



Newsletter

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Crab Feast 10

Saturday, September 28th | 12:00 - 3:00 pm EDT



Join the DC Preservation League and the [Capital Pride Alliance](#) for their annual Crab Feast at the historic [Washington Canoe Club](#), one of DC's most picturesque locations on the banks of the beautiful Potomac River.

This event takes place entirely outdoors, with canoes and paddle boards available for adventures on the water.

Tickets: \$75 for ages 13+; \$25 for kids 12 and under.

Includes: all-you-can eat crabs, shrimp, corn on the cob, hot dogs, and ice cream + beer, wine, soda, and water available. Limited seating available.

[Get Your Tickets Today!](#)

Latino Context Study: Public Webinar (Virtual)

Wednesday, September 25th | 12:00 - 1:00 pm EDT



Photo of the 1970s mural painted by Carlos Salazar, "Un Pueblo Sin Murales es Un Pueblo Dismuralizado" (A people without murals is a demuralized people), courtesy of Zachary Burt.

The DC Preservation League has completed the first draft of *The History of Latino Communities in Washington, DC: A Context Study*. Please join DCPL online for a virtual presentation by architectural historian Heather McMahon—the consultant behind the project—who will provide an outline of that history, including associated themes and related sites. There will be opportunities for attendees to comment and ask questions. Once completed, this context study will provide a framework for nominating historic sites to the National Register of Historic Places that memorialize Latino history in the District of Columbia. This webinar is free and open to the public.

This program is free and open to the public. Please register online to participate.

[Register Here](#)

The Importance of Multiple Property Documents



Lucy Diggs Slowe Elementary School, 4115 14th Street NE, in 1948. Slowe Elementary School was identified in the *20th Century African American Civil Rights Sites* multiple property document. It was then nominated and added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Photo courtesy of the Sumner School Archives.

Over the years, several Multiple Property Documents (MPDs) focused on specific property types in DC have been completed. [According to the National Park Service](#), an MPD "nominates groups of related significant properties. On it, the themes, trends, and patterns of history shared by the properties are organized into historic contexts and the property types that represent those historic contexts are defined." Past MPDs have identified apartment buildings, banks, firehouses, public school buildings, streetcars, and more.

MPDs can be officially adopted and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. However, it is important to note that the MPD "is a cover document and not a nomination in its own right, but serves as a basis for evaluating the National Register eligibility of related properties. It may be used to nominate and register thematically-related historic properties simultaneously or to establish the registration requirements for properties that may be nominated in the future." The most recent DC-specific MPD, [African American Rural Home Sites in Washington, DC, 1865-1900](#), was added to the National Register on May 29, 2024. Please note that the three archaeological sites are not publicly accessible, [but you can read more about them here](#).

In 2018, the DC Preservation League (DCPL) applied for and received an African American Civil Rights grant from the National Park Service to complete an MPD on [20th Century African American Civil Rights Sites in Washington, DC, 1912-1974](#) – completed in 2021. Through National Park Service grants, DCPL and the DC Historic Preservation Office are now collaborating on MPDs related to African American Affordable Housing, Sites Designed by Black Architects, and an update to the Public Schools MPD, which will focus on the years of desegregation.

A link to a comprehensive list of DC-specific MPDs can be found at the below link. The list is updated as MPDs are completed, so please check back in the future for updates.

[List of Multiple Property Documents](#)

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