians.

So we knew that when creating our new brand, we needed to incorporate your experiences, the lessons you've taught us, and most of all, your opinions.

I want to thank all of you for helping us create a new brand that represents our agency and especially who we are as a community. During this process, we received feedback through interviews with residents, staff members and stakeholders. You helped create our new logo, our vision and our values, and I hope it will make you as proud as it makes us.



DACL Vision and Values:

We believe in the power of **good government** to transform our lives at every age and ability.

We believe every individual is needed to create **strong communities** that support, inspire and love.

We believe in the power of community to allow all of us at every age and ability to **live boldly!**

In the coming weeks, you'll see the new DACL logo appear in various locations. Starting October 1, all DACL-owned vehicles will reflect the new DACL logo. This includes all Seabury-operated vehicles such as buses, vans and meal-delivery trucks.

You may still see materials reflecting our old DCOA logo in the upcoming months — but whether you see our old logo or our new logo, know that we're still here for you. We've changed our look, but not our commitment to our community.

If you're interested in connecting with us and learning more about our new brand, make sure you join us in the community at one of our outreach events. Give us a call at 202-724-5626 to find out where we'll be this month. My team is excited to tell you all about how we're working hard every day to make D.C. a place where you can live boldly!

We have a winner!



Teams from across the city participated in the Third Annual D.C. Senior Brain Games Competition, a trivia-based game for D.C. seniors. Runoffs took place in each ward of the city, and the finalists participated in the finals at the UDC Student Center.

The Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center's "Team Challengers" were victorious in a very lively competition, with trivia questions in categories including: Words Starting with "S,"

Name That Artist, Billboard's All-time Top 100 Songs 1-50, Name the Invention, Slogans, U.S. State Landmarks and D.C. Trivia.

Second Place was awarded to the team from Bernice Fonteneau Senior Wellness Center, and the Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center team was awarded third place.

Congratulations also goes out to the Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care Team in winning Phase II of the D.C. Senior Brain Games Competition against the Genevieve Johnson Day Care Center.

We thank all of our teams for working hard studying and preparing for this year's competition, and hope that you come back to compete again next year!

SAVE THE DATE

STROLL, ROLL AND RUN

CAREGIVER 5K²⁰¹⁹

Hosted by The Department of Aging and Community Living and the Department of Parks and Recreation

Where: Anacostia Park, 1900 Anacostia Drive, Washington, DC 20020

When: November 8, 2019 Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Check-in and breakfast: Start at 7:30 a.m.

To Register: <https://caregiver5k.eventbrite.com>

There will also be a 1-Mile Fun-Run!

VENDORS

BBQ

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR



Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 15 – Oct. 15



We are happy to pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched the fabric of our city. A special thanks to our Latinx community of elders for sharing your rich culture with us.

Tax-free Diapers for D.C.

Did you know that as of October 1, diapers will be tax free in D.C.? Mayor Muriel Bowser repealed taxes on these products for children and adults, and it is now in effect in stores throughout the District of Columbia. There is no more #DiaperTax even on leak-proof and odor-free disposable/washable underwear and pads for adults.

“Diaper” is defined by the statute as

“an absorbent incontinence product that is washable or disposable and worn by a person, regardless of age or sex, who cannot control bladder or bowel movements.”

The diaper tax repeal is just one of several District of Columbia tax changes that take effect October 1. To find out more, contact the Office of Tax and Revenue’s Customer Service Center at (202) 727-4TAX (4829).

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Get Involved

Thursday, October 3
7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Canaan USP
The Department of Aging supports the Mayor’s Office on Returning Citizens Affairs Workshop for soon-to-be-released D.C. Inmates
3057 Eric J. Williams Memorial Dr. Waymart, PA

Saturday, October 5
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia in collaboration with the East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, Inc.
Ward 7 Pastors & Faith Leaders’ “Clergy Resource Fair”
St. Luke Catholic Church
4295 East Capitol St., SE – Ward 7

Monday, October 7
1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Department of Aging and Community Living with partners graciously supports Ingleside at Rock Creek Provided by Vista Community
Health, Fun & Resource Fair
3050 Military Rd., NW – Ward 4
Contact: Olayinka Oyekoya,
202-596-3122

Tuesday, October 8
11 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Department of Aging and Community Living and partners Community Presentation
Brookland Union Baptist Church
3101 14th St., NE – Ward 5

Saturday, October 12
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Department of Aging and Community Living and partners
Lowe’s Home Improvement Store Safety Event
2438 Market St., NE – Ward 5

Tuesday, October 15
7 – 9 p.m.

The Department of Aging and Community Living will provide information on our resources and services
Anacostia Neighborhood Library
1800 Good Hope Rd., SE – Ward 8

Wednesday, October 16
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Department of Aging and Community Living and partners graciously supports the AARP Chapter #4751 Southwest Waterfront 8th Annual Community Health, Fun & Resource Fair
River Park Cooperative Community Room
1301 Delaware Ave., SW – Ward 6

Thursday, October 17
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Train to Become a DACL Ambassador
500 K Street, NE
To register, email
dacl.communications@dc.gov or call 202-727-0374.

Friday, October 18
10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Department of Aging and Community Living
Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center
Annual Community Health, Fun and Resource Fair
324 Kennedy St. NW – Ward 4
Contact: Teresa Moore,
202-291-6170

Wednesday, October 23
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Quilt Exhibition and Workshop
Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center
324 Kennedy St. NW – Ward 4

Saturday, October 26
12 – 4 p.m.

Halloween Safe Haven for Families
Rosedale Recreation Center
1701 Gales St., NE – Ward 6
Contact: Sondra Gilbert,
202-397-7228

