



The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnership



Here's what's happening at Serve DC

Note from the Director



Greetings Service Ambassadors, Happy Summer!
I am excited to share with you the June, 2022 edition of the Serve DC Newsletter.

#DCisOpen! As the weather warms up in DC, our team continues to find ways to connect people to purpose. We are proud to partner with the **Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice**, along with other District agencies to meet and greet residents and share resources at pop-ups across high-traffic areas in all 8 wards. One recent partnership that demonstrates the power of multi-sector collaboration in addressing our most promising investments is **JPMorgan Chase** to support our Summer Youth Emergency Preparedness Academy.

In the coming weeks, you will not want to miss the launch of our annual **Summer Youth Emergency Preparedness Academy**, the close-out our Serve 202 public private partnership series, and the opening of our **Volunteer Generation Fund** application for nonprofits serving young men and boys of color! We are also continuing to spread the word about our work and connecting with others who advance volunteerism and service nationally. Our senior leadership recently represented #DCValues and Serve DC at the **America's Service Commissions'** Eastern Conference.

Another highlight was closing out **Mayor Bowser's 2022 Spirit of Service Awards** nomination process and reviewing 300+ nominations! We look forward to seeing you for an in-person award celebration in July; details coming soon!

Be on the lookout for in-person events, festivals, and gatherings and continue to connect and engage with us as we continue to work together to create *new, better, and different* ways to serve DC.

In service and collaboration,

Alexis L. Squire

Director and Chief Service Officer

District Updates



COVID-19 Booster Dose Now Available for 5- to 11-Year-Olds

The Pfizer COVID-19 booster is now available for children between 5 and 11 years old. The booster dose has been approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and has been shown to help prevent getting infected or having severe complications from COVID-19.

DC Health recommends that all eligible children 5-11 receive the booster as soon as possible to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Any child between 5-11 who received their primary vaccine series on or before December 20, 2021, is eligible for the booster. In addition, children ages 5 through 11 who are moderately or severely immunocompromised are eligible for the booster if they received their primary vaccine series on or before February 20, 2022.

Anyone eligible for a booster dose, including children, can get a free booster at any district's eight COVID Centers. No appointment is necessary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
**MENTAL HEALTH
HOTLINE**

1-888-793-4357
(888-7WE-HELP)

**Feeling depressed, anxious,
or just not yourself?**

You can talk to someone now to help sort out your feelings and get the support you need.

A trained mental health specialist is available anytime.

Free mental health hotline that residents can use by calling 1(888) 793-4357

As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, Mayor Muriel Bowser highlighted the District's Mental Health Hotline and encouraged residents to take advantage of the programs and resources available to support mental health.

Residents are encouraged to contact the **Mental Health Hotline at 1(888) 793-4357 (1(888) 7WE-HELP)** to talk with a trained mental health specialist if they're feeling depressed, anxious, or just not themselves. The Hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Opportunities for DC Residents to Work at SOMETHING IN THE WATER this Weekend!

In April, the founder of the festival, Pharrell Williams, announced with Mayor Muriel Bowser that the annual 3-day concert will be held in the District from June 17-19 on Independence Avenue, SW.

And when businesses and events hire locally, DC residents thrive! That's why we're connecting Washingtonians seeking summer jobs with work opportunities at does.dc.gov. For more information about the festival, visit somethinginthewater.com.

We can prevent tragedy by reporting an illegal gun.

#GunsDownDC

GOT GUNS?

Increased Reward!

You will be eligible for a cash reward of up to **\$2,500** for a tip leading to an arrest and a seizure of an illegal gun, plus an additional reward of up to **\$5,000** for a “ghost gun” and/or handgun equipped with a conversion device.

You will be eligible for a cash reward of up to **\$10,000** for a tip leading to an arrest and conviction in a shooting.

Call (202) 727-9099 or anonymously text 50411 if you know someone who has an illegal gun or you know where illegal guns are being hidden. You'll do the right thing and help take another illegal gun off the street.

#SaferStrongerDC **ATF**  **GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR



We Can Prevent Tragedy by Reporting an Illegal Gun

Call (202) 727-9099 or anonymously text 50411 if you know someone who has an illegal gun or where illegal guns are being hidden. You'll do the right thing and help keep our community safe by taking another illegal gun off the street.

COVID CENTERS

WARD	ADDRESS	SCHEDULE	
1	800 Euclid Street NW	Monday: 10 am - 8 pm Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm Thursday: 11 am - 9 pm	Friday: 9 am - 7 pm Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm Sunday: CLOSED
2	926 F Street NW	Monday: 10 am - 8 pm Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm Thursday: 11 am - 9 pm	Friday: 9 am - 7 pm Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm Sunday: CLOSED
4	4704 13th Street NW	Monday: 10 am - 8 pm Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm Thursday: 11 am - 9 pm	Friday: 9 am - 7 pm Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm Sunday: CLOSED
5	2350 Washington Place NE, Ste 105-N	Monday: CLOSED Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm Thursday: 11 am - 9 pm	Friday: 9 am - 7 pm Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm Sunday: 9 am - 7 pm
6	507 8 th Street SE	Monday: 10 am - 8 pm Tuesday: CLOSED Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm Thursday: 11 am - 9 pm	Friday: 9 am - 7 pm Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm Sunday: 9 am - 7 pm
7	3929 Minnesota Avenue NE	Monday: CLOSED Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm Thursday: 11 am - 9 pm	Friday: 9 am - 7 pm Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm Sunday: 9 am - 7 pm
8	3640 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue SE	Monday: 10 am - 8 pm Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm Thursday: 11 am - 9 pm	Friday: 9 am - 7 pm Saturday: 10 am - 8 pm Sunday: CLOSED

[CORONAVIRUS.DC.GOV](https://coronavirus.dc.gov)

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Serve DC in the Community



JPMorgan Chase Commits \$150,000 to Support The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships' Summer Youth Employment Program

The Grant Award underscores the power of private- public partnerships in scaling promising initiatives. Through this investment , The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships, Serve DC, will provide increased wages to participating young people in Summer Emergency Preparedness Academy.

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Today, the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships, Serve DC, was awarded \$150,000 by JPMorgan Chase as part of their five-year \$30 billion commitment to advance racial equity across the United States. With these additional funds, participating young people will receive a total of \$20 per hour, over 30% more than minimum wage, as they learn to build and protect resilient communities, create pathways to civic leadership and develop career possibilities, all through service.

"JPMorgan Chase's investment is helping to secure the next generation of civic leaders. We are proud to actualize Mayor Bowser's vision of cultivating multi-sector partnerships to bring resources directly to our city's most promising investment, the youth we serve," said **Alexis Squire, Chief Service Officer, and Serve DC Director.**

[Read our full press release here.](#)



POWERUP DC 2022 Small Business Summit

Director Squire spoke alongside other DC leaders on a panel for nonprofits and faith-based at POWERUP DC, hosted by **[DC Health Link](#)**. The panel was titled Accelerating Capacity to Strengthen Efficiency and Sustainability, some tips from experts were:

1. Activate your "people-power" through volunteer and service opportunities, (even funding ones like [AmeriCorps](#).)
2. Leverage your "connection-power" through technology and collaborations. Check out our [Serve DC Volunteer Portal](#) to get started!
3. Expand your "information-power" by staying ready. Check out our Serve DC funding alert and [obviouslydc.com](#) to learn more about local funding opportunities available NOW!



Wegmans Community Meeting

Director Squire and Donations and Partnerships Manager, Rold Louis joined local civic leaders at a community meeting hosted by grocery chain, Wegmans, newly coming to the DC community. The discussion centered on sharing the values and mission of the District and nonprofit partners with the Wegmans team, ensuring the start of a strong, community-centered relationship.



AmeriCorps Roundtable

AmeriCorps members and alumni from the DC-Maryland-Virginia area shared their experiences at HQ with AmeriCorps CEO Michael Smith and board members. It was an engaging, dynamic discussion where members were able to share feedback on how to improve service members' experiences as well as what they've learned and liked about their service. One thing was clear: making connections and building community is top of mind!



Empowered Women, Empower Women!

On May 18, Serve DC Youth Program Manager Adriana Bonilla spoke to hundreds of girls at an in-person event hosted by Girls Global Academy, an all girl public charter high school in DC. Girls walked away with an understanding of various career paths and opportunities in the District.



America's Service Commission: Team Serve Shaping the Future!

For three days, Serve DC staff members Jessica, Thomas, and Traci connected with other State Service Commission staff, national service program managers, and AmeriCorps members in Burlington, Vermont. The purpose of the National Service Training events is to support and guide national service leaders in growing their resources, tending to their specific needs, building their capacities, and creating a space for inspiration. #EasternService



Team Rayceen Spreads the Word: #SOSA2022

"We're planning for some really exciting activations and events that celebrate all of the amazing work our residents do across all sectors, all disciplines and focus areas 365 days a year!" - Director Squire
On May 17, Director Squire spoke with Team Rayceen host Kyrlios about Serve DC's work as well as what Mayor Muriel Bowser's 2022 Spirit of Service Awards

are all about. Thanks for having us, Team Rayceen!



Public Safety, Justice, and Beyond!

Throughout the month of May, Serve DC staff tabled and met residents at community resource pop up events. To support the overall mission of the Violence Reduction Focused Community Engagement Team, Serve DC staff shared emergency preparedness and other resources.

It was a team effort designed to stabilize, partner, empower, and equip ALL communities in the District with the tools necessary to increase safety in their respective communities!



Open Streets: Ward 8!

On May 21, Serve DC staff met and greeted Ward 8 residents at a stretch of MLK Avenue Boulevard in historic Anacostia! We celebrated Ward 8 by sharing resources and opportunities our agency offers, in conjunction with MOCA staff.

Open Streets is a global initiative that offers communities the opportunity to experience their city streets in a whole new way. Open Streets events temporarily close roadways to vehicles to provide safe spaces for walking, biking, skating, and other social activities. These help users reimagine public space to prioritize people over cars, provide easy access to recreation and other health-oriented programming, and promote local economic development by helping support

businesses. DC began celebrating Open Streets in 2019 at the inaugural event on Georgia Avenue.



DPR Senior Fest Homecoming

On May 25, Serve DC participated in DPR Senior Service Division's summer kickoff event. Senior Fest: The Homecoming!

Our staff celebrated DC residents ages 55+ by recruiting senior volunteers. It was a fun day of music, food, vendors, exhibitors, giveaways, and opportunities to get involved this summer!



Volunteer Generation Fund Pre Bidder's Conference

On June 2, Serve DC hosted an informational session in person at the John A. Wilson Building regarding funding opportunity for nonprofits working to empower young men and boys of color in the district!

Select grantees will receive up to \$10,000 and have the opportunity to be a part of a community of VGF recipients who receive technical assistance and networking opportunities.

National Service Commission Chair...David Horwitz!



We're so excited to announce our newly appointed Chair of the Commission for National and Community Service, David Horwitz! Commissioner Horwitz is the Strategic Partnerships and Community Engagement Manager, Experience Corps at the AARP Foundation.

Over the past decade, he has committed his skills and experience to cultivating a community of servant leaders. His vision for the Commission: be highly engaged and best support the city's priorities, while building a tightly knit community of service members and professionals!

Congratulations, Commission Chair! We're excited for your leadership.

Serve DC Job Openings



Board Position: 3 year Term on Serve DC's Commission:

Serve DC is looking for engaged residents to join the Commission for National and Community Service. The Commission's purpose is to encourage community service and volunteer participation as a means of community and state problem-solving; to promote and support voluntary citizen involvement in government and private programs throughout the District of Columbia; to develop a comprehensive vision and strategic plan for community service initiatives in the District of Columbia; and to serve as the District's liaison between national and other state organizations in concert with the District of Columbia strategic plan.

Residents engaged in the nonprofit, youth, philanthropic, business, and labor communities are particularly encouraged to apply.

[Apply Now](#)

Grants Management Specialist Position:

Consider joining the Serve DC team and supporting the overall management and coordination of grants and programmatic activities! In cooperation with the Director and Deputy Director, you'll have the opportunity to design and maintain a financial and grants management system including writing policies and procedures and a fiscal manual for use by programs.

[Apply Now](#)

Monthly Partner Highlight



This month, we're featuring [Feed the Fridge](#). **Feed the Fridge** is an effort to bring nourishment where there is hunger while helping small, local restaurants stay in business. The organization does this by placing refrigerators around the DC metro area and paying local restaurants to fill them with fresh meals daily. They also hand-deliver holiday meals to seniors who cannot leave their homes, meeting a vital need for our community members.

Interested in Volunteering? Join us:

[Serve DC Volunteer Portal](#)

Stay Connected with Mayor's Office of Volunteerism and Partnerships:

