

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Department of Health**



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**RAT SUMMIT**

The D.C. Department of Health (DOH) is sponsoring a one day Rat Summit in each of the city's eight (8) wards starting Saturday, November 9, 2013, in **Ward One**. Business owners, residents, neighborhood associations and community leaders are all welcomed to attend.

**What prompted the Rat Summits?**

DOH has received a number of citizens' complaints about the increased rat presence throughout the city. In an attempt to abate the rat population, the Department would like to provide information and education to community groups, residents, and business owners on topics such as proper waste storage, rodent proofing, and their ability to assist with rodent abatement.

DOH has a number of featured guests and speakers lined up for the Summits. **Councilmember Jim Graham**, Ward One representative; **Mr. Robert Corrigan, PhD.** author of *Rodent Control, A Practical Guide For Pest Management Professionals*. Mr. Corrigan has authored more than seventy technical publications on pest control and the principal the "Development of IPM Rodent Plan." Featured presenters are Dr. Joxel Garcia, Director and Mr. William Howland, Director, the Department of Public Works; Mr. Nicholas Majett, Director, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The Directors will discuss their agencies role in reducing rats in the District.

The first Rat Summit will be held **Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.** at the **Columbia Heights Community Center, 1480 Girard Street N.W.**

