It's Summer!! 😊

News From ERFSC

June 2018

#SaferStrongerSummerExperience

Over 100 Youth to Have the Summer Experience of their Lives in Lincoln Heights!

As we get ready to start the Summer off, ERCSC is pleased to stage the Safer Stronger Summer Experience in Lincoln Heights, targeting 100 youth aged 5-18. The Experience will run from June 25 through August 17 and activities will include field trips, robotics, hip hop dance, gardening, life skills, mentoring, culinary arts, and much more. The vendors who will be providing daily activities are Amala Lives, Children of the Light, Daybreak, ERFSC ATOD Prevention, Red Sprinkle, The Green Scheme, The Soccer Pros, and The Thinking Cap. Patricia Malloy, a former ERFSC board member and current ANC Commissioner is providing food and beverage and has been instrumental in working with ERFSC to coordinate the Experience and also get parents to register their children. William Commodore aka Chic will be providing transportation. From June 18-22, onsite registration and Meet & Greet were held and youth had the opportunity to meet vendors and also participate in some activities. Below are a few photos from the June 18-22 activities.

Visit our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/EastRiverFamily to see videos and photos of our Summer events. We are on Twitter @ERFSC and Instagram @ERFSCWard7.

Above: Donnita Bennett (ERFSC), Patricia Malloy, and Mr. Spriggs

"We want the children to have fun...to experience different foods, go to different exhibits and just be with their peers. We want the children to understand what friendship is and how much their parents and the community care about them. This Experience is all about family, living together...our community trying to survive."—Patricia Malloy, ANC Commissioner and Lincoln Heights Resident

Summer Camp at Benning Terrace

Sponsored by Show Up Stand Out, the Benning Terrace Summer Camp will run from June 25 to August 3 for children aged 5-13. The Camp will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 3:00pm, with field trips on Fridays. Other activities will include fitness and wellness. Nutrition and self-esteem classes, tutoring and much more.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRANT Awardees!

6 Receive Capacity Building Grants & 14 Receive Mini-Grants

We would like to extend congratulations to our grant awardees for this Fiscal Year. The 6 organizations who received capacity building grants are Building Bridges for Success, Inc., Healthy Living, Inc., Higher Hopes, National Center for Children and Families (NCCF), Preparedness Initiatives, Inc., and Youth Entrepreneur Institute. The mini-grant awardees will be doing Summer programming throughout Ward 7 with the exception of one awardee, Peppy Entertainment & Promotions who produced the Ward 7 Women of Excellence Awards in March 2018. The other mini-grant awardees are Amala Lives, Bridges, Inc., Community Services Foundation, Contact Visits, DC Urban Greens, Do The Write Thing, East of the River Steelband, Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, HD Woodson High School, Just 4 Us Foundation, Northeast Performing Arts Group, SMILE Therapy Services, and Xio’s Angels. Collectively, the grant awardees will serve over 2000 Ward 7 residents.

This month we are happy to feature Mr. Winnell Montague of DC Public Library who has been instrumental in assisting ERFSC with booking events at the Dorothy Height/Benning Library for many years.

Mr. Montague is a sixth generation Washingtonian who has worked in the Takoma Park and Shepherd Park Community since the 70’s and East of the River since 2008. Mr. Montague’s path to success in the District of Columbia Public Library System started in the winter of February of 1981, and 2018 marks 37 years of faithful service. Mr. Montague has worked in many branches over the years, including Sursum Corda, Georgetown, Palisades, West End, Watha T. Daniels, Petworth, Chevy Chase, Mt. Pleasant, Capitol View, and Deanwood. He holds a Bachelor’s in Social Science and attended two Junior High Schools in DC (Carter G. Woodson and Kelley Miller), in addition to attending Joel Spingarn and Theodore Roosevelt High Schools. While working at Sursum Corda, he attained his M.L.S. from the University of the District of Columbia, before taking classes at Catholic University.

According to Mr. Montague, “I credit DCPL for helping me in my academic progress.” He recently celebrated 50 years of service working for the District of Columbia and so we extend a BIG heartfelt congratulations!

On Monday, June 25, we welcomed 7 summer youth workers who will be spending 6 weeks with us through August 3.

We know that this will be a rewarding experience for them and look forward to helping them with life skills, their personal goals and an awesome summer working in the Ward 7 community!
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Congratulations to the Vice Chair of ERFSC’s Board of Directors, Charles Perry on receiving his Doctoral Degree from UMUC.

On Friday, June 15, ERFSC hosted a Pre-Father’s Day Celebration for 12 fathers and their children. The event featured games, dinner, gifts and surprises.

9th Annual Ward 7 Senior Prom Highlights (6/14/18)

Our Mission

The mission of East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, Inc. (ERFSC) is to empower families, youth, seniors and communities to become more self-sufficient through integrated and collaborative community based services utilizing evidence based practices that are family focused and person-centered.

Visit us online at www.erfsc.org
Please join us in congratulating the new Ms. Senior DC 2018, Phyllis Jordan (pictured top right in blue). Phyllis lives in Ward 7 and competed in the Pageant held on Saturday, June 24 in honor of her late sister, Vivian Ledbetter who worked with ERFSC for many years before passing suddenly after a brief illness in August 2016. Phyllis was sponsored by ERFSC and also won Ms. Congeniality in the Pageant. We are confident that she will represent DC very well in the Ms. Senior America contest to be held in October.

Did you know that there are seven DCPS sites participating in the #FreeSummerMeals program in Ward 7? Spread the word by telling your constituents to find their nearest site with the DC Summer Food Finder at dcsummerfoods.org

Join ERFSC for a Family Day Out at Dave and Busters on Tuesday, July 24th. Interested in Parents’ Night Out in August, contact Nura Green at ngreen@erfsc.org.

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**ERFSC’s Meet & Greet Networking Mixer & Fundraiser**

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**

6:00PM to 9:00PM

**Big Chief in Ivy City**

**RSVP to msrparke@gmail.com**

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