



# SUSTAINABLE DC NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

**PLASTIC  
FREE  
JULY**

SKIP THE BAG  
SAVE THE RIVER

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#PlasticFreeJuly #TrashFreeDC

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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#PlasticFreeJuly is a global movement that helps millions of people be a part of the solution to plastic pollution and waste. In the District we strive to be the healthiest, greenest, and most livable city for all residents. This month we celebrate 10 years of reducing our city's plastic use with the [DC Bag Fee](#), water quality improvements, and free educational experiences on the Anacostia. There are many ways to help reduce the amount of trash and plastics that ends up in our water ways. Join us and take the challenge! [#TrashFreeDC](#)

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## STRAW COPS!

Enforcement of the District's single-use plastic straw ban has begun! So what's it like on the front lines of food service ware inspections? [Check out](#) DOEE's very own Lillian Power and Ronny Chieng of The Daily Show as he tags along on a few compliance checks. [#PlasticFreeJuly](#)

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## IT'S A PAINT PARTY! YOU'RE INVITED!

Do you have any leftover paint sitting around the house? Recycle it while it's still good! [PaintCare](#) is hosting a FREE paint drop-off event Saturday July 20, from 9 am to 1 pm at Howard University School of Law! Proof of District residency required. Items accepted are house paint and primers (latex or oil-based), stains, deck and concrete sealers, and clear finishes. Reserve your timeslot today.

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## CHAMPION OF THE RIVER

Congratulations to our very own local Anacostia River champion Dennis Chestnut!

"Access to clean water and healthy rivers is not equitable today in the United States," says Nicole Silk, President of River Network. "The individuals being recognized this year are my heroes. Their passionate determination reminds us that nobody should be left behind. Their stories and insights will elevate our sights and inspire more people to become agents for change."

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[JOBS](#)

## **Energy Program Specialist (Building Energy Benchmarking) (ID: 7704) -- Department of Energy and Environment**

The incumbent of this position will oversee the agency's efforts to encourage broad compliance with the District's benchmarking laws and regulations. [Learn more here.](#)

## **Social Equity Campaigns Intern -- US Green Building Council**

The Intern supports USGBC's Advance Campaign to increase engagement and impact in low-income, vulnerable and frontline communities. [Learn more here.](#)

## **Sustainability Coordinator -- Cushman & Wakefield**

The responsibilities of a Sustainability Project Coordinator will focus on supporting the further growth and development of Cushman & Wakefield's national Sustainability Consulting Platform. [Learn more here.](#)

## **VOLUNTEER**

### **Nationals Park Rooftop Farm – July 26**

Join Cultivate the City for a unique gardening opportunity at Nationals Park! Help maintain a rooftop farm at the stadium where the produce we grow is used in the food services & dining. [Learn more here.](#)

### **Theodore Hagans Community Farm and Greenhouse – July 28**

Come join the Greenhouse Co-op every other Sunday at the Theodore Hagans Cultural Center and get your hands dirty! Help weed, plant, harvest, turn compost and a bunch of other fun garden tasks. [Learn more here.](#)

## **EVENTS**

### **eCYCLE Drop Off -- July 20**

With the support of Wisetek, Samsung Electronics America will collect used electronic equipment at Library locations across the city. Bring your electronics to:

- July 20 - Mt. Pleasant Library  
(3160 16th St NW)
- July 27 - Anacostia Library 1800 Good Hope Rd SE

[Learn more here.](#)

### **Friday Night Fishing – July 20**

Come on out to the river and celebrate the 7th year of Friday Night Fishing on the Anacostia River! Anacostia Riverkeeper has teamed up with Earth Conservation Corps to bring fishing down to Yards Park every Friday this summer from June 28th to August 23rd. [Learn more here.](#)

### **Lay of the Land – August 5 – September 13**

This exhibition will showcase the perspectives on American landscape and feature individuals such as Llewellyn Berry, Steven Donegan, Ken Hipkins, Grover Massenburg, Bruce McNeil and Francesca Scott. [Learn more here.](#)

## **FUNDING**

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Division of Health and Wellness, is soliciting applications for the District of Columbia Environmental Literacy Advancement Grant. The purpose of the grant is to increase the capacity of nonprofit and community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide environmental education programs to District elementary schools represented in the 2019-21 Environmental Literacy Leadership Cadre and alumni schools. The RFA and all supporting documents are available on

here <http://grants.osse.dc.gov> or by contacting Grace Manubay at [Grace.Manubay@dc.gov](mailto:Grace.Manubay@dc.gov).



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