

CITIZENS AWARE

ALERT

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Message From Citizens Aware President

Beginnings... Endings... Transitions ...

Although spring represents a time of beginnings, the month of June has stood for several endings – the school year, the presidential primary season (and we thought it would never end!), and in our little corner of the world, a term of service for CA's officers. But those endings aren't finite; rather, they are transitions into something greater. For students, they have graduated or are going up one grade/school/university level. For the presidential candidates, they are gearing up for a general election in which one will be elected president. For CA officers, we will be preparing to serve another term come the fall where we hope to do even more to serve our community. But for now, we are taking a break. That does not mean, however, you cannot contact us when you need a problem solved. And as you'll see on page 2, there's still work to be done over the summer — and we hope you will help. Come join us at our June meeting before we break; but just in case you can't, we hope you have a wonderful summer!

Peace and Blessings,

Gwen Vample

Citizens Aware President

Your ANC Meets on June 23!

ANC 4B Single Member District's 4B08 & 4B09 will host a joint Single Member District (SMD) meeting on June 23 at Riggs LaSalle Community Center from 7-9 p.m. Agenda items include updates on Riggs Plaza/Tiger Mart Development; PSA402 crime report, Chevron gas spill, Riggs Park Recreation Center activities and constituent services report.

Citizens Aware is under the jurisdiction of 4B08, whose commissioner is Yvonne Jefferson. The 4B09 Commissioner is Doug Sloan, who does double duty as the chairperson of ANC 4B.

Community News and Events

DPW's Weekly Shredding Service: Each Saturday, the Department of Public Works provides a document shredding service at the Benning Road Trash Transfer Station, 3200 Benning Road, NE., from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.dpw.dc.gov or call 311.

Free Home Energy Audits Available to D.C. Residents: The Department of the Environment's Home Energy Rating System (HERS) program will send a RESNET certified Auditor to evaluate a home's existing energy condition, and will issue a detailed HERS improvement analysis report. To schedule an audit, call Willie Vazquez at 202/671-3304 or LaKeisha Estep at 202/673-6733.

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NEXT MEETING

June 11

- Guest Speaker: Bill Terry, D.C. Dept. of Transportation
- Community concerns

NEXT THREE MEETING DATES

- SUMMER BREAK!
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10

LOCATION/TIME OF ALL MEETINGS

Second Wednesdays of the month

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Christian Reformed Church
5911 New Hampshire Ave. NE
in the basement meeting hall

**Want more community info? Join our list-serv: citizensaware-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
And visit our website at <http://www.geocities.com/citizensaware>.**

Help Us Plan Upcoming Activities

Although we are taking a break from meeting during the summer, Citizens Aware will continue to work behind the scenes. We will need help in planning these upcoming events, so contact one of the officers (contact info on front) to volunteer.

LRCA Is Celebrating The Big 6-0!

This year marks year 60 for the Lamond Riggs Citizens Association. To celebrate, the LRCA is planning a banquet on October 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. The theme will be "The Past, the Present and the Future." Tickets will be on sale this month. For details, contact Caesar Dudley at 202/526-2606.

Like Comforting Others? Be Our Amenities Chair

Are you the type of person who is quick to send a card, note, flowers, gift baskets, etc., when people are ill or suffering loss? We need you as our amenities chair. Contact the officers for more details.



In Memoriam

We lost a long-time, beloved member of our community recently. Ben Gadsden of 202 Peabody Street, passed away on May 27. He leaves his wife, Lucy Gadsden, and daughter Dr. Tonja Gadsden. Mr. Gadsden was a committed member of Citizens Aware. We will miss him.

September Yard Sale — The actual date is TBD, but at this event you'll be able to sell your gently used items plus eat food hot off the grill. Tentative plans include *a giveaway for steering wheel clubs in conjunction with MPD*. Look for flyers in late August/early September with more details on this event. And start thinking of items or food you want to contribute.

Annual Holiday Party — Each December, in lieu of our regular meeting, we have a special holiday fellowship with a full course meal, music, silent auction and visits from government officials.

Crime Alert

We are fortunate not to live in a high-crime area, but here are two troubling events of recent: (1) May 3: Mugging at Fort Totten Metro, near woods after dark; victim was attacked by nearly a dozen assailants (Councilmember Bowser noted that D.C.'s FY 09 budget includes funding for improved lighting for this area); and (2) June 4: Gun robbery in 300 B/O Oglethorpe St. NE. So it's important to work closely with local police. To that end, officers Heather Straker and Adriana Wilson regularly attend CA meetings to hear from residents and share crime prevention tips. On a related note, we have another lieutenant for PSA 402 — Lt. Keith DeVille. He will work alongside Lt. Juan Espinal.



This is **Joseph Martin**, the *Outreach and Services Specialist for Ward 4*, who attended our May meeting.

Have a concern? Contact him at 202/442-9509 (w); 202/340-7853 (c) and joseph.martin@dc.gov.

CITIZENS AWARE MEMBERSHIP FORM

OCTOBER 2008-SEPTEMBER 2009 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Yes, I would like to join Citizens Aware. Enclosed is my 2008-2009 dues check made out to *Citizens Aware* for **\$15 (per household)**.

NAME (last, first, MI):

ADDRESS: (number, street, zip)

PHONE NUMBER:

(h) _____ (w) _____ (c) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Send Form/Payment to: Yvonne Jefferson, Citizens Aware Treasurer
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(Or you can pay at our meeting.)