



Dear ONE DC Family,

This is no ordinary May—it's a call to be **bold**. Whether you're **rallying at the Capitol**, **jamming in testimony circles**, **vibing with artists**, or **grounding in care spaces**, every moment this month builds the **world we deserve**. This newsletter is packed with **energy**, rooted in **culture**, and alive with ways to **plug in**. So scroll on, follow the **sparks**, and get into this **movement magic**—because **liberation** needs all of us **blooming**.

TOP 3 "SHOW UP & SHOW OUT" HOUSING ACTIONS



May 17 **Saturday, May 10** | 🕒 10:30AM–1:00PM | 📍 BWWC

Step into the circle where **renter power rises!** This isn't your average training—it's a **community jam session** where tenants sharpen their stories, craft fearless testimony, and fuel the fight for housing justice. With **childcare, brunch, and real talk**, you'll link arms with neighbors and build your **campaign game plan**. Come laugh, learn, and leave louder. **This is how we win—together.** [RSVP and bring your neighbor with you!](#)

Housing Town Hall

May 17 **Thursday, May 15** | 🕒 5:30 PM–8:30 PM | 📍 Sycamore & Oak (SE)

This is not a drill—it's a **budget battle** and we're coming with the receipts! The **Fair Budget Coalition** and allies are bringing the heat with an evening of **truth-telling and table-shaking demands**. Council members will hear firsthand why the **RENTAL Act must go**, and why we need a **people-first budget now**. With music, food, and the **voices of the movement**, this town hall will be pure people power. [Pull up, get loud, and RSVP today!](#)

National Day of Action on the Hill

May 17 **Tuesday, May 20** | 🕒 11:30 AM–2:00PM | 📍 U.S. Capitol (East Side)

DC is throwing down with over **300+ fierce organizers, tenants, and freedom fighters** from across the country! Join **ONE DC, Right to the City, Center for Popular Democracy, People's Action, Power Switch Action** and the whole crew as we bring **grassroots thunder** to the Capitol. From **press rallies to office visits and chants that shake the marble**, this is how we push for **housing justice and DC Home Rule**. Bring your signs, your spirit, and your squad. [RSVP now and be the movement DC was born for!](#)

COMMUNITY & CULTURE



Black Love, Rooted in Resistance

Step into an immersive art experience powered by **Mothers Outreach Network (MON)**—a tribute to **Black mothers, joy, and generational resilience**. This multi-day exhibit wraps us in the warmth of creativity and collective healing. Through bold visuals and tender truths, we gather to

uplift each other and celebrate **Black life at the root**.

📍 May 9–11 · Part of Black Mothers March Weekend • [Register Here to Attend](#)

Assata Shakur Study Group

Unapologetic. Unfiltered. Unstoppable. Join **Pan-African Community Action (PACA)** for a biweekly deep dive into the revolutionary thought of **Assata Shakur**—a freedom fighter whose legacy breaks chains and builds clarity. Together, we'll unpack liberation, strategy, and survival with a crew ready to push boundaries and build movement.

📍 May 14 & 28 • [Click Here for More Info](#)

Life After Impact LIVE STREAM – 100th Episode

Celebrate 100 episodes of truth, power, and resistance with **Life After Impact LIVE!** This is not your average **livestream**—it's **speed education on fire**, featuring real talk on **qualified immunity, mental health, and civic action**. A live panel of grassroots leaders will bring the heat. You'll laugh, reflect, and leave fired up.

📍 May 12 · 6 PM • [Click Here For More Information](#)

National Reparations Rally

Under one mighty big-tent, the National Reparations Network is bringing visionaries, vendors, and vibrant beats together to fuel the reparations ecosystem. Come soak up powerhouse speakers, groove to live entertainment, and link arms with freedom-dreamers from every corner. This is how we stitch justice across generations—show up, turn up, and add your voice to the movement for repair.

📍 May 17 · 11 AM–5 PM · (Lansburgh Park, SW) [Click Here for More Information](#)

Malcolm X Day Community Speak-Out

Honor Malcolm's legacy where it lives—on the mic and in the streets. From seasoned organizers to first-time allies, everyone's invited to testify, strategize, and galvanize Southeast DC. Expect raw truths, radical love, and a rallying call to keep the fire for liberation blazing. Bring your stories, your solidarity, and your social handles: #pacapower.

📍 May 18 · 1–3:30 PM · Malcolm X Park, SE hosted by PACA - [Click Here For More Information](#)

Senior Fest '25 BLOCK PARTY

It's time for our elders to shine! Join us for a celebration of **wisdom, wellness, and pure joy** at this all-ages block party. With **line dancing, live music, health resources, food, and fun**, this is the moment to honor our senior leaders who help anchor our movement. You've given so much—now come kick back and **treat yourself!**

📍 May 21 · 10 AM–3 PM · Gateway DC Pavilion - [Click Here to Register](#)



CARE & WELL-BEING



3rd Thursday Whoosah with Dr. Michelle C. Chapman

Take a sacred pause and recalibrate with this **virtual breath-work and mindfulness circle** for movement builders. Led by the dynamic Dr. Michelle C. Chapman, we'll ground our nervous systems and refill our cups in community.

May 15 · Online - [Click Here to RSVP](#)



Cop Watch / Know Your Rights Training

Summer's heating up—and so is our power. Learn how to **protect your rights and your people** with this hands-on community defense training. From recording police to de-escalation strategies, gain tools to **watch the watchers**.



May 17 from Noon - 2pm - [Click Here For More Information](#)

Men's Support Group

A sacred space for **brotherhood, healing, and real conversation**. Whether you're grieving, growing, or just need space to breathe—join other men walking this path of self-reflection and community strength.



May 21 · Email Mustafa at yedumu@gmail.com to join!



FEATURED READ

ROSEMARY NDUBUIZU

LONGTIME ONE DC MEMBER
& ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
OF BLACK STUDIES
AT GEORGETOWN.



“As a Black feminist and leftist, I have organized with **Organizing Neighborhood Equity DC** since 2006... Numerous losses have exacted a weariness toll on me, too.” – **Rosemary Ndubizu**

Rosemary’s new essay “**A Time for Recalibration and Uncomfortable Conversations**” unpacks movement fatigue on the Black left and calls for bold renewal under a second Trump term. [Read the full article Here](#)



FUNDING OUR WORK



RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

📍 **Right to Resources Committee – Tues, May 13**

6:30–7:30 PM · Virtual

Our movements deserve to **thrive**—and that means building **funding strategies** with the same **collective power** we bring to protests and campaigns. Join the **Right to Resources Committee** to shape how we secure **resources** that reflect our **values, culture**, and **deep-rooted vision for liberation**. Whether you're a **seasoned fundraiser** or **new to the idea**, your voice **matters**. This is where **strategy meets soul**. Let's **dream big—and build together**.

👉 [RSVP & bring your brilliance!](#)

ONE DC NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION + COOKOUT

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New to the fam—or ready for a refresh? Slide through for a tasty intro to ONE DC's culture, campaigns, and community care. We'll serve up burgers, veggie delights, and the inside scoop on how you can plug in and level up our collective power. Come hungry for food and freedom—leave with a full plate and a fresh sense of purpose.

📅 May 26 · 5–8:30 PM

👉 [RSVP to the Spring New Member Orientation Here!](#)

SHARE OUR SPACE



BLACK WORKER & WELLNESS CENTER SPACE USAGE

Our Black Workers & Wellness Center is more than a venue—it's a hub for radical ideas, community empowerment, and shared leadership. The space is available for workshops, outreach events, health & wellness sessions, and more.

- **How to book:** Visit our [webpage](#) to fill out the short space usage form or call **202-902-3944** and speak with Poncho.
- **Sliding Scale Fees:** We work to ensure financial barriers don't stop important organizing efforts.

PlanAhead: Please book at least 21 days in advance. See our [Events Calendar](#) for current availability.

☀ **MAY AT A GLANCE**

Date	What's Happening
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See you in the streets, on Zoom, and in community spaces all month long.

Blackliberationlookslikeequitablehousing—anditstartswitheachofusshowing up.

In solidarity,

The ONE DC Team

**Become a
ONE DC
Member**

**Donate
to the
Movement**

**Become a
Sustaining
Donor**

**Volunteer
Your
Skills**



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