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INTERIM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

*By Jessica Smith, Interim Director
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Community Living*

Happy holidays, seniors!

While it's always true, the holiday season is a reminder of just how important it is to be around the ones we love. Loved ones are often more than just our family and friends — they are our neighbors, our care providers, and new friends we have yet to meet. Many of those same neighbors, care providers and new friends will be at the Mayor's Senior Holiday Celebration! This annual celebration is the perfect place to be surrounded by love, friendship and fellowship. It's the place many of you have made lifelong friendships, got enrolled into programs to help you age the way you choose, reconnected with services you haven't engaged with in a while, and of course danced the afternoon away!

As the Interim Director, I'm particularly excited for this year's celebration. We're going back to the DC Armory and we have so much in store for you. With more than 80 community and government services and a variety of entertainment, this year's celebration will be nothing short of amazing. And if you've never had the experience of hundreds of people lined up cheering and thanking you for coming, I can promise you it's one experience that's unforgettable and not to be missed.

To register, give us a call at 202-727-8955 or visit mayor-bowsers24thannualseniorho.splashthat.com. While vaccinations and masks are not required, we strongly encourage you get to vaccinated and bring your masks. And if you're not fully vaccinated or in need of a booster, we'll have a vaccination clinic on site for your convenience, so be sure to stop by to keep you and your loved ones safe this holiday season.

As we head into the winter season, we're reminded of what this time of year means for some of us. It can be a time that feels lonely and isolated. But I want you know that DACL and the entire District Government are here for you and there's no better time to get connected. To learn about all the activities and events that are available to you, visit us at dacl.dc.gov or call us at 202-724-5626.

See you December 6!

Jessica Smith

You're Invited!

Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents the
24th Annual Senior Holiday Celebration

DC Armory
2001 E Capitol St SE, Washington, DC 20003

**Tuesday, December 6
10:00 AM**

RSVP at tinyurl.com/holidaycelebration22

In accordance with new safety and security guidelines, bags, backpacks, and purses will not be permitted inside the DC Armory. Wallet-size clutches no larger than 5" x 7" are permitted.

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Julia's Heart Presents

**Winter Wonderland
2022 PARTY**

Please join us for a free holiday brunch, free holiday bingo with prizes up to \$250, free health screenings, raffles and so much more.

Our sponsors for the event are OCHS, Community Angels, Colton & Wright Contracting LLC, Lala's Credit Repair, The Art Room, Elite Planning & Marketing, and Diamond's Catering

**Please RSVP with
Shaunta at 240.838.6507
or Lala at 202.677.0335t**

**Saturday, December 10, 2022 • Noon – 4 p.m.
Martha's Table**

3575 Elvans Rd., SE • Washington, D.C. 20020

Mayor Bowser releases the DC Racial Equity Plan



On November 16, Mayor Muriel Bowser and Amber Hewitt, Director of the Mayor's Office of Racial Equity (ORE), released the District's first-ever Racial Equity Action Plan, a three-year roadmap outlining actions that the District will take to close racial equity gaps and measure progress toward a more equitable DC. Residents can provide feedback on the plan until January 2, 2023. To review the full plan and provide feedback, visit ore.dc.gov/actionplan.

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Leaf
Collection Program

The Department of Public Works' leaf collection service is in full swing! Be sure to check the DPW website to see when DPW will be in your neighborhood, <https://dpw.dc.gov/service/leaf-collection>.