

WGL in the Community

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Tracye Funn, Melissa Adams and Marcellous Frye share how WGL helps make dreams come true.



Mayor Muriel Bowser speaks.



Crowd braves the cold on MLK Day.



Photos by Cynthia Spigner

WGL served as lead sponsor of Washington, D.C.'s, 2018 Martin Luther King Parade and Peace Walk on Jan. 15.

WGL SPONSORS MLK PARADE

During a year when the annual Martin Luther King Parade and Peace Walk in Washington, D.C., fell on the civil rights leader's actual birthday, WGL was especially proud to serve as lead sponsor of the main event. This marked the 39th year of the MLK Parade in Washington, D.C., held again this year in the heart of historic Anacostia.

Events kicked off with a prayer breakfast on Jan. 6 at Matthews Memorial Baptist Church where WGL's Tracye Funn, Manager - Corporate Contributions, shared comments on how Dr. King personally impacted her family and community. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest followed on Jan. 13 at the Department of Employment Services. The Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute hosted the contest and awarded prizes to first through third-place winners in three categories: elementary, middle and high school.

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WE BELIEVE IN SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

I am pleased to share with you a newsletter about our commitment, involvement and support in the local area: "WGL in Your Community." In this and upcoming issues, we spotlight some of our many programs and activities that help strengthen the communities that we serve.



Melissa Adams
Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Officer

WGL, which includes Washington Gas, has been honored to call the Washington, D.C., area home for 170 years. Our 1,500 employees are proud to serve more than 1.1 million customers in The District, Maryland and Virginia.

As you will see, giving back to our communities is a passion and core part of our values, whether through volunteer time, philanthropic work or charitable contributions.

We hope you find this information useful. We are here if you have questions.

Sincerely,
Melissa Adams

SPELLERS PREPARE FOR BEE

WGL is proud to serve again as corporate sponsor of **The Washington Informer's Spelling Bee**. The 2018 event extends a longtime annual tradition that features the area's brightest spelling talent on display to compete for top honors and showcase the promise of today's youth in the District of Columbia and Prince George's County. Approximately 60 students take part in the regional competition with an eye on advancing to the national stage. Local preliminary rounds take place at Langley Elementary school in early February, with Prince George's County finals being held at The University of Maryland on March 17. The D.C. final session is scheduled to be taped on March 18 at NBC News Channel 4 and will air at a later date.

COMPANY PROUD TO SUPPORT MLK EVENTS, LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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On Jan. 15, Marcellous Frye, Vice President - Business Services & Public Policy, spoke during the parade about WGL's continued support of King's legacy and commitment to community service. Melissa Adams, WGL Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Officer, and Funn accompanied Frye. WGL sponsored a table at the Health and Community Fair at the Barry Farms Recreation & Aquatic Center and shared information about its Washington Area Fuel Fund, which helps local families pay their heating bills regardless of which energy source they use.

"WGL is proud to support the Martin Luther King Peace Walk and Parade in our nation's capital to honor Dr. King and his legacy and to celebrate the values we all share," said Adrian Chapman, President and Chief Operating Officer of WGL and Washington Gas. "We have been honored to call Washington D.C., home for 170 years, and are thrilled to take part in such an exciting event on this important national holiday. The WGL family is deeply committed to the communities we serve and we look forward to continuing our history of giving back, thanks to the commitment of our employees who give of their time and talents to make our community stronger every day."

"WGL's sponsorship provided the resources we needed to organize another successful event on Jan. 15, the national holiday honoring the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," said Denise Rolark Barnes, publisher, **The Washington Informer** newspaper and chairperson of the 2018 MLK Holiday DC committee. "We greatly appreciate the company's commitment to our community and participation in this year's celebration."



From left: WGL's Kelly Caplan, Daminiqye Branch, Lynette Bryant, Dana Hall and Charles Jackson with NBC4's Tommy McFly and Peacock at the WAFF Ice House debut on Jan. 18.

WAFF HELPS KEEP NEIGHBORS WARM IN COLD

WGL's Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF) and The Salvation Army found a fun way to raise awareness—and funds—to help our neighbors in need heat their homes this winter. WAFF constructed and showcased its first-ever ice house at the Washington Harbour Jan. 18-20. During the event, WGL executives and leaders, Washington Gas community partners and vendors, local sports and entertainment celebrities like Harvey Grant, Peter Bondra, Phil Chenier, Al Koken, Craig Laughlin and Joe Beninati sat in the ice house, greeted visitors, posed for photos and helped raise \$128,000 for WAFF.

Understanding the shortfall in federal heating assistance, 28 of our company's partners and vendors generously donated \$86,000 with many of them spending time sitting in the ice house to bring attention to the cause.

"We exceeded our goal and funds continue to come in," said Adrian Chapman, President and Chief Operating Officer of WGL and Washington Gas. "We are so grateful to everyone who has joined with us to support this important mission. The ice house helped us raise awareness of this growing need in our community. We could not have had such a successful event without partners like The Salvation Army, NBC4, Monumental Sports + Entertainment, WTOP and **The Washington Post**."

WAFF, a partnership of Washington Gas and The Salvation Army, provides heating assistance to families throughout the Washington, D.C., area no matter what type of fuel they use. Washington Gas pays all administrative costs so that 100 percent of all donations go to families in need. To apply for assistance or to donate to WAFF, visit waffhelp.org. Thank you to our sponsors.



Photos by Karen Marcus



From top: WGL President Adrian Chapman and employees; Peter Bondra, Major Chip Hall from the Salvation Army, Slapshot; visitors and Harvey Grant support the ice house, too.

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WGL, ALTAGAS MERGER REVIEW CONTINUES

The regulatory reviews of the proposed merger of AltaGas Ltd. and WGL Holdings, Inc. (parent company of Washington Gas) continue in Maryland and Washington, D.C. The combination, announced in January 2017, was approved by the Virginia State Corporation Commission last fall. In addition, all required federal reviews were completed last summer.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia held public hearings on the combination last November. During the hearings, more than 80 percent of the people who testified were in favor of the combination. The DC PSC also conducted evidentiary hearings in December and is expected to issue a ruling in the first half of 2018.

The combined company will be in an even stronger position to deliver exceptional service at affordable rates, more investment in the community and workforce training programs, more clean energy choices to customers, and good, secure jobs in D.C.

Since AltaGas and WGL announced their plans to combine, the companies have worked constructively with regulators, community groups and local leaders to ensure customers in the region have significant voice and input in the process.

Recently, John O'Brien, President, AltaGas Services (U.S.) Inc., and Marcellous Frye, Washington Gas Vice President, Business Services and Public Policy met with community members in Southeast and Northwest D.C. to answer questions and share details of the merger. Company leaders continue to meet with community groups across the District.

To learn more about the combination, visit www.wgldeliveringmore.com.



Photo by Don Baker

AltaGas President John O'Brien and Washington Gas VP Marcellous Frye answer questions from Washington, D.C., residents.