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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Happy holidays! At this time of year, we usually talk about getting together with family and friends for the holidays, but for some of us, that prospect might actually make us feel more lonely. Sometimes the family we're born into or raised in isn't ideal, or maybe friends and family aren't as close as you'd like. No matter what your situation is, we're here for you. Come connect and celebrate with us at the Mayor's Annual Senior Holiday Celebration. Whether this is your only holiday celebration or one of many, we want to see you!

You may have heard me say that we celebrate you every day here at DACL. While that's true, the Mayor's Annual Senior Holiday Celebration is the biggest event we do all year. And if you've never had the experience of entering a room with people lined up on either side of you cheering and thanking you for coming, I promise it's unforgettable (and sometimes people enjoy it so much, they go through more than once!).

This year we'll be at the Convention Center, so don't forget to register by calling 202-727-8955 or going online at seniorholidayceleb.splashthat.com. Remember, we want to be able to dance and eat safely, so bring your vaccination card and your mask (we'll have a mask there for you if you forget!). If you're not fully vaccinated, please get the shot today—that's the best way we'll be able to keep you and your loved ones safe. Remember, boosters are recommended, and you should get your flu shot, too!

As we head into the New Year, we're thinking about new things, and things we can make new again, which is why we've changed things up at our holiday celebration by hosting it at the Convention Center. We're also going to do a new photo exhibition of seniors throughout DC, so be on the lookout for news about when and where you can join us for that. In every ward of the city, our nonprofit partners will be trying new things and new ways to connect with you, so let us know how it's working. And if there's something you'd like us to try, I'd love to hear from you! Email us at dacl.communications@dc.gov or call 202-724-5626.

See you at the Convention Center December 15th!

Don't Miss Mayor Bowser's 23rd Annual Senior Holiday Celebration!

After a year apart, we're excited to celebrate with you at Mayor Muriel Bowser's 23rd Annual Senior Holiday Celebration. On December 15 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, join us for this highly anticipated celebration at a new location:

**The Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mt. Vernon Pl. NW Washington, DC 20001**

Proof of vaccination is required. To register, please contact your lead agency or call us at 202-727-8955.

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Don't Let the Flu OR COVID-19 Beat You

Did you know that you can get a flu shot and your COVID-19 booster shot at the same time?

Who is eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot?

Individuals 18+ who received the **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine two or more months ago.

Individuals who received the initial series of the **Pfizer-BioNTech** or **Moderna** vaccine six or more months ago who are:

- ▶ 65 years and older
- ▶ 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- ▶ 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- ▶ 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

For more information visit vaccines.gov

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DC Downtown Holiday Market Returns

The highly anticipated DC Downtown Holiday Market returns! All month long, shop small and support our local businesses at DC's outdoor shopping village through Thursday, December 23. Open daily from 12PM to 8PM.

Learn more at downtownholidaymarket.com.



Leaf Collection Season Begins

21-22 Leaf Season Collection Program

The Department of Public Works will be collecting leaves in all 8 Wards throughout the fall and winter months. Leaf collection began Monday, November 1 and will end January 22, 2022. For more information, visit dpw.dc.gov/service/leaf-collection.

NEED A TEST?

Pick-up and drop-off a COVID-19 test at one of **27 locations** across all 8 wards.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Ward 1 MT. PLEASANT LIBRARY 3160 16th Street NW	PALISADES REC CENTER 5200 Sherier Place NW	TURKEY THICKET REC CENTER 1100 Michigan Avenue NE	Ward 7 BENNING (DOROTHY I. HEIGHT) LIBRARY 3935 Benning Road NE
Ward 2 GEORGETOWN LIBRARY 3260 R Street NW	TENLEY-FRIENDSHIP LIBRARY 4450 Wisconsin Avenue NW	WOODRIDGE LIBRARY 1801 Hamlin Street NE	CAPITOL VIEW LIBRARY 5001 Central Avenue SE
MLK CENTRAL LIBRARY 901 G Street NW	Ward 4 LAMOND REC CENTER 20 Tuckerman Street NE	Ward 6 ARTHUR CAPPER COMMUNITY CENTER 1000 5th Street SE	FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY 3660 Alabama Avenue SE
WEST END LIBRARY 2301 L Street NW	PETWORTH LIBRARY 4200 Kansas Avenue NW	DC HEALTH 899 N. Capitol Street NE	Ward 8 ANACOSTIA LIBRARY 1800 Good Hope Road SE
Ward 3 CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY 5625 Connecticut Avenue NW	SHEPHERD PARK (JUANITA E. THORNTON) LIBRARY 7420 Georgia Avenue NW	ROSEDALE REC CENTER 1701 Gales Street NE	BARRY FARM REC CENTER 1230 Sumner Road SE
CLEVELAND PARK LIBRARY 310 Connecticut Avenue NW	Ward 5 EDGEWOOD REC CENTER 301 Franklin Street NE	SHAW (WATHA T. DANIEL) LIBRARY 1630 7th Street NW	BELLEVUE (WILLIAM O. LOCKRIDGE) LIBRARY 115 Atlantic Street SW
	TRINIDAD REC CENTER 1310 Childress Street NE	SOUTHWEST LIBRARY 900 Wesley Place SW	FORT STANTON REC CENTER 1812 Erie Street SE

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