

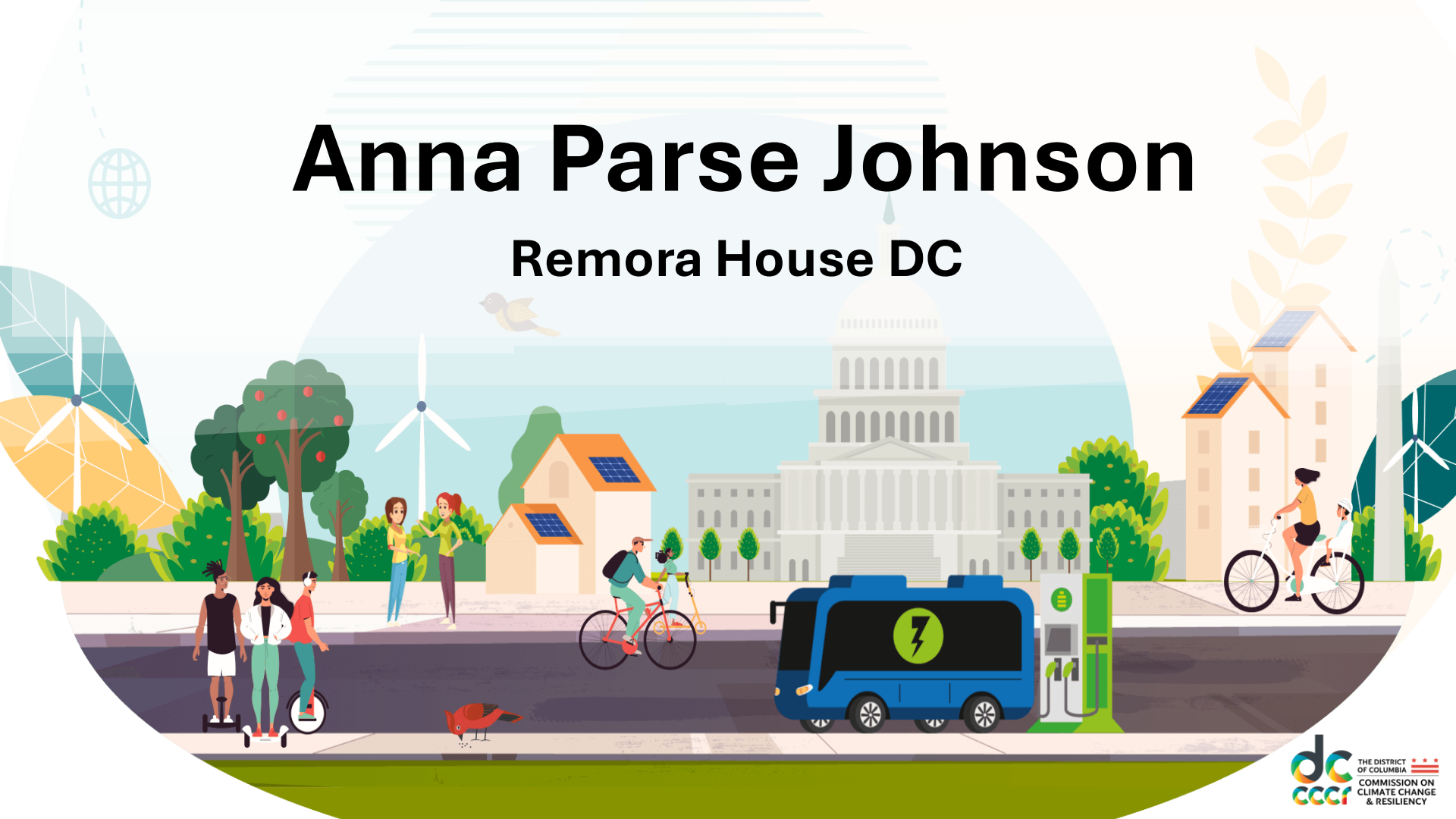
Vulnerable Populations

11:15 am – 12:15 pm



Anna Parse Johnson

Remora House DC



Homelessness & Climate Change

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Who we are: mutual aid group of 5 - 10 DC residents

What we do: material support and advocacy for 35+ unhoused and recently housed people

This presentation will speak to **my experience.**

PIT count 2024:

10,000 people experiencing homelessness in
DMV

1,500 unsheltered homeless people

12% increase over 2023

(Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 2024)

Climate's impact

Climate change contributes to and exacerbates homelessness.

- People living outside are the most vulnerable to weather events - and impacts are growing more severe (NIH: Ramin & Svoboda 2009).
- Climate is a leading cause of displacement globally - 675,000 people in US in 2023 (Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre 2023).

Local impact

Local effects: heat waves, cold snaps, severe storms, wildfires

Recent examples:

- Snow this month: we warned folks who didn't know it was coming and distributed warming supplies
- Wildfire smoke this summer: folks reported feeling sick, asked us for cold & flu meds, we distributed masks

Residents' response

Build resiliency in community.

- Track upcoming weather events
- Collect and share resources
- Advocate for each other
- Get through it

Suggestion: stop encampment evictions

Criminalization of homelessness exacerbates climate stress, especially encampment evictions.

- Forcible evictions increase likelihood of police interaction and undermine path to financial and housing stability (APHA 2023)
- Sweeps worsen exposure to climate hazards (Goodling 2019)

DC has **8 clearings** scheduled for first half of February (DMHHS 2025)

Learn more
about our work.



Instagram



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Citations

APHA 2023: <https://www.apha.org/policies-and-advocacy/public-health-policy-statements/policy-database/2024/01/16/displacement-of-encampments>

DMHHS 2025: <https://dmhhs.dc.gov/page/encampments>

Georgetown Environmental Law Review 2024: <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/environmental-law-review/blog/dual-hazards-of-homelessness-and-climate-change/>

Goodling 2019: <https://unequalcities.org/2020/01/31/intersecting-hazards-intersectional-identities-a-baseline-critical-environmental-justice-analysis-of-homelessness/>

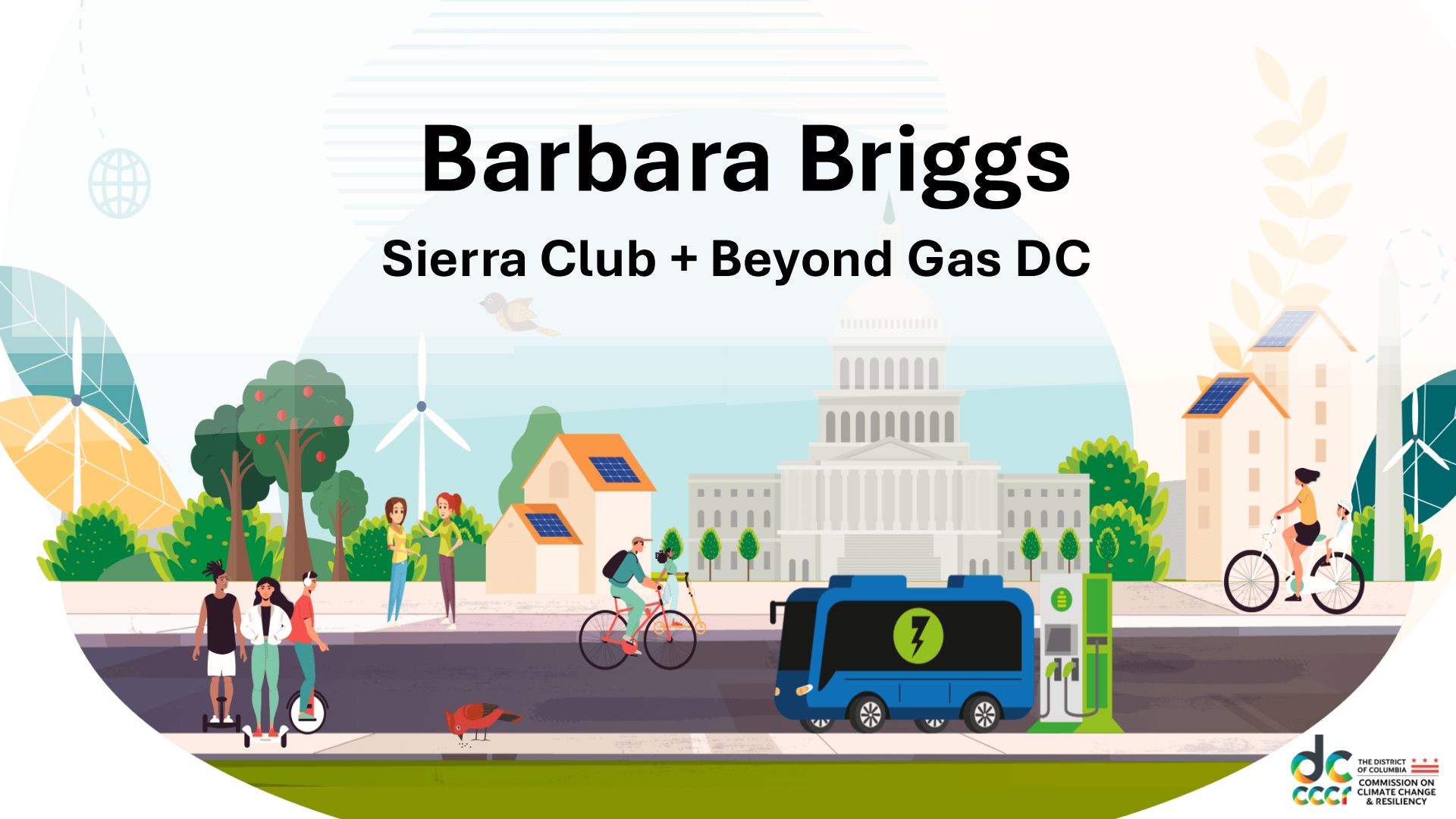
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Cooking Up Danger

Community Study Reveals Hazardous
Nitrogen Dioxide Levels in DC and
Maryland Kitchens

www.BeyondGasDC.org/NO2

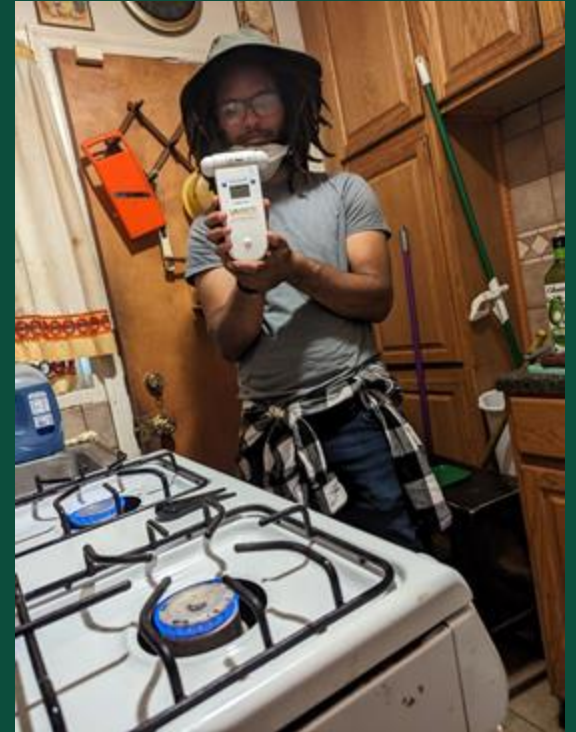


How Did We Get Here? / ¿Cómo llegamos aquí?



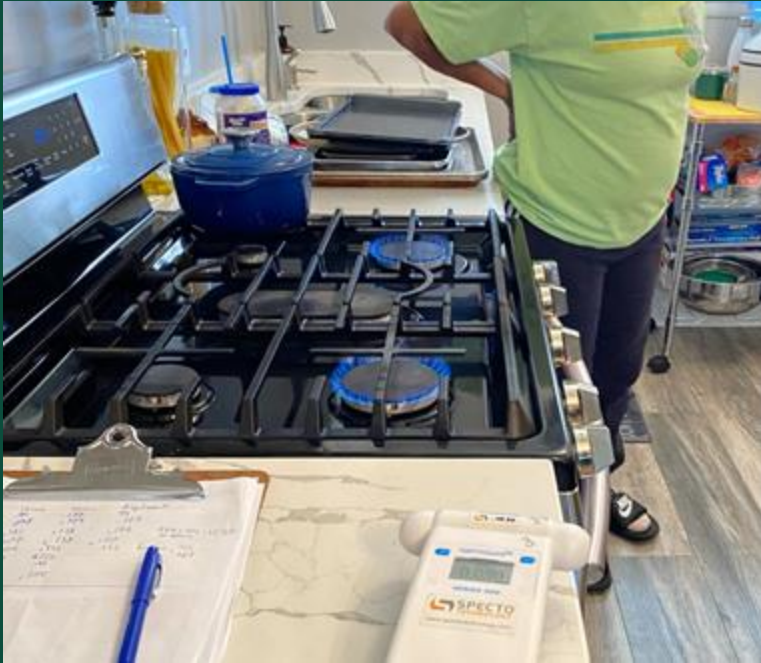
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Testing for NO₂ / Prueba de NO₂



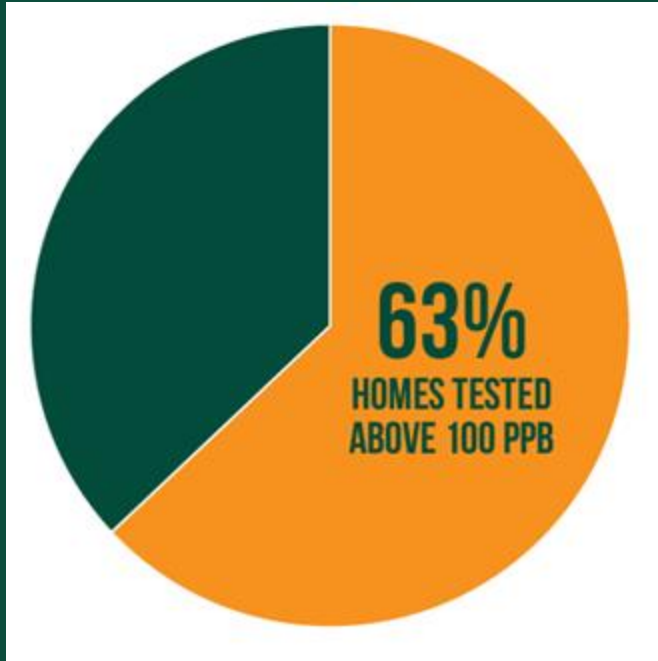
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The Testing Process / El Proceso de Prueba



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The Results / Los Resultados



The Results / Los Resultados

Location	Highest NO ₂ reading at any time in first 30 mins	NO ₂ at 15 mins of stove use	NO ₂ at 30 mins of stove use	NO ₂ one hour after shut off	NO ₂ two hours after shut off	NO ₂ four hours after shut off
Woodley Park apartment	101 ppb	42 ppb	101 ppb	74 ppb	34 ppb	38 ppb
Dupont Circle apartment (window open)	567 ppb	448 ppb	567 ppb	168 ppb	75 ppb	56 ppb
Dupont Circle apartment (window closed)	886 ppb	693 ppb	886 ppb	425 ppb	168 ppb	53 ppb
H Street rowhouse	119 ppb	39 ppb	119 ppb	82 ppb	29 ppb	15 ppb
Cleveland Park apartment*	153 ppb	118 ppb	137 ppb	84 ppb	86 ppb	82 ppb

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Recommendations / Recomendaciones



Recommendations in DC / Recomendaciones en DC



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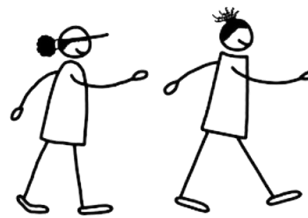
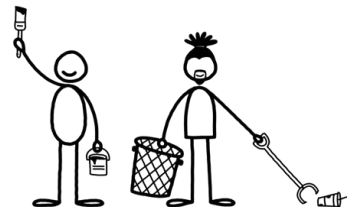
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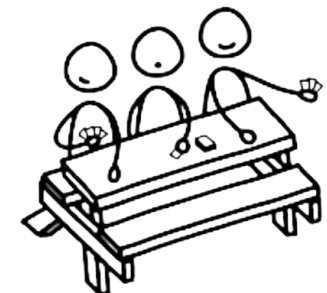
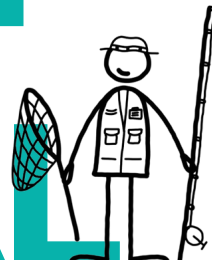
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THE POWER OF PARKS TO HEAL



**“Adverse childhood experiences are the
single greatest unaddressed public
health threat facing our nation today.”**

**Robert Block,
American Academy of Pediatrics**

TRAUMATIC EVENTS IMPACT PEOPLE, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES. THE CAN INCLUDE

Sexual abuse or assault

Child abuse

Physical abuse or assault

Emotional abuse or psychological maltreatment

Neglect

Serious accident, illness, or medical procedure

Victim or witness to domestic violence

Victim or witness to community violence

Racial trauma

School violence

Historical trauma

Natural or manmade disasters

Bullying

Military Trauma

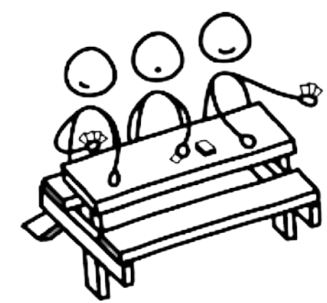
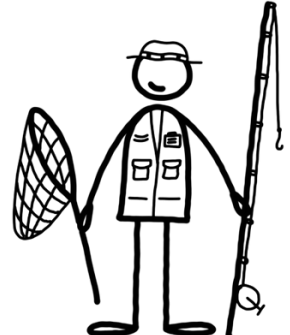
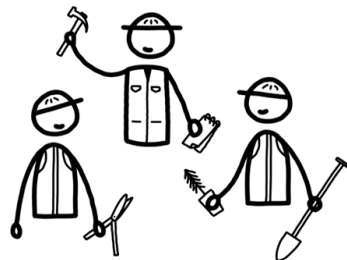
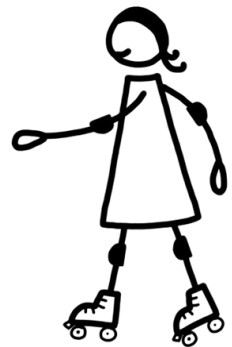
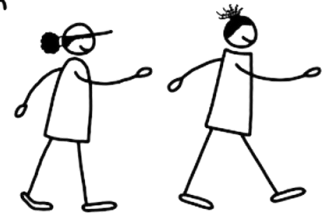
Forced Displacement

War, Terrorism, or political violence

Victim or witness to extreme personal or interpersonal violence

Traumatic grief or separation

System induced trauma and re-traumatization



Use park experiences to...

**increase time together with children, friends, and families
to strengthen bonds**

**form new habits, traditions, conquer fears, and
or try new things**

**recover from setbacks and disappointments, as a form of
stress release**

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PARKS + PARTNERS= POWER

We proudly collaborate with a diverse network of park users, community leaders, and professionals focused on health, justice, and environmental outcomes. Together, we create a vibrant, supportive park environment, one meaningful park engagement at a time.



YEAR ROUND EVENTS

FRIENDS of ANACOSTIA PARK

2024 DCPS SPRING BREAK NATUREFEST
APRIL 15TH - 19TH 10AM-3PM
ANACOSTIA PARK SKATE PAVILLION
 1500 ANACOSTIA DRIVE SE WASHINGTON, DC 20020

MONDAY, APRIL 15 YAY NATURE DAY! **FREE**

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 ART IN THE PARK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 FISHING FUN

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 LIVE ANIMALS

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 SKATE PARTY

• GAMES
 • SKATING
 • BOAT TRIPS
 • ARTS & CRAFTS
 • FISHING
 • SNACKS
 • PRIZES
 • + MORE

YOUTH 5-12 YRS MUST COME WITH

- PARENT
- GUARDIAN
- YOUTH CAMP

REGISTER:
tinyurl.com/NatureFest2024



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE



COMMUNITY IMPACT STUDIO ON REENTERING CITIZENS
WED, MAY 8TH 11 AM - 1 PM
 ANACOSTIA PARK SKATE PAVILLION 1500 ANACOSTIA DRIVE SE WDC 20020

TOPICS INCLUDE USING PARKS & GREENSPACES TO ADDRESS: WELLNESS /WORKFORCE /FAMILY REUNIFICATION

LUNCH PROVIDED

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: **FRIENDS of ANACOSTIA PARK** (coordinating council) and **ANACOSTIA PARKS & COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE**

TO REGISTER CONTACT: Brenda Richardson
 brendarichardson724@gmail.com

YOUR VOICE MATTERS, BE HEARD

WINTER WELLNESS

MAKE AND TAKE POP-UP
MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

ALL NATURAL SHEA BUTTER SOOTH YOUR SKIN

LOVE CARDS WARM YOUR HEART

FREE

@ MARTHAS TABLE COMMONS 2375 ELVANS RD SE WDC 20020




FRIENDS of ANACOSTIA PARK

National Park Service
 U.S. Department of the Interior
 District of Columbia

LET'S FISH

8 WEEK Jr. Ranger Angler Program

EVERY FRIDAY JUNE 21 - AUGUST 9
 11AM-12PM and 1PM-2PM

6 - 15 yrs old receive a free fishing pole, tackle box and Jr Ranger Book and badge

16 yrs + older receive a free DC Fishing License

CAST, CATCH + RELEASE



FRIENDS of ANACOSTIA PARK

SUPER FRIENDS SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10TH 12 PM - 3 PM

ROLLER SKATING

LOVE SONG KARAOKE

MAKE + TAKE LOVE CARDS & GIFTS

GAMES MUSIC SNACKS

ANACOSTIA PARK SKATING PAVILLION
 1500 ANACOSTIA DR. SE WASHINGTON, DC 20020

WWW.FRIENDSOFANACOSTIAPARK.ORG

FRIENDS of ANACOSTIA PARK

SAVE THE DATE

2024 LATE SKATE

FREE FAMILY FUN

SATURDAYS / 12 PM - 10 PM

JUNE 29
JULY 27
AUG 31
SEPT 28
OCT 26

FREE SKATE RENTALS / BOAT TRIPS / MUSIC / GAMES / FISHING & MORE



RELAX RELIEF RECREATE IN ANACOSTIA PARK

TEEN RESPITE PROGRAM

SEPT 4 - OCT 27
MON - FRI / 3PM-7PM

MAKE NEW FRIENDS PARK SHUTTLE & FOOD PROVIDED

- RECREATION & GAMES
- SPORTS & FITNESS
- MENTAL HEALTH
- CREATIVE ARTS
- MENTORSHIPS
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT

IF YOU ARE A TEEN WHO;

- is 14 -18 YEARS OLD
- LIVES IN WARD 7 or 8
- OPEN MINDED
- WILLING TO TRY NEW THINGS
- AVAILABLE MON-FRI AFTERSCHOOL

APPLY HERE



THRIVE OUTSIDE ANACOSTIA PARKS & COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

OUTDOOR FOUNDATION





Discussion

Commissioner Akiima Price



Questions & Answers

