

## **Meeting Summary for Woodridge Civic Association - 2024, 2025 meeting**

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### Quick recap

The meeting involved preparations for a meeting, discussions on various unrelated topics, and a presentation on the Lead-Free DC program by Dee Smith from DC Water. The program aims to replace 42,000 lead service lines across the District of Columbia, with 86 blocks in the Woodridge area selected for replacement. The meeting also honored two individuals for their contributions to the community, provided updates on several issues affecting Ward 5, and concluded with several important updates and a police sergeant's update on recent criminal activities.

### Next steps

Dee Smith to update the PowerPoint presentation to include ANC 5C and 5A in addition to 5B, and send the updated version to Jeremiah.

Jeremiah to publish the updated DC Water lead-free program presentation on the Woodridge Civic Association website.

Sean Moore to follow up with Yvonne Coles regarding her yard restoration concerns and testing results from the lead service line replacement.

Melissa Littlepage to organize a community walkthrough on Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 PM at the 1800 block of Otis Street, northeast, with MPD and Commissioner Nandini Sen to address safety concerns near the Dwight Mosley and Taft complex.

Sergeant Leave to continue implementing hourly checks and special attention to areas prone to large gatherings and potential disorderly behavior, particularly on weekends.

Woodridge Civic Association members to be vigilant about locking car doors and removing valuable items from vehicles to prevent thefts.

Residents to familiarize themselves with tracking methods for their electronic devices to assist in quick recovery in case of theft.

### Summary

#### Jeremiah Prepares for Unrelated Topics

Jeremiah prepares for a meeting, setting up equipment and discussing various topics unrelated to the agenda. He mentions needing a high chair for Mr. Hampton and talks about roses in his backyard. The meeting agenda is not explicitly discussed, but a slide titled

"Woodridge May 6, 2025" is shown. Carol reports not getting any sound, which Jeremiah attributes to the microphone not being turned on.

#### Lead-Free DC Program Update

Dee Smith from DC Water presents the Lead-Free DC program, which aims to replace 42,000 lead service lines across the District of Columbia. The program has already replaced 8,651 lines and uses community activators to inform residents and get them signed up. DC Water is responsible for the public portion of the service line, but homeowners must consent to work on their private property. In the Woodridge area (ANC 5B), 86 blocks with 698 premises have been selected for replacement, with construction scheduled from November 2024 to May 2027. Dee encourages residents to sign up for the program and offers various ways for the community to get involved and learn more about the process.

#### DC Water Lead Pipe Replacement

The meeting discusses DC Water's lead pipe replacement program. Sean Moore from DC Water explains that the replacement process typically takes 8 hours, but the entire process from sign-up to completion can take 6-12 months. Jeremiah shares his personal experience with the program, noting that it's a good and healthy thing to do despite some challenges. Yvonne Coles raises concerns about poor communication and yard damage during her replacement, to which Sean apologizes and offers to address her issues personally. The presenters are asked to update their PowerPoint and send it to Jeremiah for publication on the website.

#### Woodridge Civic Association Honors Community Leaders

The Woodridge Civic Association honors two individuals for their contributions to the community. First, they proclaim May 6, 2025, as Mason L. Clark Day, recognizing his 60+ years of dedication to youth leadership and mentoring through the Woodridge Warriors youth organization. Secondly, they present a ceremonial resolution to honor Sylvan Altieri upon his retirement, acknowledging his 25 years of service in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department, where he rose from patrol officer to Assistant Chief of Patrol Services.

#### Ward 5 Updates and Community Events

Melissa Littlepage, Communications Director for Council member Zachary Parker, provides updates on several issues affecting Ward 5. She discusses Council member Parker's nuanced position on the RFK Stadium site proposal, emphasizing the need to maximize benefits for District residents. Little Page announces a community listening session on the RFK proposal scheduled for May 14th. She also mentions recent public safety calls, DPR capital projects updates, and the groundbreaking of the Ionia apartments, a new 100% affordable housing development in Woodridge. Additionally, she informs about a community walkthrough planned for May 8th in response to a recent shooting incident near the Dwight Mosley and Taft complex.

#### Illegal Dumping Cleanup and Crime Update

The meeting concludes with several important updates. Jeremiah recognizes Roberta Lovatelli for her efforts in addressing illegal dumping in the neighborhood, which resulted in a successful cleanup. A police sergeant provides an update on recent criminal activities, including a shooting incident at a playground and an increase in thefts of Air Max headphones. The sergeant emphasizes the importance of vigilance and tracking personal belongings. Jeremiah closes the meeting by encouraging attendees to become members of the civic association.