



District Bridges Mission

To enrich neighborhood vitality by bridging community engagement and economic development opportunities so residents, businesses and organizations can thrive together.

Our Programs

District Bridges invests in communities and supports local businesses. Specifically, we manage the Columbia Heights|Mount Pleasant, Lower Georgia Avenue, U Street, Logan Circle, Cleveland Park, and Chevy Chase Main Street programs funded in part by the DC Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD). Additionally, District Bridges develops and spearheads initiatives that offer a comprehensive approach to small business technical assistance such as the Business Preservation Assistance Program (BPAP), Access to Capital, workshops and seminars, and more. Through these programs, we support community-based economic development across eight neighborhoods in Northwest DC.

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Chevy Chase Main Street

Recent Activities

1. First Fridays

▪ CCMS hosted a community engagement event on September 2nd that included live music from Carly Harvey, an ice cream truck, Storytime with Tara Hoot, salsa lessons from Encanto Salsa, and promotions from local businesses. We will continue the event the First Friday of every month, excluding December and January. Our next FF event will be October 7th with a puppet show, pumpkin painting, a dj, and cookie truck.

2. Chevy Chase DC Day

▪ September 17th, CCMS sponsored Chevy Chase DC Day in collaboration with the Chevy Chase Citizens Association. We had educational and promotional materials to increase visibility and awareness about the Main Street and opportunities to get involved.

Recent Technical Assistance

- Promoted grand opening of new wine store, Wine & Organic, and produced a short video interview of owner Eveline Ngassa.
- Offered grant support to Blue44 after supply chain issues and construction delays regarding outdoor improvements and canopy installation.
- Currently supporting Salon Familia in communication with Pepco about a hazardous powerline near the door of their salon.

Current Issues

- CCMS is currently seeking to add new NSC members and increase NSC and volunteer engagement. CCMS is particularly interested in increasing NSC membership across socioeconomic, gender, race, and age spectrums. Anyone interested should reach out at ccms@districtbridges.org

- Businesses across the corridor are struggling with staffing shortages. CCMS will be adding a new column to our community newsletter with job openings in the hopes to spread the word to a wider audience about openings and positions available throughout the neighborhood.

Announcements

***Art Walk** - CCMS will be supporting ChArt in their annual Art Walk the weekend of October 24th. Learn more here: <https://www.chevyCHASEart.org/art-walk-map>

***Holiday Lights** - Kicking off November 18th, Holiday Lights DC returns this year for another engaging display of lights and holiday decorations around the corridor to encourage shopping local around the holidays. CCMS is still looking for volunteers as well as sponsors for the event, with marketing opportunities that have up to 1.2 million online impressions. Find out more here: <https://dcholidaylights.org/>

December 3rd, there will be a community event to highlight the Holiday Lights Festival and promote small businesses in the corridor.

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