

The Buzz

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Mayor's Health Care Plan

Many neighbors have expressed concerns about how to access the Mayor's new health care system. Those questions were asked of Natalie Cleckley, a spokesperson for DC Healthcare Alliance. The following is excerpted from her response:

DC HealthCare Alliance (Alliance) is a public-private partnership that provides healthcare for District residents who lack health insurance. Member providers include Greater Southeast Community Hospital, Chartered Health Plan, Unity Health Care, Inc., Children's National Medical Center, and The George Washington University Hospital. The DC Health Department represents the public partner. Chartered's role in the Alliance is to provide administrative services, including eligibility verification and enrollment. Member services representatives are available to answer your questions and resolve problems. Please call (202) 842-2810 or toll free at 1-(866) 842-2810 with any questions or concerns.

Enrolling is easy as 1-2-3!

Step 1: Contact the Alliance

Call the Alliance at 202-842-2810 (or toll free at 866-842-2810) or visit one of eight sites across DC. The closest is DC General, 1900 Massachusetts Avenue, SE.

Step 2: Meet the Requirements

- District of Columbia resident
 - Income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
 - No health insurance
- OR

For prescription benefits only:

- District of Columbia resident
- Over the age of 64
- Meet family size and income requirements (at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level)
- Not enrolled in private health insurance plan that coordinates with Medicare or Medicaid

Enrollment begins immediately and will be effective for 30 days from the day the enrollment application is signed. The Alliance must verify the information provided. If all information is verified, enrollment in the program is extended to 6 months.

Step 3: Provide Verification of Eligibility

Members must show that they live in DC by presenting one or more of the following:

- Valid driver's license or government issued no-driver's identification, or
- Voter's registration card, or
- Lease, mortgage agreement, or letter from member's landlord, or
- Current utility bill, or
- Document mailed to the member's current address more than 30 days prior to application, or
- Library card, or
- A letter from the person with whom the member lives stating that he/she has lived at a DC address for at least 30 days prior to application

AND

Members must show that family size and income meet the requirements by presenting one or more of the following:

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- ◆ NLPNA meeting, Tuesday, September 4, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C St., N.E. All are welcome.
- ◆ PSA 511 Community Meeting, September 19, 7 p.m., Teacher's Credit Union, 9th & D St. N.E.
- ◆ Bike DC, September 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (see article)
- ◆ NLPNA Halloween Party Coordinators needed. Call 543-3512 (Elizabeth) to volunteer.
- ◆ The Buzz needs donations to pay for future issues. Please send your tax-deductible contributions to NLPNA Treasurer, 160 TN Ave, N.E.

Check Those Lightpoles

Charles C. White, ANC Commissioner for 6B07, needs your help in identifying light poles that are not properly enclosed at the bottom. There's an access door that should have a cover on it to prevent injury to anyone coming in contact with the wiring. Please call him (546-1840) to report problem locations and any other DPW related problems.

- Copy of all pay-stubs received over the last 30 days, or
- Documentation of sudden loss of income (job has been lost), or
- Copy of the offer letter given by the member's employer when he/she started the job, or
- Letter from a verifiable source stating that the prospective member has not been employed

for at least 30 days.

Don't Dump On Maury!!

Some of our neighbors have misunderstood the purpose of the large trash dumpster at the 12th place side of Maury ES. They have been using it for their personal garbage, including construction debris and bulk trash. In some cases, large objects have been placed next to the bin. This is illegal and creates a health and safety problem for the school.

The regular city trash collectors do not pick up at that site and the contractor hired by the school system is not required to pick up non-school refuse or anything left next to the bin. The custodial staff must either try to lift the oversized objects and bags into the bin, or call bulk trash or illegal dumping. Ms. Davis (and the rest of the staff) works very hard to keep the school a clean and cheerful place for learning. We should all understand how important that is and not undermine her efforts. You can arrange for bulk trash collection or report violations by calling 727-1000.

Help Our Students

As the school year begins, some neighborhood children are returning to school without the supplies they need to make the most of their educational opportunities. Both Maury and Miner ES would welcome donations of paper, pencils, binders, etc. If you can help, drop off your donations at the schools or with Elizabeth Nelson at 1330 N.C. Ave or Charles White at 1225 Constitution Ave (for Maury) or Larry Gray at 600 14th St (Miner)

Buy Entertainment Books Now

The Entertainment 2002 books are here! Entertainment books have valuable coupons that give you half off at many area restaurants, and hundreds of other savings. The book pays for itself in no time. The book costs \$35, and NLPNA gets to keep \$7 from every book sold. Last year, NLPNA raised over \$200. If you'd like to buy a book or help sell books, please call Suzanne at 547-2477.

To be included in the NLPNA directory, call Elizabeth 543-3512.

Bike DC!!!

Sunday, September 23, is Bike DC, a 32-mile car-free ride through DC sponsored by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA). The east-bound lane of East Capitol Street from 3rd Street to 19th Street will be closed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The west-bound lane will remain open to traffic. 6th Street and 14th Street will be the only streets where you will be allowed to cross East Capitol. No parking will be allowed on the south side of East Capitol beginning at midnight on September 23. The street closures may make getting around that day a bit challenging, but if we all plan ahead, we can help WABA ensure a successful BikeDC. For further information, call (202) 628-2500 or check www.waba.org.

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