



The Commissioners Telegraph

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The Commissioners' Message



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April signals the end of winter, and the coming of Spring. It is a time for renewal, and opportunities for hope rise. Although there appear to be breaks in the cloud that is the public health emergency (PHE), we have preparations to make to assure our personal readiness. The vaccine debate continues, weighing heavily on some and less so on others. To vaccinate or not is, no doubt, a most personal decision. Nevertheless, the result of the decision carries consequences beyond personal protection. I ask you do that which is necessary so that we all come out of this able to thrive as much as we can.

Please be aware that there have need and continue to be city and federally sponsored programs to assist us through the PHE, and to prepare for use for returning to the near normal. There are serious challenges that lay ahead. This is to say some lifelines may fundamentally change once there is a declaration that the PHE is over. Protections may fade away or even collapse. There are resources available now such as the STAY DC program

"working to ensure residents have access to resources needed to help them stay in their homes. The District has already launched several programs to support tenants and landlords negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. STAY DC provides funds to assist households unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

While writing this, I received a notice from the DC Public Service Commission (DCPSC) that the PHE is set to expire on May 20, 2021, and the moratorium on utility disconnects will expire fifteen days later, June 4, 2021. The time to act is now.

Please investigate these resources before the end of the PHE to stay afloat afterward. While difficult, pride should not stand in the way of building a future where you can thrive. Take advantage while these resources exist. See <https://stay.dc.gov/>

SashaBruce at 1814 Rhode Island Avenue NE had named its building the Philip Reed House. This celebrates the former slave responsible for the Statue of Freedom upon the U.S. Capitol. I expect a public formal announcement is to come later.

Plans for having a pop-up Arboretum activity in the Langdon Park this spring are complete. Installed April 22, the Langdon Park Pop-Up Arboretum is open for the next 2 to three months. The collaboration between DDOT, Urban Forestry, and DPR provides and opportunity to learn more about the trees in our wonderful 18 acre park.. Two important links are 1) the Story Map link <https://arcgis.com/arcgis/1u0byS> and 2) the larger Urban Forestry website, <https://ddot-urban-forestry-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/pop-up-arboretum>. Partake and enjoy.

The DCRA has yet to produce the final report relating to the collapse of the structure at 3011 20th St NE. There have been many requests but no replies thus far. The commissioner did have an on-site visit with Mr. Mark-Athony Tynes, to discuss the community concerns. There is public forum scheduled with Director Chrapprah where this matter will raise again. That meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, at 4pm is full. Nevertheless, your Commissioner will be there representing your interests, and hold DCRA accountable.

WMATA has approved its 2022 budget. Unfortunately, even with CARES money, and the most recent pandemic relief bill signed by the President, service will only return to 85% of pre-pandemic levels. The B8/B9, and G9, remain casualties. The Commissioner, as well as, other Commissioners in the city are working to have service restored to cut or eliminated bus lines throughout the city. This is not over.

The city is receiving some \$150 million from the federal government and EPA to improve water quality. Most recently new water mains are being installed in Woodridge South near the bus garage. The commissioner received an update clarifying the situation with the lead service lines on 4/26/2021. There DC Water explained that service line connections to the new mains will receive upgrades "in the public space". But they also addressed the issue of the meter to the customer (residence or business). ANC commissioners

are advocating that the lead service lines of all affected should have replacements with copper lines at no cost to the customer, financed with the monies from the EPA. You need to contact your Councilmember and Director Tommy Wells (DOEE) demanding their support for the effort. Clean, lead-free, drinking water is a right not a luxury. That means ZERO lead level delivery to affected properties.

Always remember to wear your face covering, stay 6 feet apart [as much as possible], wash your hands for 20 seconds as frequently as possible, and sanitize as necessary.

Be safe. Be well.

Respectfully,

Jeremiah

Helpful Resources

Most Current DC Public Health Emergency Information, Vaccinations, ReopenDC, and Updates

Appointment updates: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/release/dc-health-releases-updated-list-priority-zip-codes-vaccination-appointments>
Registration: <https://vaccinate.dc.gov/>
Vaccine Info: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine>
General Information: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov> , or
Reopening Plans: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/reopendc>

Non online vaccinations: call the District's hotline at 855-363-0333

New schedules and availability are found at <https://coronavirus.dc.com/vaccination>. All residents age 16 and older are now eligible for vaccinations.

Seniors may use walk-in vaccinations offered at all vaccination centers, including Langdon Park community center and Turkey Thicket Recreation center. (

- Langdon: Monday-Thursday 2pm-7pm, 2901 20th St NE
- Turkey Thicket: Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday 10am-4pm, 1100 Michigan Ave NE

Homebound residents may obtain an in-place vaccination by calling **1-855-363-0444** starting April 26, 2021 (Monday through Friday 9am – 7pm and Saturday-Sunday, 8 am-4pm)

Stay DC (DC-DHS, DMPED, DMHHS, and DHCD)

Financial Resources programs to support tenants and landlords negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. STAY DC provides funds to assist households unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://stay.dc.gov/about-us/>

DC Department of Health

Emergency Preparedness Response: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/emergency-preparedness-and-response-doh>

Mental Health and Wellbeing; Behavioral Health

<https://dbh.dc.gov/>

Access HelpLine at **1(888)7WE-HELP** or **1-888-793-4357** or <https://dbh.dc.gov/service/access-helpline>

Homeless/Shelter Services

Homeless: <http://ww.hopeonesource.org/>

Shelter Hotline: 202-399-7093 or 311

Employment Services, Unemployment

<https://does.dc.gov/page/unemployment-compensation>

Small Business and Worker Support

- District residents may file for unemployment compensation at dcnetworks.org.
- The [Paycheck Protection Program “PPP” is part of the most recent federal recovery bill](#). It is a vehicle to keep small businesses stay afloat while paying their employees.
- The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\) is providing Disaster Relief Loans](#)

Public and Charter Schools Reopening information

State Board of Education Ward 5: <https://sboe.dc.gov/>

Zachary Parker Ward 5: zachary.parker@dc.gov

Latest policies and updates visit: <https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/>

Food; all students: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/food>

Internet Services: <https://twitter.com/OCTODC/status/1238610256432898050>

Public Charter School Reopening Updates: <https://dcpcsb.org/>

Senior Health and Wellness

For seniors: <https://dacl.dc.gov/service/senior-wellness-centers-0>

DACL meal delivery: http://thejdc.convio.net/site/DocServer/DACL_Meal_Delivery_FAQs.pdf?docID=4592

Community Dining Site Info:

https://dacl.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dacl/service_content/attachments/DACL%20Community%20Dining%20Sites%20by%20Ward.pdf

The mayors report on Food Security during the public health emergency: <https://planning.dc.gov/page/food-policy>

Small Business Resources

Rhode Island Avenue Businesses: <https://riamainstreet.org/>

Small business assistance: <http://ledcmetro.org/sbapp>

Bridge Fund Entertainment Program: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/bridgefund>

Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) Hamlin St NE Storm Water Retrofit Project

Cecilia Lane: Cecilia.lane@dc.gov

Public Meeting Scheduled 3/9/2021, 6:50 PM via Webex MID: **160 936 3130** pass code: **publicmeeting**

Link <http://bit.ly/Hamlin3-9>

Link <https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m17993d173617e76ab042a33cc59c672b>

Sharing the social media posts for the upcoming public meeting for the [Hamlin Street, NE Stormwater Retrofit project](#).

<https://nextdoor.com/city/feed/?post=178883530>

<https://www.facebook.com/DOEE.DC/photos/10159058870252270>

https://twitter.com/DOEE_DC/status/1367095550903005189

SashaBruce Youth Works (1814 Rhode Island Avenue NE)

Sasha Bruce.org: <https://sashabruce.org>

Deborah Shore (Founder/Executive Director) DShore@sashabruce.org

Daniel Rico: Dir. Development and External Programs: DRico@sashabruce.org

Donnell Potts: Chief of Programs: DPotts@sashabruce.org

George Johnson: Dir, Residential Programs: GJohnson@sashabruce.org

DC Urban Forestry Arbor Day Langdon Park Pop-up

Kasey Yturalde (DDOT UFA): Kasey.Yturalde@dc.gov

Program Information <https://ddot-urban-forestry-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/pop-up-arboretum>

POP-UP Arboretum

- 1) the Story Map link <https://arcg.is/1u0byS> and
- 2) the larger Urban Forestry website, <https://ddot-urban-forestry-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/pop-up-arboretum>

Community Calendar

All community meetings are subject to the limitations of groups of no more than 50 in-persons participants. Thus, some may choose to teleconference, they will make their own announcements

ANC 5C07 Commissioners SMD Meeting

Next meeting: May 5, 2021, Teleconference: 6:30 pm, via **Webex** Video Conferencing; meeting information will be sent via email and posted public on Facebook and NextDoor. Alternatively, you may call or text 202-670-8543 to receive instructions to attend the meeting;

Meeting link:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=mdec88f91786659cbd1320bccee970cc0>

Meeting number: 160 564 1943

Password: 433520705

ANC 5C Commission Meeting

Next meeting: May 19, 2021, Teleconference 6:00 pm, via Webex Video Conferencing; Full commission meetings will have a 6pm starting time until the end of the health emergency. Meeting information is available at <https://anc.dc.gov/events> or

Meeting link

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m082387666f98ad42a009394639c8d2b1>

Meeting number: 160 545 2313

Password: 705433

Woodridge Civic Association Meeting

Next meeting: May 4, 2021, Teleconference: 7:00 pm, via Zoom Video Conferencing, Meeting information will occur via phone call, and at <https://woodridgecivicassociation.org/civic-association-monthly-meetings/>

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87278537654?pwd=L1NSRURzRS9KaFpIRk1KRDKvUFFvZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 7853 7654

Passcode: 163505

Phone: 301 715 8592

Woodridge South Civic Association Meeting

Second Thursday of May 2021, TBD,

Citizens Advisory Council Fifth District (MPD) Meeting

Next meeting: fourth Thursday, May 27, 2021, 7pm. requires confirming: find additional information at <http://the5dcac.org/events> or

Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83854984674?pwd=M0hWakZCU1NQeHIwaHUwSTdrRFIHZz09>

Access: 246101

Phone: 301 715 8592

Langdon Park Community Association Meeting

TBA

Langdon Dog Park Association Meeting

TBA

Contact : langdondogpark@gmail.com

Brentwood Civic Association Meeting

First Tuesday of the Month, Next Meeting: May 4, 2021; Virtual Meeting needs confirmation; more information: <https://www.facebook.com/BrentwoodCADC/>

Community Issues

DC Public Library

- The DC Public Libraries limited access for the public except for curbside pickup and remote printing, phase II until further notice
- Woodridge Only Services
 - 5 computers, 45 minute single day use
 - 1 express computer, 15 minutes, single day use
 - Restroom, 1 person at a time, mask required
- **Woodridge Library, 1801 Hamlin St NE**
 - Call the Woodridge Library at: (202) 541-6226
 - Website: <https://www.dclibrary.org/woodridge>
 - Email the library at: WoodridgeLibrary@dc.gov
 - Please visit other DCPL online services <https://www.dclibrary.org/libraryathome>
 - The **Lamond-Riggs branch library** is closed for demolition of and the building of a new library facility.
 - Oral History Program; <https://www.dclibrary.org/node/47095>
 - DC Oral History Collaborative: <https://humanitiesdc.org/>



Public Safety (PSA 503, 504, and 505)

- I was remiss but we welcome our night commander: Lieutenant Sylvester Garvin III to the Ward 5 community. Sylvester.Garvin@dc.gov
- Crime Statistics are available at <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/statistics-and-data>
- In this time of increasing auto thefts, thefts from autos, and the like, MPD [Captain Moore] has provided valuable information videos related to security. They are available at;
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TNTd835ZcKIjwPNj-dUjDn2gtNSiH06T/view?usp=sharing>
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/18Y9-IQ_mjsh1LQJrFnlqaGxg64TX0A0q/view?usp=sharing

- For information on protecting yourself from becoming a victim of auto theft please see mpdc.dc.gov/page/auto-theft-prevention
- **Streetlights:** Report to 311 any streetlights, which are out. Take a picture of the pole number for prompt attention.
- As mentioned many times before, during the Public Health Emergency the OUC, 311/911, continues to triage calls related to public safety. They will assess need and dispatch the appropriate response coordinated with MPD and F&EMS.
 - *Special Duty and roving police patrols continue. However, some resources may temporarily relocate in response to incidents as necessary.*
- If you find MPD, or F&EMS unresponsive to a service request, or the UCMC provided delayed or incorrect information, please email or text 202-670-08543 as soon as possible.

Langdon Dog Park Lighting (DPR) –

- The park is open subject to the Public Health Emergency Constraints. Contact David.wooten@dc.gov for more information

Langdon Park (DPR, DOH) –

- The Langdon Park Community center is currently in use as a vaccination center. We anticipate that use ending May 30, 2021. Afterward, the center will receive a thorough cleaning and returned for use as a recreation/community center in the early weeks of June 2021.

Langdon Park (DPR) –

- There is anticipation that the Langdon Pool and Splash Park will open for the upcoming swim season. An announcement will be forthcoming from the Mayor as plans become firm, and restrictions on use solidify.
- The illegal dumping at the Chuck Brown Memorial removal is complete.
- The Chuck Brown Memorial is undergoing improvements and updates to the lighting system, use caution in that area.
- Regulations do not permit private vehicles within the park area except where designated, there is known damage to the turf east of the dog park in the small picnic area.
- DPR is making progress in its master plan planning. We hope this will signal starting planning work on our new long awaited center replacing the existing one. For more information see <https://ready2playdc.com/>
- For more information see DPR's update information regarding City parks resources, etc., at <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/dpr-phase-two-operating-status-outdoor-facilities>
 - For Status Alerts: <https://dpr.dc.gov/page/dpralerts>
 - More complete information: <http://dprprograms.com/>

- OPEN: The Langdon Park Open Fields, Green Spaces, and Playground limited use.
- **Outstanding Issue(s)** The following are ongoing or outstanding issues;
 - **Unchanged:** Addressing the water drainage and walkway degradation in east and west portions of park remains a concern
 - **Updated:** Planning for the resurfacing of the Tennis Courts appears moving forward. The Commissioner recently observed a team surveying the courts presumably as a planning activity. \$400K is budgeted to evaluate, regrade and resurface existing tennis courts located at four (4) Recreation Centers, and 26 tennis courts. Langdon park is part of the four identified. The construction start schedule is now spring 2021. **Delayed by DC Health Emergency 2020**
 - Replacement seating at the 9/11 Memorial Grove Updates. We anticipate that occurring in spring 2021. Project status unclear.
 - New plantings are in place by Casey trees, and other trees are undergoing inventory within the park. Removal of dead trees are underway and we anticipate replacements planted in the next planting cycle. You can see map of the inventories trees city wide at: <https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=f91f104281ec43f2848272dc4430fb9a&extent=-77.291,38.7778,-76.7162,39.0066>
 - Plans are undergoing development for protecting the two identified “forest patches” in Langdon Park East. One is in the wet area behind the skate park, and the other is southeastward, running from the dog park to the community garden and south along Franklin Street NE to 22nd Street. Currently a team of two, Ms. Delores Bushong, and Mary-Ms. Pat Rowan, are doing yeoman’s work clearing invasive plants. This effort will increase the viability of native trees may thrive and provide a habitat for wildlife. I hope that we can somehow incorporate and expand this in the city Urban Forestry portfolio of projects.
 - Plans for permanent seating replacements occurring at 18th & Franklin Streets, and at the park entrance behind the Library near the intersection of the alleyway and 18th Street progressing; Installation of new seating provided by Nature Sacred’s delayed. **Continuing delay by DC Health Emergency 2020**
 - Suggestion: Need consideration of Langdon Park Signage at 24th & Franklin Street, 18th & Franklin Street NE, no updates
 - Suggestion: Need consideration of 9/11 Memorial Grove signage behind Woodridge Library at Park Entrance Path designating that

area and increasing awareness; There are no updates.

- Stakeholders voiced an ongoing need for replacing the trees not surviving within the park. Consideration is underway perhaps adding more flowering trees to that area, but not to the extent, that future growth will result in unnecessary crowding. Further, some of the landscaping work needed is under the control of DGS and requires addressing. The triad of DGS-UFA-Casey Trees requires refinement to make identifying responsibility for addressing issues easier. In addition, DDOT-UFA has marked some for removal. Dead plantings are known and their removal scheduled.

Zoning Adjustment Hearings (BZA) –

- **BZA 20435, 2015 Jackson St 2019, LLC**, zone MU-4, construct 5-story 12 unit square 4219 lot 0812, special exception (parking and rear yard), This project will have its third and last public single member district hearing May 5, 2021. The ANC-5C will hear the application May 19, 2021; the BZA will hear the application May 26, 2021.

ABRA License & Renewal Hearings –

- Langdon Park Moratorium Zone; Letter filed by ANC to maintain and continue the existing order. Moratorium extended by ABRA 120 days under the health emergency. Awaiting ABRA Final order.
- Renewals:
 - Rhode Island Avenue Liquors, DC-ABRA-072215, Blue Nile Liquors, LLC t/a 1812 Rhode Island Avenue NE, Class AR, Placard 4/23/2021, RENEWAL, Petition/Opposition due 6/28/2021, hearing 7/19/2021.
 - Lucky 7, LLC DC-ABRA-090270, t/a Lucky 7 Liquor, 2314 Rhode Island Avenue NE, Class AR, Placard: 3/12/2021, RENEWAL, Petition/Opposition due 5/17/2021, hearing 6/7/2021

DDOT Public Space Hearings –

- As of 3/6/2021 there are no outstanding PSC construction or occupancy applications for ANC 5C or ANC 5C07

Development Status Update(s) –

The mayor's Stay at Home order did not stop constructions projects. The Stay at Home order lifted May 29, 2020. However, developers are under guidelines to use social distancing throughout the projects. Report any suspected non-compliance using DC-311 or the DCRA emergency hotline. Please take pictures as proof.

There were few Stop Work Order(s) Issued for illegal construction by DCRA within various parts of the Single Member District (5C07)

Please remember, if you damage public space during your construction projects, you, the property owner, are responsible for your contractors actions. Further, you are obligated to restore the public space to its original or and improved state.

2015 Jackson St NE

- **BZA 20435, 2015 Jackson St NE LLC, at 2015 Jackson St NE, Square 4219 lot 0812**, proposing to raze the existing principal dwelling unit and construct a new, five-story with cellar, detached, twelve-unit residential building in the MU-4 Zone; Applicant seeks special exception relief from the minimum parking requirement, and the rear yard requirement

2026 Jackson Street NE

- Under consideration for development, may require Zoning Amendment

3011 20th St NE

- Building under construction collapsed destroying complete structure on March 28, 2021 between 09:45 and 10pm. Weather may have been a contributing factor to the disaster. DCRA inspector performed onsite inspection. No injuries to persons; significant damage to utilities, loss of power, one family displacement, property damage across street resulting from. Report solicited from DCRA is an outstanding issue. Temporary bracing observed on wall abutting 3013 20th street NE. All work halted; Status: Awaiting Report from DCRA director.

Other Development Update(s)

2027 Rhode Island Avenue NE,

- Undergoing a series of corrective actions as of 4/19/2021, issue with elevator work. Review estimated completion 5/3/2021. (Permit B2104034); there is an open civil infraction opened 4/6/2021 (owner, WHITECREST REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT LLC, cause unknown).

1818 Rhode Island Avenue NE,

- Permit: #R2000267, Raze Permit, issued 8/31/2020,
- Raze inspection approved 3/15/2021

2501 Hamlin Street NE,

- Permit: #B2103365 Alteration and Repair Permit, DCRA pdox accepted 1/14/2021, demolition and construction in progress

2409 Franklin Street NE,

- Record: 20ENF-IC-00238, updated 2021-01-30, Installed 2 signs no permits/ electrical work/perimeter lighting no permits
 - Court Order; 12/4/2020, Respondent Liable-Default, Fines – awaiting payment on 12/4/2020, Enforcement Prep – Filed w/OAH 11/12/2020; 20ENF-HOUS-04035

- Business Licenses Cancelled, 410320000005, Cigarette Retail, Delicatessen, Patent Medicine (H&M Inc.)

3016 Thayer Street NE,

- Permit: #B2102417 Interior renovation per floor, new mechanical, plumbing, electrical, sister second floor joist & add level beam, add half bathroom @ first floor, demo & replace concrete slab, remove & replace in-kind rear wall, replace steps (interior), new rear retaining wall w/ steps & railing, new asphalt shingles roof, new vinyl siding, new wood fence, Issued 1/26/2021

3107 24th Street NE,

- Building permit B2006082, renovate and restore structure

2908 South Dakota Ave NE,

- Final Disposition, Vacant, 12/28/2020

Trees Planting & Removal –

- **Tree Planting:** Awaiting spring 2021 planting schedule. Active tree plantings citywide map; <https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=f91f104281ec43f2848272dc4430fb9a&extent=-77.291,38.7778,-76.7162,39.0066>

Repairs, Signaling, Traffic Controls.

- **Street Safety Concerns:**
 - Highlighted by a significant traffic accident November 20, 2020 at 18th and Franklin Streets NE caused by a driver running a red light, demands a more assertive initiative approach to traffic management in our area. This matter and a request for traffic management improvement considerations were forwarded to and are now in the hands of DDOT. The community's concerns continually repeat the threats to public safety are under review. As an update: Service requests
 - 21-0002216 TSS for Speeding issue/crosswalk marking request has initiated January 2021
 - 21-00002220 requesting school zone speed signs is approved and awaiting installation at 20th & Franklin St NE.
 - 21-00001560 TSS for speeding issue 1600-1900 Franklin St NE initiated January 2021
 - 21-00003947 TSS always stop 17th & Franklin St NE initiated in January 2021
 - In response several outstanding service request were combined and are now and under review by DDOT. The commissioner on behalf of constituents at 17th & Franklin St submitted additional community support suggestions to DDOT for consideration. The study will presumably encompass the area of Franklin Street from Rhode Island Ave to 24th Street NE.
 - A request exists to examine traffic flow and mediation in the areas of 22nd, 24th, 26th streets,

and South Dakota avenue, above Rhode Island Avenue, referred to DDOT (Kelly Jeong-Olson),

- **Sidewalk(s) needing improvement update(s):** the south side of the 1800-2000 block received replacement. Unfortunately, for two homeowners, that did not include installing the required apron connecting the driveway to the curb cut. There was a minimum mitigation put in place, but draws questions of appropriateness, and doing right. DDOT appears firm on what it will and will not do. Again, finding an appropriate solution is necessary.
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- **Streets/roadways needing improved traffic management** referred to DDOT for action in January 2021 are the following for urgent traffic management attention needed.
 - TSA initiated for 1600-1900 Franklin St NE 1/2021. Requested scope of consideration; Franklin St NE from Rhode Island Avenue NE to Vista Street at 27th St NE. With focus on intersections as 17th, 18th, 20th, and 24th St, with records of high crashes.
 - Status unchanged: South Dakota Ave NE from Monroe St NE to Bladensburg Road NE, with focus on intersections at 24th St, Rhode Island Ave NE, Carlton St NE, Irving St NE, and Vista St NE.
 - Status unchanged: Rhode Island Avenue NE with focus on intersections at Central Ave, Brentwood Road NE, 24th St, Mills Avenue, 20th St NE, 18th St NE, 17th St NE, and Franklin St NE.
 - Status unchanged: Buffers and property protection at the northeast side of the intersection of 20th and Franklin St NE (two serious property incursions)
- **Major Street Repair,** major street repairs are occurring are coming to **Vista Street from 27th & Franklin St to South Dakota Ave NE the week of April 26, 2021. Notices circulated to nearby residents and businesses. This may affect bus traffic.**
- **Slow streets:** The city has decided to halt the slow streets program May 2021. It will seek “a permanent and more effective strategy”
- **2800 block Belair Place NE,** Traffic study application submitted for conversion from two-way, to one-way. Remains under review. The continue to be no updates at this time
- **Intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and South Dakota Avenue NE remains an ongoing problem.** Most recently there was a serious accident at the intersection of 24th Street and Rhode Island Avenue NE, one block from the S. Dakota and Rhode Island Ave. travelers south on South Dakota Ave are increasing their use of the section of 24th Street to bypass the intersection at RIA and S. Dakota. This imperils those living along that section. The impetus to “make the light” is a contributing factor. WMATA metabuses are often observed making the ‘bypass’ An effective solution is being sought.
- **Update: RPP Signs along 27th Street still needed.** A sufficient time has passed to manufacture the signage

associated with RPP. For some reason lost on me, that this was unimportant. It is not! As businesses ramp up the problem will return like the cicadas. Let us get this done please.

- **Update: Replacement of Street Sign** damaged by vehicle at corner of 26th and Hamlin Street NE; Sign removed; continue awaiting replacement; **no updates**
- **Replacement/Repair of Traffic Sign** at corner Mills Avenue and Rhode Island Ave NE; scheduled; **request remains uncompleted as of this report**
- **Replacement of Traffic Sign** at corner Mills Avenue and Hamlin Street NE; scheduled; **remains uncompleted as of this report**
- **As schools are currently closed, this is an opportune time for implementing an Improved School Zone Signage and Signals** at Langdon Elementary School, 18th St & Evarts, 20th & Evarts Street NE, 20th Street & Franklin Streets; dDOT responded, we await the implementation of the following,
 - Update: School Speed signs approved for intersection at 20th & Franklin St NE, approved and awaiting installation.
 - To improve overall safety in the school zone area, DDOT will install “SCHOOL” marking on Evarts St NE in front of Langdon ES. Timeline is TBD as street marking work depends on weather. We hope to get that done in the spring”.
 - A request for an onsite walk of the areas of concern was made 2/29/2020 during a conference call with dDOT’s Ward 5 constituent services representative. Go unanswered. However, projects requiring on-site staff visits are delayed by the health emergency. Updated: **A walk with new MOCRS 5 Brittany Butler occurred on February 4, 2021 where conditions received in person observation.**
- **RPP**; implementation and signage installation
 - **RPP, 27th Street NE, south of Franklin Street NE. continues to** await sign installation; such installations remain delayed during the emergency.
 - **RPP, 2000-2100 Kearney St NE,** although signs are installed, residents continue to await access to obtain RPP permits from DMV; there are no updates from DMV as offices are on an appointment only basis.
- **Visual Obstruction: 7-11 sign, 1927 Rhode Island Ave NE;** removed with the closing of the business.

Street Cleaning

- Updated 3/8/2021, from DPW, “Every year between March and October the Department of Public Works (DPW) begins our scheduled residential and commercial street sweep service. In response to the public health emergency, street sweeping service is suspended until further notice. Commercial areas, which are swept nightly year-round will continue when temperatures are above 40 degrees”.

Parking Enforcement

- **the following is directly from DPW, per DPW,** DPW Begins Parking Enforcement in District School Zones
Warnings Start March 15; \$25 Fines Begin March 22
Commercial vehicle parking enforcement continues

As we slowly reopen, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is resuming parking enforcement for vehicles violating no parking signs in District of Columbia school zones. There are no more warning tickets.

DPW will continue to enforce parking of non-commercial vehicles parked in commercial loading zones. Additionally, the agency will enforce parking of large vehicles, 22 feet and over, parked adjacent to a recreational park, school, church or residential domicile. Violators will be subject to a \$1,000 fine and or/impoundment.

Trash collection

- The commissioner continues to remind residents that they are to remove trash and recycle bins from public space after the trash collection for that day. Residents have 8 hours to clear public space. Trash and recycle bins are not to obstruct the flow of traffic at any time, nor should they be placed off property in any adjacent public space, if placed for temporary collection purposes and must be removed immediately afterward.
 - [Emergency Routes List](#)
 - [Snow Emergency Vehicle Towing Policy](#)

Grounds Maintenance

- Per DPW, “Mowing and grass cutting will began April 1. DPW’s Grounds Maintenance unit will begin its seasonal mowing and cutting activity by mowing medians, triangle parks, major corridors/gateways, curbside/roadside grass areas throughout the District.”

Storm Drain Cleaning

- Unchanged: Please report clogged or obstructed catch basins via the 24-hour emergency line: **202-612-3400**. You may also report damaged covers needing repair using the same number. Keeping the storm drain entries is important to reduce the potential overflow into unintended areas like private yards and park. Always, put waste in its place, not the streets or sidewalks where it can make its way to the storm drains.
 - The Commissioner continues reminding everyone:
 - Avoid having sump drainage dumping onto sidewalks creating a falling hazard.
 - Do not create makeshift drain lines on sidewalks and other public space.

Small Cell Towers-5G

The commissioner continues his work to obtain information that is more current from DDOT, or the Office of Planning, or other agencies involved in this process.

- Remains unchanged. There no report of a permit application submission. Nevertheless, there is a proposed Small Cell installation at 3400 block of South Dakota Avenue, west side announced by Verizon noticing intent to seek Public Space permits at Pole Number 807400-6178. The commissioner filed an objection.
- Additionally, providers submitted an application to install a small cell tower at the intersection of 18th Street and Franklin Street NE. The commissioner filed an objection.
- Direct inquiries to 5c07@anc.dc.gov or Mr. Mario Acosta-Velez, Verizon Director External Affairs (202) 515-2580
- **Find more Information from DC-DDOT**
<https://ddot.dc.gov/smallcell>
- **Also, find more Information from DC OCTO:**
<https://octo.dc.gov/page/small-cells>

MPD District's Realignment

- MPD has issued and continues to issue advisories regarding what citizens need to do to lessen the opportunities for vehicle theft.
- During this time of civil unrest, MPD resources may deploy to the downtown area. Commander Fitzgerald is working hard to keep us safe, but we must also do our part as well.

ANC 5 Grants

- **Updated:** We expect the OANC will provide its final version of the ANC Uniform Community Grant application form this month. Once received, the ANC can prepare to proceed. The grants are not open to individuals. However, any group or not-for-profit can apply.
- We anticipate a robust program for improving our communities.
- The Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C placed its plans for general comment before commissioners. As mentioned before, the ANC-5C plans are continuing forward with its grant program, after the January 2021 meeting. ANC 5C will announce at its regular ANC-5C meeting the third Wednesday in March 2021 of its plans to move the Grant process forward. Applicants for proposed projects must demonstrate a public community benefit. Please forward any letters of interest to your SMD commissioner, or to the full Commission. There is an expectation that applications will become available once the OANC grant application is formalized in 2021

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