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## FRIDAY, MARCH 21

### Workshop: How to Build a Tech Start-Up 11:00am–1:00pm

Department of Employment Services Headquarters,  
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Learn how to get your tech idea off the ground.

### What's Cooking? Culinary Arts Forum 6:00–8:00pm

Department of Employment Services Headquarters,  
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Find out the “dos and don'ts” of starting a restaurant in DC.

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 22

### Business Summit: Capital City Community Development Corporation 11:00am–1:00pm

4645 Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, NE

Come meet business leaders and learn how to get involved with FastTrac DC, a program that equips aspiring and existing entrepreneurs with the business skills and insights, tools, resources, and network to start and grow successful businesses.

### Creative Closing Event 1:00–4:00pm

Department of Employment Services Headquarters,  
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

All are encouraged to join this final event celebrating the creative economy. Come network and learn more about our local creative entrepreneurs with exhibits, music, food and fun.



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<http://planning.dc.gov/ward7week>

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Mayor Vincent C. Gray presents

# WARD 7 ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

March 17–22, 2014

Attention business owners,  
aspiring entrepreneurs, artists,  
retailers, investors, and all  
residents interested in the  
economic potential of Ward 7!

In follow up to Mayor Vincent C. Gray's Ward 7 Economic Development Summit in June 2013, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development and its cluster agencies are hosting Start It in 7: Ward 7 Entrepreneurship Week.

The week-long series of events and programming are centered on two priorities residents identified during the historic June 2013 Summit:

1. job training/placement and small business development; and
2. high quality, diverse retail offerings.

Come and participate in workshops, panels and other activities celebrating Ward 7 enterprises and offering resources for:

- Starting Your Own Business
- Small Business Development
- Business Networking
- Retail Opportunities
- Space Finding
- Creative Economy



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## MONDAY, MARCH 17

### How to Start a Business Seminar 9:00–10:30am

Department of Employment Services Headquarters,  
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Dream of starting your own business? Come learn the basics at this seminar for budding entrepreneurs.

### Mayor Vincent C. Gray's Kick-off event 11:15am

Park 7, 4020 Minnesota Avenue NE

Mayor Vincent C. Gray to announce the launch of Start It in 7: Ward 7 Entrepreneurship Week at the Park 7 ribbon-cutting ceremony. Food trucks will be on-site at the Department of Employment Services Headquarters (4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE) as part of the program kick-off.

### Building Bridges to Success – DC Government Economic Development Cluster's Information Seminar for Small Business Entrepreneurs 4:00–7:00pm

Department of Employment Services Headquarters,  
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Learn to navigate the regulatory process of obtaining a business license, grant opportunities, and how to become a Certified Business Enterprise (CBE).

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## TUESDAY, MARCH 18

### Jobseekers Too: Accessing Training Opportunities and Building Job-Readiness Skills 10:00–11:00am

Department of Employment Services Headquarters,  
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Are you looking for work? Would you like to build your skills to make you more attractive to employers? Learn about how to access the District's job training and placement resources.

### Small Business Resource Fair 6:00–8:30pm

Department of Employment Services Headquarters,  
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Learn how to find funding, secure contracting opportunities, and market your growing business!

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

### Non-Profit Capacity-Building Seminar 9:30–11:00am

Department of Employment Services Headquarters,  
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Take your non-profit to the next level! Come learn how to strengthen or grow your organization at this capacity-building seminar.

### Youth Entrepreneurship Training 4:00–6:00pm

Department of Employment Services Headquarters,  
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Calling all young people! Learn how to be your own boss today.

### Entrepreneurial Spirit: Women Arts Leaders in Ward 7 7:00–9:00pm

Deanwood Recreation Center and Library, 1350 49th Street, NE

Creativity, passion, positivity, and leadership. These are but a few of the qualities embodied and embraced by our dynamic panel of arts entrepreneurs. Join us for this lively and informative panel conversation to discover how you too can leverage the entrepreneurial spirit within yourself and make your dreams a reality.

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 20

### Strategic Spaces Tour 9:00am–12 noon

RSVP: <http://goo.gl/y5c03M> (seating is limited)

A bus tour for entrepreneurs to showcase new development and spaces for entrepreneurs to start their business.

### Space to Grow – Incubator Roundtable 6:00–8:00pm

Department of Employment Services Headquarters,  
4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE

Find out which of DC's unique incubators is right for you and your business idea.