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**OCTFME RECOGNIZES FRANKLIN PARK AS THE  
FEBRUARY 2022 LOCATION OF THE MONTH**



*Newly renovated Franklin Park is one of the largest expanses of green space in downtown DC and a destination for residents and visitors alike.*

**Washington, DC** – The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) recognizes FRANKLIN PARK as the February 2022 Location of the Month.

As downtown Washington DC's most significant Green Space and a premier urban park, Franklin Park is a historical destination with a new face. Originally established in 1832, Franklin Park reopened in September 2021 after an eagerly anticipated renovation.



Located at 1332 "I" Street NW, the new Franklin Park includes an expanded and restored fountain plaza and an amazing new children's garden. The upgrades to the park also include ADA-accessible sidewalks, enhanced lighting, conversational seating, a diversified tree canopy, active and engaging green space, and a future restaurant pavilion.

Mayor Muriel Bowser and the DC City Council provided the funds for the 189-year-old park's renovations. The newly renovated Franklin Park reflects the history, culture, and grandeur of our nation's capital and makes an excellent DC location for film, television, and commercial productions and will be able to accommodate engagements and corporate events in the future restaurant pavilion.

Operated and managed by the Downtown DC Business Improvement District (DowntownDC BID) in cooperation with DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Franklin Park is a DC destination for residents, workers, and visitors from around the world.

Since the 1850s, the National Parks Service (NPS) owned Franklin Park, has occupied nearly five acres in downtown DC. While a great location in continuous operation to the public, this grand park had fallen into disrepair for many years. Mayor Muriel Bowser stepped in to renovate the park through a joint partnership between Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), (NPS), and the DowntownDC BID. DPR is excited to cooperatively manage this wonderfully renovated space," said a spokesperson for DPR and Franklin Park.

Franklin Park is now a meaningful and modernized destination park for residents and visitors for years to come. To learn more about Franklin Park, please visit [downtowndc.org/franklinpark](https://downtowndc.org/franklinpark), and to inquire about its availability as a filming location please call Department of Parks and Recreation permitting office at 202-671-2597. For information about past locations of the month, visit [DC Reel-Scout Directory](#).

Website: [downtowndc.org/franklinpark](https://downtowndc.org/franklinpark)

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#### **About Location of the Month**

The "Location of the Month" initiative is part of the agency's mission to market and support District locales as media production locations and to bring attention to the wide range of cinematically compelling locations that are available to film and television productions.

If you have a suggestion for a future OCTFME "Location of the Month," we would love to hear from you. If you own or manage a business, venue, or location you would like to be featured as a "Location of the Month," or if you are a filmmaker or a fan of local filmmaking with a suggestion for a unique DC location, OCTFME could feature in the future "Location of the Month" please use this nomination form and tell us all about it.

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**OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION  
FILM, MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT**



**About OCTFME**

The Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment (OCTFME) produces and broadcasts programming for the District of Columbia's public, educational, and government access (PEG) cable television channels and digital radio station; regulates the District of Columbia's cable television service providers; provides customer service for cable subscribers; and supports a sustainable film, music, and entertainment creative economy and labor market in the District of Columbia.

OCTFME award-winning content provides resourceful information on government activity, education, current events, history, music, arts, and entertainment. OCTFME operates and manages the District's government television access channels: the District Council Channel (DCC), the District of Columbia Network (DCN), and the District Knowledge Network (DKN).

OCTFME manages, operates, and programs the District of Columbia Entertainment Network (DCE). This 24-hour on-demand streaming network delivers diverse and inclusive – FREE – lifestyle, music, live events, sports, arts, variety shows, talk shows, educational and entertainment programming from the nation's capital into homes via ROKU, Apple TV, and Amazon Fire TV as well as iPhone and Android mobile devices by downloading the DCE Network App or at DCENetwork.com.

OCTFME also operates, manages, and programs DC Radio 96.3 HD4 digital radio station, the District of Columbia's first government radio station, in partnership with Howard University's WHUR. It is one of only two full-power, city-managed and programmed radio stations in the country.

OCTFME provides production support services that advance film, television, video, entertainment, interactive, multimedia, and digital media content creators. These services include permitting, location scouting, production support; job placement assistance; workforce development; and the DC Film, Television, and Entertainment Rebate Fund.

OCTFME provides additional support to the Creative community through the Creative Affairs Office (CAO) and Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents: 202Creates initiative. CAO showcases and preserves the District of Columbia's rich creative communities throughout all 8 Wards. CAO builds sustainability in the creative community through policy, programming, and education, further expanding the middle-class pathway for the creative workforce. CAO coordinates public, private, and community partners to accomplish all goals and create equitable and inclusive opportunities for the District's creatives. Mayor Muriel Bowser Presents: 202Creates initiative, administers programs that support the growth and sustainability of the creative industries throughout the District.

For more information, contact the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, and Entertainment at (202) 671-0066, visit us online at: [entertainment.dc.gov](http://entertainment.dc.gov), and follow us on [Facebook.com/entertaindc](https://Facebook.com/entertaindc), [Instagram.com/entertain\\_dc](https://Instagram.com/entertain_dc), and [Twitter.com/entertain\\_dc](https://Twitter.com/entertain_dc).