

Southwest Community Foundation Awards Major Grant for Duck Pond

BY DONNA PURCHASE

The Southwest Community Foundation (SWCF) recently announced a grant of \$250,000 to the Southwest Business Improvement District (SWBID). The grant funds, provided by Mill Creek Developers, will support a project that will assess and plan for renovation of the current Duck Pond Park. It will also create a vision for establishing a Greater Duck Pond Park stretching from 6th St. to Delaware Ave., SW—something planned in the original urban redevelopment effort of the 1950s but never fully implemented.

The need for preserving and enhancing greenspace in Southwest has become acute as widespread development reduces the community's open space and increases the population. The Duck Pond,

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Steve Moore of SWBID & Donna Purchase of SWCF Sign New Grant Agreement



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Save the Date: Southwest Transportation Forum

On Monday, Jan. 28, SWNA and ANC6D will co-host the next forum on Southwest transportation issues and the impact on residents and visitors alike. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Arena Stage. Representatives from various DC government agencies who work in the sphere of transportation and safety have been invited to participate.

Although there will be time set aside for Q and A, we encourage people to submit questions ahead of time. Questions can be sent to "The Southwester" in advance of the meeting. All questions must be sent to editor@thesouthwester.com and be received by Jan. 22. Questions should not relate to personal issues, but should have broader application to Southwest residents.

Attendees are encouraged to follow SWNA and "The Southwester" on social media for up-to-date information. For additional details, feel free to email editor@thesouthwester.com or president@swna.org.



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The proposed 1000 4th St., SW

Waterfront Station II Moves Forward City Approves Development of Parcel North of CVS

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

On Dec. 14, developer PN Hoffman signed a Land Disposition Agreement agreement with the DC Office of Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), marking approval for plans to build out the last undeveloped parcel within Waterfront Station, an 11-story mixed-use building.

The parcel, referred to as Waterfront Station II, is the District-owned 1000 Fourth St., SW site, which sits north of CVS. As detailed in the plans, the project will be LEED Gold designed, house approximately 450 residences of both market-rate and affordable units, and total 400,000 square feet. Additional fea-

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Southwest Seniors find Support in Waterfront Village's "Welcome Home" Program

BY DIANE RENZULLI

Coming home from a hospital or rehabilitation center can be stressful. You might feel overwhelmed and isolated, need new medication, or have to schedule and get to several follow-up appointments. Waterfront Village's "Welcome Home" program, available to all full Waterfront Village members, can help.

"Welcome Home" provides support to members who have an overnight hospital and/or rehabilitation stay. Volunteers from the neighborhood provide transportation, companionship, help with meals, and grocery/pharmacy shopping. The program kicks in as often as needed, so if a member has multiple admissions in a year, Waterfront Village can accommodate each re-admission. For members requiring advanced care at home, Waterfront Village has negotiated rates and reduced hourly minimums with several leading home care agencies. Village staff can arrange appointments for you to interview a representative in advance, provide references from other Village members, or simply provide you contact information for you to do your own research.

Elaine Riccio, a Village member who lives at Town Square Towers, joined the Village as a trial member this summer, and became a full member this fall, around



Photo: Bob Craycraft

Elaine Riccio is welcomed home by Village volunteer and neighbor Jane Jorgensen.

the time when her doctor told her she could not put off surgery any longer. She had a total hip replacement in November and turned to the "Welcome Home" program for help.

"I really and truly was not fully aware of all the benefits and services that Waterfront Village could provide me until I needed them," she said.

Elaine rode with Village executive director Bob Craycraft to and from the

hospital for the surgery. After a three-day stay, she came home to several home-cooked meals by volunteers, and a Village volunteer checked in with her the next day.

Since then, Elaine has had help from volunteers picking up groceries and medication, driving her to/from follow-up appointments, and offering companionship walks in the hallways of her building as she gets back on her feet. She even used the Village network to have a hairdresser come to her home to cut her hair during her recuperation. She is able to determine when and how she wants help, which includes social support.

"[After surgery], you need people around you to boost your morale and keep you on a high-functioning level," Elaine said.

When Elaine had hip surgery several years ago, she was in New York for her surgery and recovery. It was a very different experience.

"I was alone all day, in a single-family house in New York, cut off from others. I had to depend on Meals on Wheels and food delivery services. I was lucky if a neighbor or two stopped by," she said. "This time, it's a totally different experience. It's like being part of an extended family."

For more information on the "Welcome Home" program, call 202-656-1834 or email info@dcwaterfrontvillage.org.

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Support Group Addresses Challenges of Physical Disabilities & Cancer Survivorship

BY ELISABETH BROWN

The latest monthly meeting of the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund (TDJBCF) was dedicated to a discussion of the needs of physically disabled patients who are also cancer survivors, and addressing the difficulties of navigating the medical and support system from a wheelchair. There are many things able-bodied people take for granted when it comes to having mammograms and wellness check-ups.

The meeting featured a panel including Linda C. Brown, a caretaker of an adult autistic and physically disabled daughter, and herself a breast cancer survivor and advocate; Sheri Denkensohn-Trott, breast cancer survivor, advocate and co-founder of Happy-on-Wheels, an organization that helps and advocates for the physically disabled; and Saundria Stokes Jackson,

a disabled breast cancer survivor and advocate.

Denkensohn-Trott talked about having to deal with being a quadriplegic since the age of 16, when she suffered a spinal cord injury in a diving accident. There have been many advances in facilitating the needs of disabled people, but there are still problems dealing with the various individual cases, and the way in which medical facilities handle and address these issues.

Stokes Jackson also spoke about some of the difficulties encountered when traveling. She pointed out from personal experience the trauma that can occur when being transferred from a wheelchair to an airplane seat, and getting on and off a plane. Brown gave her views on taking care of a person with severe autism who is also paralyzed, and in need of round-the-clock care.

Opening and closing remarks were made by the group's founder, Thelma

D. Jones. Moderator for the event was Regina Blye, MPAff, Project Officer, Community Living/Independent Living Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Welcoming remarks were offered by Kimberly Beer, Director of Public Policy at the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. Beer advocates for the needs of those with living with paralysis and spinal cord injury through advancing legislative and advocacy on Capitol Hill and through various federal agencies.

The meeting was well attended by persons who are breast cancer survivors, their caregivers and friends. It wrapped up with a Thanksgiving buffet dinner and a raffle for door prizes. A special thanks goes to Christ United Methodist Church who graciously hosted the group. The TDJBCF support group meets monthly at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on the SW Waterfront, unless otherwise specified.

Ward 6 Short-Term Family Housing Program to Open Summer 2019

BY JAY MELDER

Four years ago, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced her commitment to make homelessness in DC rare, brief and non-recurring, and promised to close DC General once and for all. These goals are premised on the belief that everyone should have a safe, stable place that is home, especially in a city as prosperous as ours.

Today, DC General is closed forever and family homelessness is down more than 40 percent. The Mayor's new policies and programs have also helped more than 6,000 District families avoid needing shelter, thanks to effective preventative services.

The key to being able to close DC General was to replace it with smaller, modern, dignified Short-Term Family Housing (STFH) buildings in all 8 Wards. DC General was the city's largest homeless shelter; it was too big, too old, and too rundown to serve the families safely, and with the dignity they deserve.

So in October 2018, when Mayor Bowser kept her promise and closed DC General, she also cut the ribbon on the first of three STFH programs to replace our city's emergency family housing capacity. While each STFH program has a distinct design and place in the community, they all have in common robust individualized supports and wrap-around services designed to ease the crisis of homelessness for every family and help them achieve housing stability in a home of their own as quickly as possible. Ward 4's The Kennedy, Ward 7's The Horizon and Ward 8's The Triumph are all now open and serving families. Families in these new programs will have the opportunity to pursue their hopes and aspirations in a supportive and community-centered environment.

Soon, Ward 6 will too cut the ribbon on a STFH program, currently under construction at 850 Delaware Ave., SW. The 50-unit building is on track to open its doors this summer. Like other STFH programs, this program will provide wrap-around services to families, and will help parents locate affordable, stable housing. Dedicated play, homework and common spaces will allow children to learn and thrive. The building will also accommodate a garden-level community health clinic for anyone's use, so that health clinic services can continue at the site.

The building design, which has already received architectural recognition and acclaim, blends with the aesthetic diversity of the Waterfront neighborhood. The design and construction is managed by the Department of General Services (DGS), with architects Leo Daly and Studio 27 and Blue Skye Construction as the general contractor. The program will be housed in a new seven-story, 53,003 square foot residential building with 7-10



Photo Courtesy of the DC Government

Rendering of Ward 6 Short-Term Family Housing at 850 Delaware Ave. SW

units for families on each floor. Its energy efficient features will meet LEED Gold standards. This is not design for design's sake. We know from research and experience that beautiful, dignified spaces help better support families to achieve greater stability more quickly. I think it also says a lot about the values of our city, that we set out to create beautiful, welcoming and comforting places for families experiencing a very real and traumatizing crisis.

At the ribbon cutting for Ward 4's The Kennedy in September, Department of Human Services (DHS) Director Laura Zeilinger took direct aim at the myth that undercuts this shared value of ours, that sub-standard environments are the best possible place for families experiencing homelessness. She said, "The assumption that people need an uncomfortable space in order to be motivated to leave is based on ignorance. Everybody wants their own place for themselves and their children. It's about being supported in order to achieve the goal."

850 Delaware Ave., SW has long been

a place for healing, and soon this address will again be a beautiful, purposeful place. But it would not be possible without sustained partnership with the Southwest community. The Ward 6 STFH Advisory Team has led the effort to ensure this

project is a best for families and best for Southwest. The Advisory Team includes representatives from ANC 6D, Amidon Bowen PTA, SWNA, the Randall School development project, neighbors, Councilmember Allen and his office, DGS, DHS and the Executive Office of the Mayor. The Advisory Team is working now to complete a Good Neighbor Protocol that will lay out the mutual expectations between the District and the community and will be finalized before families are served at the site.

Please check out all of the information on the Ward 6 project as well as all other STFH projects across DC by visiting mayor.dc.gov/HomewardDC.

We're excited about our progress in Ward 6 and throughout the District, but we know we have more work to do. We will continue to work every day to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring, and to provide families with the supports they need to get back on their feet.

Jay Melder is Co-Chair of the Ward 6 Short-Term Family Housing Advisory Team and Chief of Staff for the DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services.

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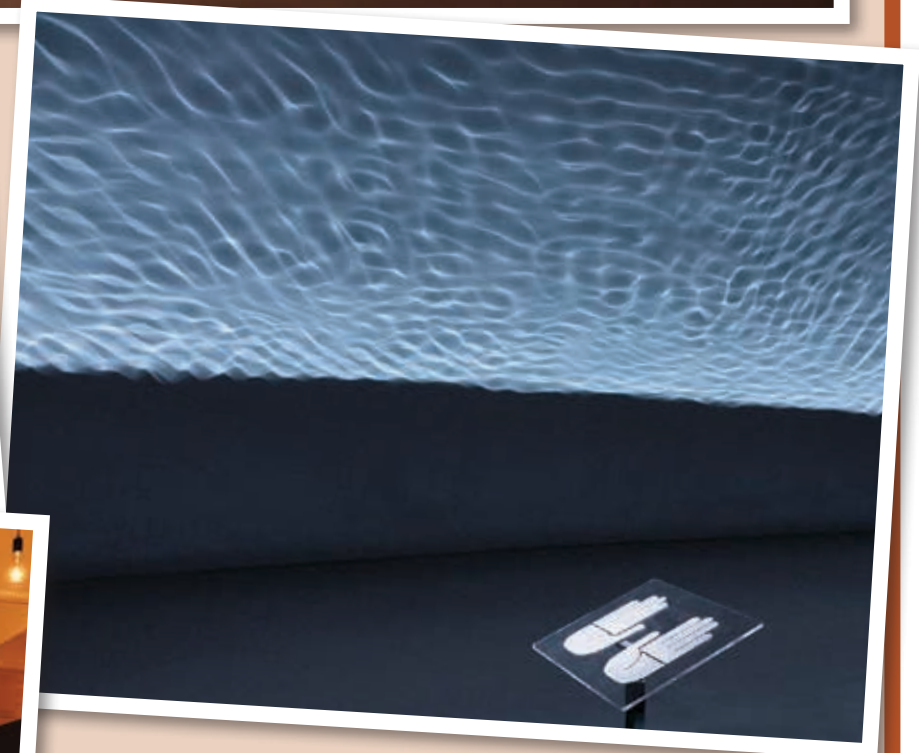
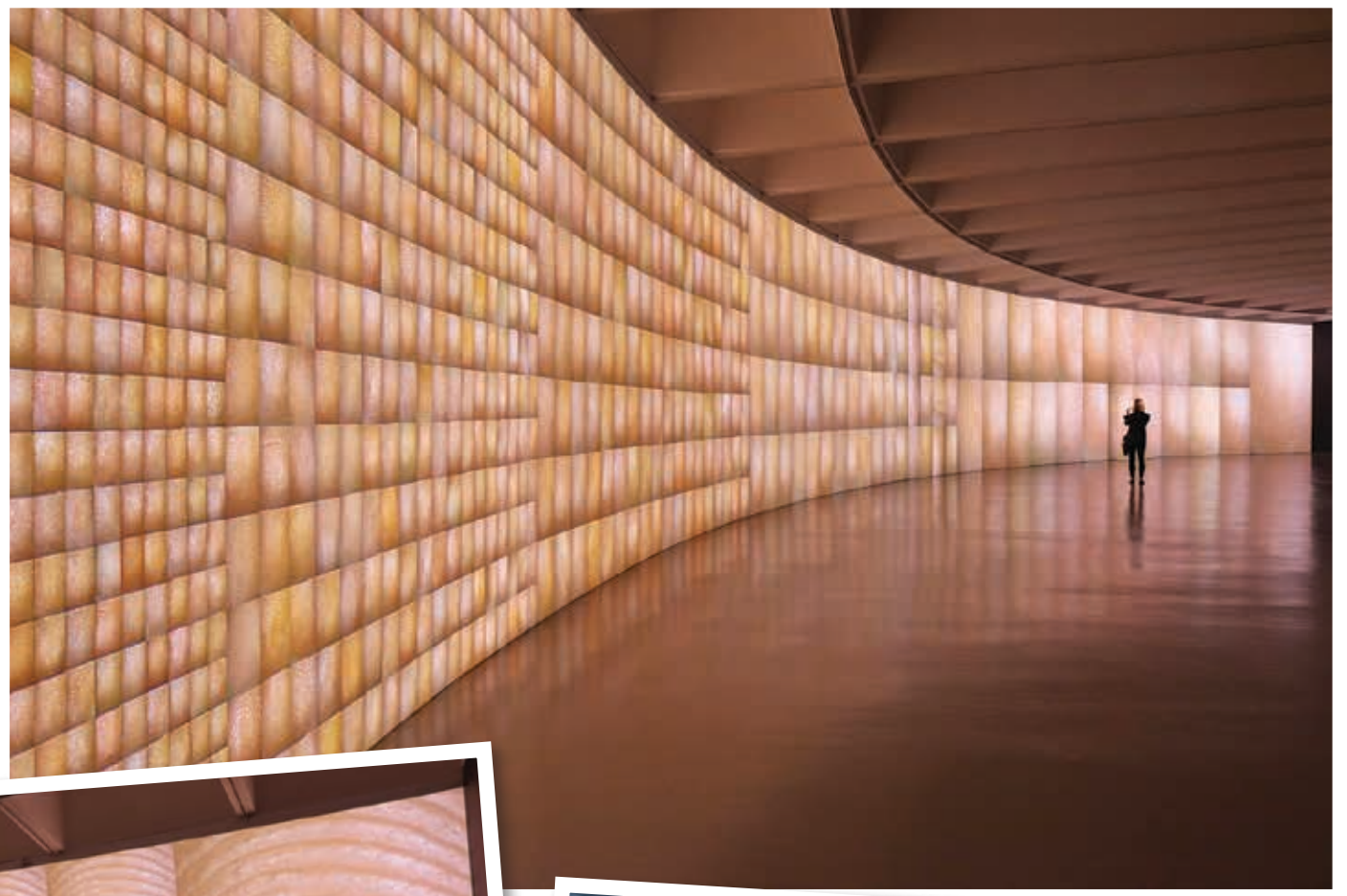
Share your Heart at Hirshhorn's *Pulse* Exhibit

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

The Hirshhorn Museum invites everyone to take part in creating a colossal work of art. All you have to bring are your hands and your heart.

The immersive environments in each of three galleries of Rafael Lozano-Hemmer's *Pulse* series are equipped with heart-rate sensors to create kinetic and audiovisual experiences from visitors' biometric data.

Pulse Index (2010) is a glowing digital grid which displays thousands of fingerprints and heart rates along an entire wall. Visitors insert a finger into a sensor with a digital microscope and a heart-rate monitor. The new fingerprint appears on the display, pulsating their heartbeat with flashing lights. As a metaphor for the human life cycle,



when new recordings are added, older recordings go to the end of the display to be deleted.

Pulse Tank (2008) consists of three tanks of water with projectors. The visitor interacts with sensors on the sides of the water tanks. Computers detecting their pulse create rippling waves on the water's surface, which reflect in shadow patterns on the walls. Several heartbeats, each unique, can interact with each other.



Pulse Room (2006) animates fingerprints. As visitors add their heartbeat by touching a sensor, their pulse is transmitted to the first of 211 clear incandescent light bulbs, which flicker to its rhythm. As more heartbeats register, the amplified sound of collected heartbeats accentuates the impact of the piece.

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Fingerprints and heartbeats are each unique to an individual. In this exhilarating experience, *Pulse* transforms individual data into a collective art.

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, at the corner of 7th St., SW and Independence Ave., SW, is running *Pulse* until April 28, 2019. More information can be found at hirshhorn.si.edu.

Homegrown

District Doughnut: Happiness Found

BY KATELYND ANDERSON

With their signature teal branding and names like Sufganiyot, District Doughnut is not your typical doughnut shop—nor does it strive to be. When you step foot into any of its three locations across the city (four when the Nationals are in season), it is easy to see what they're about: bringing joy and happiness through the classic American food of the doughnut. Nothing more, nothing less.

As co-founder and CEO Greg Manna notes, in the mid-2010s, this city was deep in the cupcake craze, but outside of large national chains, there was no doughnut shop in the District. In 2012, Manna was approached by his childhood friend Juan Pablo Segura about starting a doughnut business in the District (they both grew up in the area). Manna agreed, and was soon introduced to Executive Pastry Chef Christine Schafer. Fast forward to the fall of 2014, District Doughnuts opened that teal door on Barracks Row and it's been a wild dough-filled ride ever since.

After Barracks Row came Georgetown—larger than the Barracks Row shop, and featuring a different twist that fits that neighborhood so well: an art gallery. Shortly thereafter came a spot at Nationals Park, where fans can enjoy America's favorite pastime with another layer of Americana nostalgia. This past fall, District Doughnut opened at The Wharf, in what is quite arguably the coolest doughnut shop in the country, and maybe even the world.

With its outdoor patio overlooking the Washington Channel marked by umbrellas in white and that signature teal, and an all-glass enclosure with sleek lines inside, The Wharf location is indeed different than the others, but fits right in with its other surroundings along the water. As Manna said in our interview, "a jewel box of a building." With seating inside forthcoming, visitors currently belly-up to the continuous ledge that follows glass, making for perfect people watching while nosing on one of the 12 available doughnuts. This location is so small, only 900-square feet, that the team is unable to make the doughnuts onsite. Instead, they are driven over multiple times a day from the Barracks Row location to keep up with the demand and ensure visitors to The Wharf location have only the freshest of doughnuts.

So what makes District Doughnut so different than anything else? It all starts at the beginning: the yeast dough at the heart of the District Doughnut is made 24-hours before it is put in the fryer. Schafer, who is a Cordon-Bleu trained pastry chef, spent months figuring out the perfect recipe, which can only be classified as a classic French pastry dough. Manna was also quick to point out that District Doughnut does not use a custard filling—



District Doughnut at The Wharf

instead any filled doughnut is made with a pastry cream. With a bite into a menu staple and one of the bestselling over the last four years, the Brown Butter (vanilla bean dough, cinnamon sugar and a brown butter drizzle), it is easy to see why District Doughnut is a cut above the rest. The doughnut is soft, fluffy with a bit of a tear to it, encouraging the consumer to savor every last bite and indulge in the simple happiness of a doughnut. Another menu staple was born from leftover dough of the brown sugar—the District Doughnut cinnamon roll (vanilla bean dough, cinnamon sugar and a vanilla bean glaze). Once only featured on the weekends, it has recently been added to the menu full time, and judging by the reaction on social media (and one of the brand's favorite hashtags #happinessfound), the decision was a strong one.

The menu rotates by the season with only 12 doughnuts available, always keeping costumers guessing what original design will be featured next. Past examples of Chef Christine's unique additions include a sweet potato doughnut (it tastes like Thanksgiving in a doughnut and has real pumpkin mixed into the dough), a cannoli doughnut (made with the signature vanilla bean dough, chocolate chip ricotta filling, and sprinkled with doughnut sugar and cocoa powder), the Fluffernutter (the signature yeast dough, with a marshmallow pastry cream and peanut butter glaze), and a savory flavor with the Everything Cream Cheese (whipped chive onion cream cheese on the inside and everything bagel seasoning on the top). No matter what flavor is chosen, however, customers will not be disappointed.

So now that they have arguably perfected the doughnut—what's next for the award-winning District's homegrown doughnut brand? Continue to be the best

they can be—learning, growing and adapting to costumers' changing needs. But one thing is for certain: they will continue to be a place where happiness can be found in the simple and uniquely American joy



Photo by Author

One of the unique flavors found at District Doughnut

of the doughnut. As Manna told me: "(A)t the end of the day, you're coming in here because you want a doughnut. We're just adding to the feeling of joy of that experience. It's as simple as that."



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Meet Victoria Owens (Call her Ms. Vicke) *SWBID Wharf Ambassador*

BY DONNA PURCHASE

Southwest DC is “the place to be.” We continue to spotlight the dedicated staff of the SWBID who are focused on making Southwest a clean, safe, vibrant community to live, work and visit.

Ms. Vicke, pronounced Ms. Vickie, joined SWBID 6 months ago, but she always knew she would work there. A while ago she met Steve and Andre in her previous job. They liked her customer service, gave her their business cards and asked her to stay in touch.

She likes everything about the SWBID and says the staff is like family and committed to teamwork. Their motto is “teamwork is the dreamwork.” The team supports and encourages each other.

Ms. Vicke was born and raised in New Jersey and New York and moved to DC as a teenager. She currently lives in our neighborhood. She attended Keene elementary, Rabaut Jr. High and Calvin



Photo Courtesy of SWBID

Ms. Vicke

Coolidge High.

Fifteen years ago she was with Empowerment for DC. Ms. Vicke is glad to have worked on a campaign for child care and she made a presentation at the Wilson Building. She is proud of her work on the Southwest Collaborative with Naomi Mitchell of Charles Allen’s staff.

A former resident of Greenleaf, Ms. Vicke says she is the proud mother of four, and has six grandchildren.

SWBID COO Andre Witt says: “Victoria has quietly become a neighborhood favorite of the team. She is always eager to help others and has helped the Wharf team perform at a much higher level.”

She is keenly aware of all the new happenings in Southwest and never hesitates to share the BID’s vision with others.

Victoria has been a tremendous hire for SWBID and has a very bright future.

Ms. Vicke’s Favorites

Movie: “Philadelphia” and “The Equalizer”

Music: Gospel, but she listens to everything

Favorite song: “The Living Word,” by Fred Hammond

Sports team: Giants, Jets—anything New Jersey & New York!

Favorite SW spot: The Wharf (she has dined in almost every eatery, just 4 more to go!)

Best thing about her job: She gets to be herself, greet visitors, and “talk” to their pets

Proudest moment: When the staff enthusiastically welcomed her to the BID

Favorite quote: “You never get a second chance to make a good first impression”

So when you’re out and about—be sure to say hello to Ms. Vicke!



Photo Courtesy of Allison Peck

Jon Grinspan and Spike Gjerde at the Long Conversation 2018

The Long Conversation brings Hope & Inspiration to SW

BY JOANNA LEVINE

When you think about the future, both individually and as a species, are you hopeful? Certainly, that answer varies depending on whether you’re more of a glass-half-full or a glass-half-empty type of person. If I consider a typical week, there are many instances I can think of that could easily trigger a negative outlook of the future. The Long Conversation 2018, held at the Smithsonian Arts & Industries Building on Dec. 7 from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m., was a series of sessions featuring 31 speakers throughout the day for an 8-hour conversation full of inspiration for the future.

On a daily basis we are bombarded with alerts about the latest groundbreaking news—typically focused on what’s wrong in the world: social injustices, drama, gossip, loss, etc., undoubtedly impacting our perception of the world and how positive our outlook might be towards the future. If you were one of the 1,200 people who attended The Long Conversation 2018, you may have walked away with a new belief that hope is a conscious choice, one we must make every day.

The concept of The Long Conversation was one we ought to see more of in this age of technology: two people sitting down and talking face-to-face about what makes them tick, about what concerns them, and about what they’re hopeful for. As Rachel Goslins, Director of the Arts & Industries Building, put it, “[We] tried to create the coolest dinner party in the world and invite [you] to eavesdrop on those conversations.” That is precisely what this experience was. It was captivating, informative, humorous at times, and touchy at other times, but you wanted to stay and listen nonetheless.

Goslins explains, “We started The Long Conversation in 2017 because we wanted to do something new and different. It’s proved wildly popular, even beyond what we expected. We bring together big thinkers from completely different backgrounds, and there are no moderators or PowerPoints. You walk away feeling a direct connection to amazing ideas. When you have so much optimism and energy in one room—with the audience, the speakers, the people tuning in online, something electric happens. In many ways it’s a microcosm of the Arts & Industries Building itself, its remarkable history, and its future as a space for creativity, experimentation, and forward-thinking.”

The Smithsonian Arts & Industries Building, the Smithsonian’s first building, was the perfect venue to host this uplifting event. According to Washington Post writer Peggy McGlone, when the Castle was completed in 1855 it was a physical representation of the broad range of its activities: hands-on learning, museum conservation, art and science exhibits and educational seminars. Jump ahead 163 years, while hosting The Long Conversation 2018, and it is still serving the same purpose. The Castle is a gem of Southwest; one many people often overlook.

What the Long Conversation offered was the opportunity to join conversations involving people very different from one another. The magic that occurs when we engage in dialogue with people different from ourselves is the ability to get a glimpse of how someone else views the world, and to understand the world on a much larger scale than the tiny bubbles we each live in.

It is easy to imagine all the things that could go wrong in our respective

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Southwest Moments

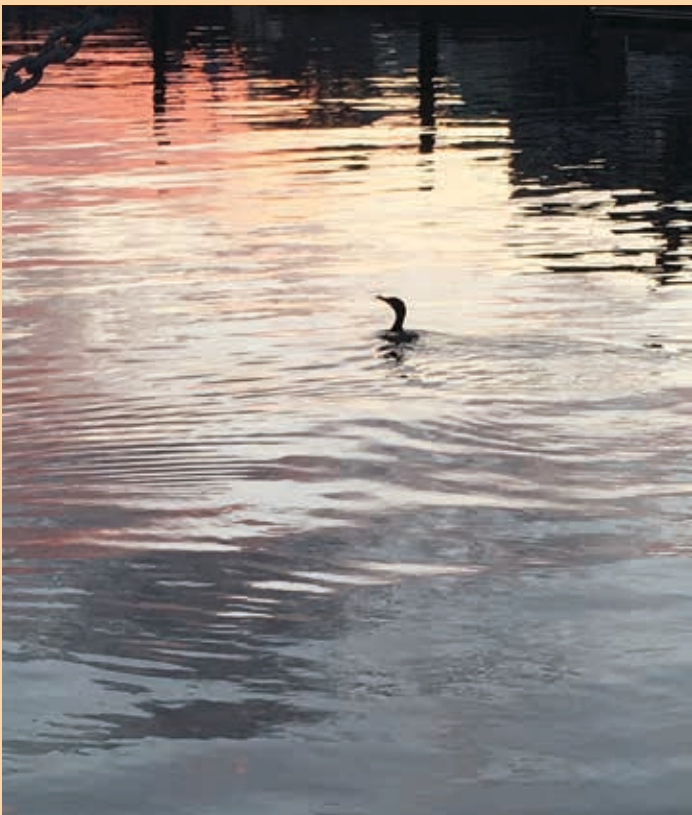


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A Southwest Moment: Cormorants are regular residents at Gangplank Marina in SW.

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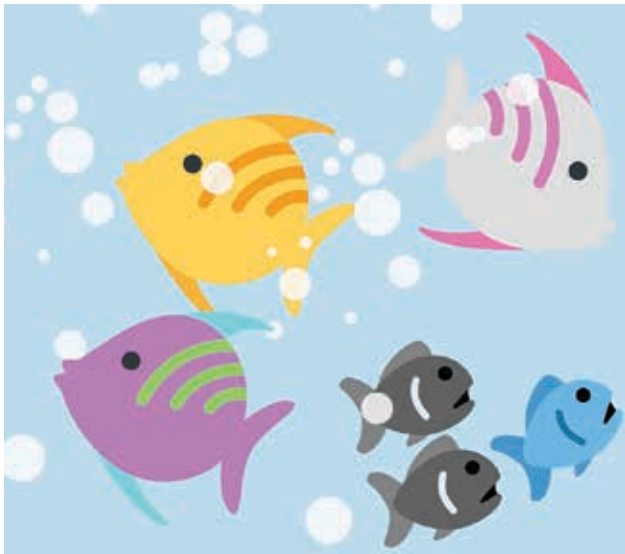


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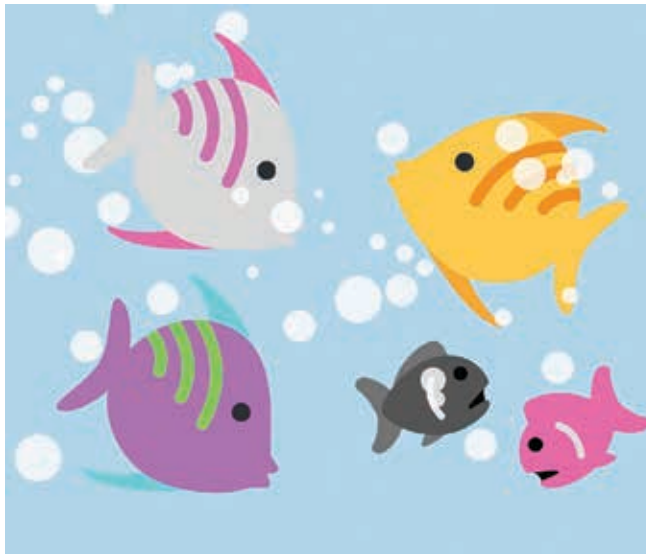
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Spot the difference!

Can you spot the 6 differences under the sea?



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Answers from December 2018 issue

Differences: The polar bear has a hat in only one picture; the polar bear is facing the opposite direction in each picture; the snowman on the left has a candy cane in one picture and in the other has whip cream; in one picture there are 4 blue trees and in the other picture there are only 3; the pine tree only appears in one picture

Word Scramble: There are 177 words that can be made from the word "Southwest"!

Find the Southwest words!

On the Water!

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Word scramble!

How many words can you make from “Potomac”?

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Rappahannock Oyster Bar Blends Flavor and History

BY MIKE GOODMAN

Old and new come together at The Wharf's latest restaurant, Rappahannock Oyster Bar. While The Wharf has become known for its modernity, the owners of Rappahannock Oyster Company moved in to the historic oyster shucking shed, maintaining and expanding upon a century-old structure. The result is a blend of modern and long-standing that melts together just as perfectly as the blue crab, corn and pickled jalapenos in their crab dip.

The inside dining area is small and comfortable, with fewer than 30 seats around a bar and shucking station. The 1,300 pound ice machine keeps the raw bar cold, and serves as part of the entertainment behind the bar. On the menu, the raw bar is indeed the main attraction. The oysters and clams are all local, which is part of the Rappahannock Oyster Company's tradition of serving the Chesapeake Bay's native shellfish, since 1899. No Kumamotos here, but the Olde Salt oysters from Chincoteague, VA make you ask: why would I want anything else?

The Cobia Crudo blends its namesake fish with just the right combination of onion, red bell pepper and a few strands of seaweed. There is a caviar service on the menu, if you're willing to shell out for it, and a variety of entrees, almost all of which feature shellfish, including peel and eat shrimp, a reputed crab cake, whole fish, and the traditional fry basket options. The combination fry basket gives you a generous portion of fried shrimp, oysters and crab croquette. The seasoned breading is a little strong for the shrimp and oysters, but the croquette was mildly spiced, revealing the taste of fresh crab.



Exceptions from the fish exist, however, with a hearty burger, lamb, and salads and slaw. But given the choice, I would eat the Barcat New England-style Oyster Chowder every evening before bed, at least until my doctor advised against it. It's deliciously creamy, and the bits of Benton's Bacon are brilliant.

Once the weather gets nice, Rappahannock will open up its floor-to-ceiling glass doors to a wrap-around patio, exponentially increasing the seating and offering visitors a richer experience of The Wharf, the Channel and the adjacent Fish Market. The views from the inside are nearly 360 degrees; from the outside they'll

expand even more.

Don't ignore the house cocktails, and carrying on the local theme, the beers and cider on tap are all from the region.

The list of shortcomings is short. The price point will run \$20-\$30 per entree, and more if you indulge in the drinks, oysters or other appetizer options. An inexpensive kids menu would invite more families, especially when the weather gets warm and our Southwest families, as well as visitors to the neighborhood, will be spending their weekends around The Wharf. That said, the smooth jazz fits the comfortable setting, and the staff is attentive. An old company, in an old building, has done it right with the newest spot on The Wharf.



Photo by Author

Indulge with "The Maine Ave" seafood tower.



Photo by Author

Rappahannock's raw bar is the main attraction.



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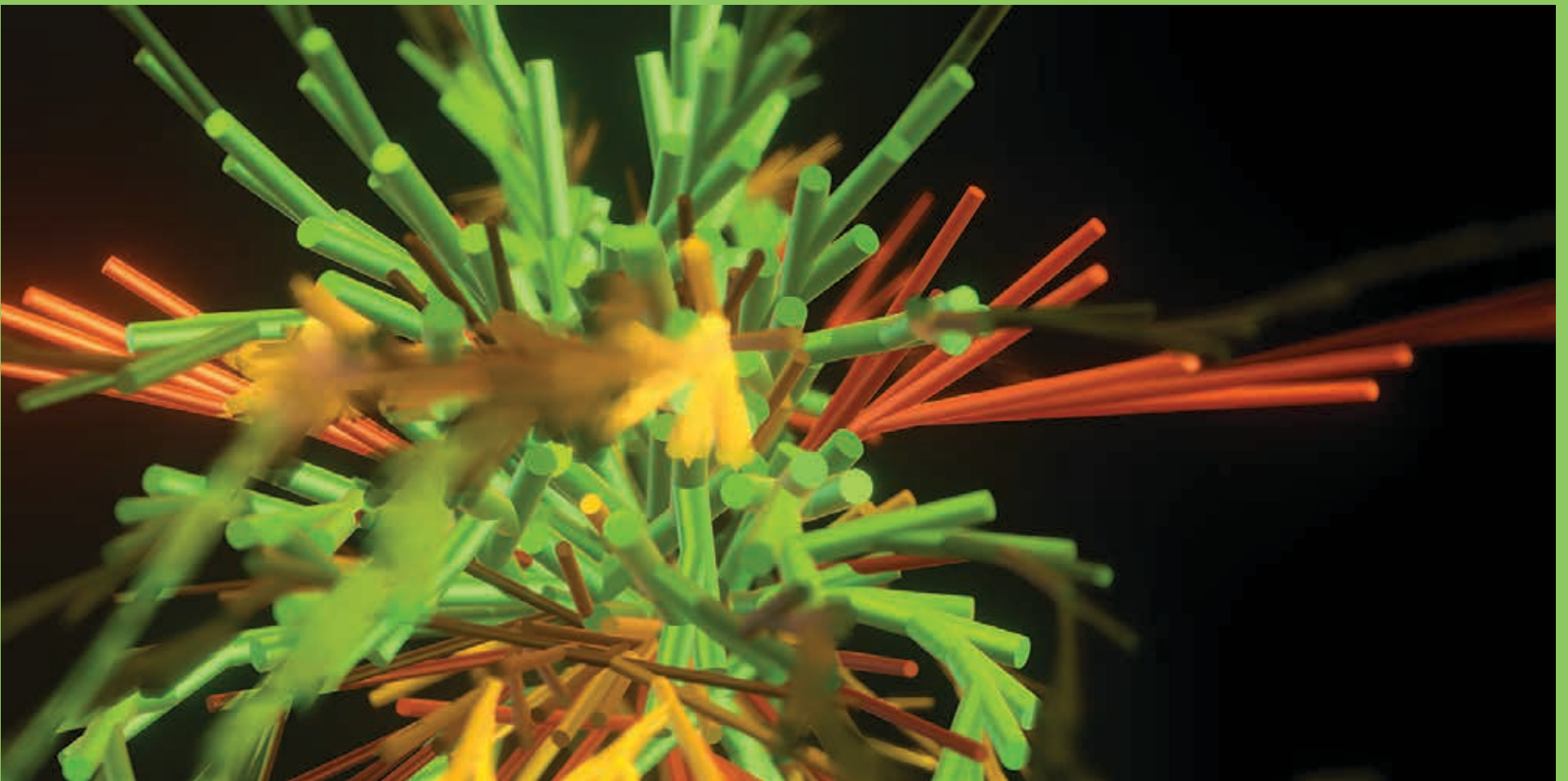
tures include:

- 9,000 square feet devoted to AppleTree Institute, a DC public charter preschool;
- 9,000 square feet of space intended for cultural use;
- 11,404 square feet of market-rate retail space.

The agreement calls for the creation of approximately 135 affordable housing residences, which totals 30 percent of the apartments. The 135 units will be available to households earning at or below 30 percent and 50 percent of the area median income.

The project team comprised of PN Hoffman, Paramount Development, City Partners and AHC Inc. was awarded the rights to redevelop the lot by DMPED in March 2016 following a 2015 Request for Proposal process by Mayor Muriel Bowser's office.

Construction is expected to begin in 2020 with an expected delivery date of 2022.



Experience *New Nature* at Artechouse

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

Art doesn't have to be painting. Artechouse's *New Nature* is a digital display of dazzling colors and changing forms that please the eye and inspire new interpretations of the ecosystems and organic processes all around us.

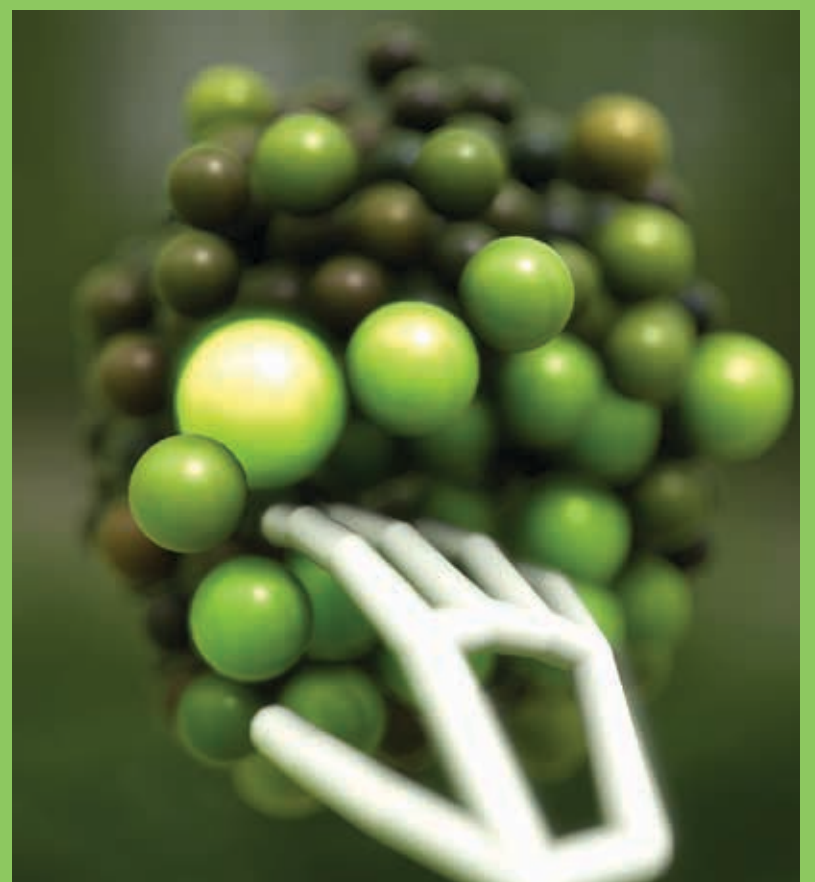
The immersive experience uses your movements and gestures to awaken creatures and plant life in an LED kelp forest, which leads to a 24 foot tall evolving organism, and into a 3D digital menagerie of nature-inspired beings.

By waving a finger in the petting zoo, the insects, plants, creatures, landscapes and planets in the 13 interactive virtual terrari-

um stations come alive. Shimmering shapes emerge, evoking the sense that something is actually rising from the depth of the ocean.

This creative and playful audio-visual exhibit is the work of a digital artist and technician, Mateusz "Marpi" Marcinowski, who used gaming's Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game platform to create organically-inspired virtual worlds for a game that all ages can play.

New Nature runs at Artechouse (1238 Maryland Ave., SW) until January 13, 2019. During All Ages Daytime Admission on Sundays-Thursdays, there is a "Family Package" option that allows for one adult and one child at 20% off (ages 2-14). More information can be found at dc.artechouse.com.



Get to Know Your New SW Elected Officials

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

On Nov. 6, Southwesters elected three new Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, and a new Ward 6 Representative on the State Board of Education. "The Southwester" reached out to these newly elected representatives and asked them to submit a brief statement about themselves, their priorities and their goals in their new positions. "Southwester" staff made only minor formatting edits to these statements.

Anthony Dale (6D05):

A Progressive Way Forward



As a resident of Southwest DC for over a decade, I have had a front row seat to some of the amazing changes that are taking place in our community. With this change comes new opportunities for economic development as well as some growing pains and potential pitfalls. I am excited to be the next Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) for SMD 6D05. As ANC I will be a voice for strong neighborhood schools for our children, adequate housing for young families and safe streets for one of the fastest-growing parts of DC.

My priorities will be:

1. Strong Schools with Resources for our Children

The ANC can play a critical part in securing investments for our schools and making sure our children have everything they need to learn and grow. Schools like Amidon Bowen Elementary School and Jefferson Middle School need capital investments, teacher development resources and program funds in order to be successful. As ANC I will not offer my Yea vote for any development project that does not support our local schools in some way. As the father to a 4-year old boy, Jaden, I know that the future of our children is too important not to make this a top priority.

2. Affordable Housing and Emphasis on Homeownership

Over the next several years we have several new projects slated to be constructed in SW DC. While cranes are good for the economy, they do not build and sustain communities. For many years, residents have tilled the field and made this community attractive for new comers. However, they've seen the surge of rent and housing costs leave them in the dust. As ANC I will fight for projects that offer a significant number of units at 30% and 40% Area Medium Income (AMI). Equally important is the need for affordable, family-size units.

3. Safety for Our Residents and Visitors

Lastly, this community is seeing a wave of new visitors flocking to our streets and partaking in the new attrac-

tions. These increases are accompanied by a rise in both violent and non-violent crime. In the last few months, thefts and violent crimes in our neighborhood are up. While I believe that our women and men in uniform are doing everything they can to help fight this trend, it's important that we have an ANC that supports their work and will fight for more resources. As a Marine, I know what it takes to coordinate with various stakeholders on short and long term threats, and as Commissioner I will continue this work and partner with MPD and stakeholders to tackle this important issue.

As ANC for 6D05 I will always remember public service is a privilege entrusted to me by my neighbors. I look forward to serving this great community. I can be contacted at: 6D05@anc.dc.gov or (718) 213-6770.

Edward Daniels (6D07):



My name is Edward Daniels and I am proud to call Washington, DC, home for 16 years. I graduated from UVA in 2002 and moved to DC to begin an acting career in stage & film. My stage work includes shows at the Kennedy Center, Studio Theatre, and the Helen Hayes Award-winning production of *RENT* at the Keegan Theatre. My notable television work includes *House of Cards*, *VEEP*, and most recently appearing in Showtime's *Homeland*. I am the proud owner of two small businesses, Scorpio Entertainment, celebrating 14 years next fall, and Monologue Madness, a theatre competition (produced at the Miracle Theatre on Capitol Hill) funded in part by the DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities and expanding to Atlanta, GA, in 2019!

The Capitol Riverfront project captivated me during the early development of the BID and I have closely followed the growth of the neighborhood, moving here in 2016. I have a long history of student government in secondary school and undergrad and was certain that I would get involved in politics at some point later in life. I decided to get involved this year, in particular, for two reasons: Our national political climate is horrible, divided, and our democracy is at stake, daily. Locally, upon learning that our ANC seat would be vacant, I found this to be the perfect opportunity to take a seat at the table, as it were, and become more involved in the decisions that are being made which affect our neighborhood.

Campaigning and meeting hundreds of my neighbors over the past three months was quite rewarding and I am still at a loss for words in describing the energy and excitement of election day. I am grateful to have been elected to serve

this two-year term. My platform seems to have been very much in-line with the immediate concerns of the residents whom I will now represent. I am a huge fan of efficiency and I completely loathe bureaucracy. In my opinion, it shouldn't take years for a traffic light or correct signage to be placed at a dangerous cross-walk. It shouldn't puzzle developers that, at some point, along with construction and planning, resident concerns regarding affordable housing, inadequate parking, and poor property management, need to be addressed. I don't expect to completely solve many of these concerns, but I plan to work as hard as I possibly can to alleviate them and to be an amazing resource to each of my neighbors.

Anna Forgie (6D02):



6D02 is exceptional for our wonderfully diverse population, mix of single-family homes and high-rise apartment buildings, government offices and businesses, and recreation and performance facilities, all so close to spectacular waterways. In the seven years I've lived in the area, it has been a pleasure to meet long-time residents and new transplants who share an appreciation of the tight-knit and welcoming community here in 6D02.

As the neighborhood continues to change and grow, we need to pursue creative, sustainable, mixed-use and mixed-income development that incorporates retail, affordable housing, and green space, while promoting best practices for changing traffic and parking patterns. Economic growth and development should be accessible to all groups, regardless of income or demographic identification, and the ANC has to promote these opportunities for everyone's benefit. Specifically, in SW, I want to see the Randall School project move forward. This is an incredible opportunity for our neighborhood: a world-class art museum open to everyone, with all the jobs and educational opportunities it will bring, along with the restoration of a now-abandoned, historical building.

As a former Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador, where I taught music classes to kids, I believe in the power of music and arts education to nurture strong, confident students. Access to affordable childcare and pre-K education that incorporates music and arts is crucial for our growing community.

As your ANC Commissioner, I will listen to your concerns, proactively seek out and disseminate information, and advocate on your behalf. I'm looking forward to working on behalf of 6D02 residents.

Jessica Sutter

(State Board of Education, Ward 6):



My name is Jessica Sutter and I'm the newly elected Ward 6 Member of the DC State Board of Education (SBOE). During my campaign, I assured voters that I would represent all students in Ward 6 schools, wherever they live, and all students who live in Ward 6, wherever they attend school. I promised to focus on three things: putting students first in policy decisions, ensuring the District creates and implements policies that provide equitable educational resources and opportunities for all children to succeed, and supporting the excellence of current Ward 6 schools and the creation of new school choices that meet the needs of all DC children. I intend to keep those promises.

There are three things I want to accomplish as I join the SBOE. First, to find ways to better listen to and amplify the voices of all parents connected to Ward 6. I will make sure that all parents, whether residents or school parents, are able to voice concerns to DC officials. I plan to host periodic forums to listen to parents, and to connect with established parent groups, civic organizations, and ANCs. My goal is to ensure the concerns of Ward 6 parents are heard in concert with voices from all eight wards. The SBOE has a unique opportunity to elevate diverse parent voices to the state level.

Second, I want to ensure that all of our schools are offering a rich curriculum, including science and social studies, for students at all grade levels. I will work with my colleagues to push for an update to the DC Social Studies standards. I will also seek to publicly share information on the time our LEAs are dedicating each week to the key content areas and what supports they may need to increase content-rich instruction beyond mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA).

Finally, I will advocate for a strong focus on middle schools. Ward 6 is home to 13 schools with middle school programs, two of which are located in Southwest. Serving the academic and socio-emotional needs of tweens and teens is complex. I will ask the SBOE to call for cross-sector practice sharing by middle schools with high academic growth scores, with excellence in academic achievement and growth of specific student subgroups, and with innovative practices in socio-emotional learning and restorative justice practices. Providing a forum for DCPS and charter schools to share best practices can lay groundwork for ongoing collaboration between schools to make the District collectively better at serving middle school students.

The next four years are an opportunity for steady progress towards better schools for all District students and I'm looking forward to the work ahead.

The 12th Annual Brickies Honor Pillars of the Ward 6 Community

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, Councilmember Charles Allen (D-Ward 6) hosted the 12th Annual Brickies awards and community celebration. Begun by former Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells as the Livable Walkable Awards with engraved bricks as a special honor, the free community event was nicknamed “The Brickies” by the local newspaper “Hill Rag.”

Winners of The Brickies are nominated by the Ward 6 community, and cover a wide array of categories, such as the Business Award, the Neighbor Award and the Civic Pride Award.

This year’s winners included:

- **Business Award:** Clean Decisions - A Ward 6 business offering high quality janitorial services, trash clean-up and yard maintenance, and is 100 percent operated and owned by returning citizens. Opened in 2014, Clean Decisions has successfully provided full- and part-time employment to over 30 people, and they have a 100% anti-recidivism rate.
- **Neighbor Award:** Frances Slaughter - Born and raised in DC, Ms. Slaughter is director and teacher at the Capitol Hill Cooperative Nursery School. With more than 30 years working in early child education, she has made an



Photo: Councilmember Allen's office

2018 Civic Pride Award winners at the 12th Annual Brickies Awards

impact on countless lives in Ward 6.

- **Community Organization Award:** The Mount Vernon Triangle CID - A private, non-profit organization established to enhance the overall life for residents, workers and visitors alike in the Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood. It has a year-round calendar of events that bring

the diverse neighborhood together.

- **Public Service Award:** Larry Handerhan - Currently serving as Chief of Staff for the DC Department of Human Services (DHS), Mr. Handerhan has served as the key person from DHS working alongside the Councilmember’s office and others to serve the seniors dis-

placed from the Arthur Capper Senior Apartments after the fire that displaced the 160 members of the Arthur Capper community.

- **Civic Pride Award:** Arthur Capper Senior Apartments Fire-Community Response; This award recognized a wide number of people and organizations who have collectively worked to respond to the Arthur Capper Senior Apartments fire on September 19, 2018, and since then to assist with residents’ recovery. Honorees include:

- ▷ Arthur Capper Senior Apartments Residents
- ▷ Meredith Fascett
- ▷ Georgina Wallace
- ▷ AARP DC State Chapter
- ▷ Southwest Business Improvement District
- ▷ Capitol Riverfront Business District
- ▷ Marine Barracks Washington

In a press release the day of the event, Councilmember Allen said “This is a big night out for Ward 6 each year—neighbors enjoying food, music, and having fun together as we hand out bricks to recognize some of the important contributions from neighbors, organizations, and businesses. Every year, I feel lucky to recognize some great folks and this year is no exception.”

Crime Tips for the Winter

BY GEORGINE WALLACE

Southwest is a tremendous neighborhood, though it is always important to prioritize our safety. With the current long, winter nights, there are a few things in mind:

Find Out What is Going on in your Neighborhood—PSA and CAC Meetings

DC has eight Wards, but is divided into seven police districts. Each police district is further divided into police service areas or PSAs. In our case, Southwest is in Ward 6, the First Police District 1 and PSA105. The Navy Yard is also Ward 6 and First District but is PSA 106. At each monthly PSA meeting, officers relate crime trends in that area and offer safety tips to attendees.

Each police district also has another group, the Citizens Advisory Council. The First District meetings occur the First Tuesday of the month. However, call the First District Station Desk at 202-698-0555

to confirm time and location.



ALERTDC

According to their site <https://hsema.dc.gov/page/alertdc>, ALERTDC is “the official District of Columbia communications system allowing you to pick the type of emergency alerts, notifications, and updates directly from the District of Columbia’s public safety officials. By staying informed, AlertDC is your personal connection to real-time updates and instructions to protect yourself, your

loved ones, and your neighborhood.”

This tool provides notification of items of your choosing, the geographic areas of concern and allows you to choose to receive the information as a text or email message. You are able to modify your selections at any time for a custom fit.

Know Common Crimes Occurring in the Area

Theft from Autos: Though they are decreasing in number, thefts from autos remain an issue in our area. Valuable items such as laptops, cameras, and money are stolen out of vehicles every month.

Tip: A former Sergeant in 105 offered the following suggestion during a PSA Meeting in 2016: If you do not plan to take your purse or briefcase with you when you exit your vehicle, remove any desired components (money, card, keys and phone from purse) and lock the bag/case in your trunk before you leave home.

This way a thief viewing potential prospects does not see you lock the item in your trunk and leave it behind when you reach your destination.

Theft of Cell Phones: Every night people walk off a metro train, go up the steps and walk home without lifting their heads. Most have earbuds in and are listening to music. Being unaware of your surroundings makes you a target of a crime of opportunity.

Tip: If you have your earbuds in, lower the volume of the music so you can hear if someone is following you. This is especially important at night. Walk/run in well-lit areas and try to exercise with a partner. The overall idea is that you do not want to be assessed as a good target.

More tips on crime prevention are available on the Metropolitan Police Department web site where you can read tips and download brochures: <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/safety-and-crime-prevention>.

New SWNA Tutoring Program Accelerates Learning at Amidon-Bowen

BY AVA MILLSTONE

It's cold outside on Dec. 4, but it's hot in the library upstairs at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School (ABES).

Math tutor Bryan Harris exclaims, "We're cooking with gas!" as 3rd grade student Tatianna, and her mother, Dayana Torres, both get the correct answer to the rounding problem they are working on. Across the table, Harris reaches out both hands for a three-way high five.

Harris is one of nine new tutors working with ABES 3rd grade students through a new initiative led by the SWNA Education and Scholarship Task Force.

Student performance in math has been improving at Amidon-Bowen. The percentage of students scoring on grade level on the national PARCC test doubled from 2017 to 2018. But, 45% of first through fifth grade students still entered this school year more than two years behind in Math. (This is down from 61% in 2016).

The tutoring program was started by Robert St. Cyr, executive director of Community Scholar, at Capitol Hill Montessori at Logan and expanded this year to Amidon-Bowen. After discussing the project with SWNA leaders Bruce Levine, Vyllorya Evans and Thelma Jones, St. Cyr worked with Murali Balji to recruit volunteers in the Southwest community.

From there, the team coordinated with school administration and teachers to get the program going. Kayla Winters, ABES math interventionist, invited parents for an informational breakfast and was responsible for recruiting all the students in the math program. Zip Zap IT Solutions, SWBID and Westminster Church provided initial funding for books and materials.

Eighteen students and nine tutors are currently participating in Math tutoring. Students meet with their tutors once or twice a week to learn critical 3rd



Photo by Author

Tatianna Torres, Bryan Harris and Dayana Torres

grade math skills like rounding, telling time, and fractions. Winters says that students in the program are seeing dramatic improvements in the classroom. Some have moved into the advanced math group and are even helping to teach their peers.

One hallmark of the program is family engagement. Parents are encouraged to attend tutoring sessions with their children and receive weekly videos, to watch with their child, that explain the Math concepts. Torres, who attends the program weekly with her daughter Tatianna, says, "This program is excellent because they give the tools not only to the students, but also to the parents to help them learn at home and take the students to excellence."

Harris—a member of the SW community for 13 years—said he wishes a similar program had been available to him growing up. "Working with kids

who have an interest in learning is important to me," he said. "These kids are smart and capable—the tutoring provides a little something extra. It reassures them."

Stacy Cloyd, who has lived in SW since 2009, has enjoyed building a relationship with the student she tutors, Irie Cantarella. "It's really interesting to meet someone in the neighborhood I would not have met otherwise," says Cloyd. "It's really impressive—the math they are doing is a lot harder than the math I did in third grade."

Thanks to all of the Southwest tutors for their valuable contributions to our neighborhood school: Rick Bardach, Grace Byrd, Stacy Cloyd, Sadia Fatiemi, Diana Finegold, Diane Ford, Peri Hamlin, Bryan Harris, Audrey Hinton, Valerie Lubrano, Alan Philpott, Diane Reeves, Garon Reeves, Joelle Rudney and Jacqui Stark.

The program is still accepting students! If you have a third grader who attends Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, please talk to Ms. Winters or Ms. Cureton, or email Kayla.Winters@dc.gov.

To learn more about the program or sign up to participate as a volunteer, contact Robert St. Cyr at friends@communityscholar.org.

To make a tax-deductible donation to support the program, visit <https://www.mightycause.com>, search for Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Inc. and select the SWNA Education Task Force as the recipient. You can also write a check to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, note "Education Fund" in the memo line and mail it to: SWNA Attn: Education Fund, PO Box 70131, Washington, DC 20024.

CONVERSATION

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lives on a daily basis. However, we must acknowledge that we learn from the parts of the story we choose to focus on. If day-in-and-day-out we are solely focused on all the possible bad in the world, which there are ample amounts of, then we are limiting the amount of good we allow our-

selves to see in the world.

The event featured many captivating speakers. One was Jon Grinspan, the historian, who explained that at The Smithsonian, they study the past while preparing the future to study us. Another was Hawah Kasat, the educator with many additional titles, who believes in human ingenuity and that we are a remarkably resilient species. Or there was C. Brian Williams, the artist who believes the arts

should be used as a platform to bring cultures together. What all the speakers at the event have in common is the ability to see the bigger picture—the ability to acknowledge societal downfalls and shortcomings while still possessing hope for the future.

Some days it may be hard to be hopeful about the future of our country, or the world as a whole. However, The Long Conversation 2018 taught us that even if our daily encounters make it challenging

to find hope regarding the future, that doesn't mean we should fear the future. Let's keep the conversation going; put the phones down, engage in conversation, and figure out what it is that makes you tick and what gives you a glimmer of hope towards the future. By engaging in these conversations, it helps us imagine not what can go wrong in the world, but rather what can go right.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

FRI 4, 6:30 P.M. Game Night. First Friday of every month. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St., SW, 202-554-3222, www.staugustinesdc.org

SAT 5, 10:30 A.M.-Noon. Komen Toastmasters. Develop public speaking skills. Meets on the first & third Saturday of each month. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW

SAT 5, 1-2:30 P.M. Yoga Nidra. Meditate, Chant, Breathe and Relax deeply, led by Pamela Wilson. Bring a mat and light covering. \$10 donation suggested. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW

SAT 5, 3 P.M. Paper Snowflake Craft. Children ages 4-12 are invited to design their own or use fun templates to create beautiful paper snowflakes. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

TUES 8, 4 P.M. Teen Movie. Teens ages 13-19 are invited to enjoy a movie. SW Library

WED 9, 7:30-10 P.M. Open Mic Night. Hosted by Peter Fields. Blind Whino SW Arts Club, 700 Delaware Ave., SW

SAT 12, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Amidon-Bowen Elementary School Play Date. Prospective and current Pre-K families are welcome for a winter play date. Chat with the principal, Pre-K teachers and parents. Parents may also tour the school. Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, 401 I St., SW

SAT 12, 3 P.M. Cinema Saturday. Children are invited to join us for screening of an age-appropriate movie. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SAT 12, 6:30 P.M., Film 7-9 P.M. Faith & Film presents "Won't You Be My Neighbor." Rated PG-13. About Fred Rogers ("Mr. Rogers"). Subtitles for the hearing impaired. Beverages and snacks provided. Donations Accepted. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW

SUN 13, 11 A.M. Worship led by the South African Youth Group "Bokamoso." Lively worship with South African songs and dance and testimony. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW

SUN 13, 1:30-2:30 P.M. Ending Homelessness Road-show. Department of Human Services and partners raise awareness about the experience of homelessness in DC. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW

SUN 13, 2:30 P.M. P.A.L. (People Animals Love) Dog Visit. Children ages 4-12 are invited to read aloud to a P.A.L. dog. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

MON 14, 4:30 P.M. Special Arty Afternoons: Art Buffet. Children are invited to use a buffet of craft supplies to create the craft of their dreams. Creations can be taken home. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

MON 14, 7:00 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting. 1100 4th St., SW, 2nd Floor, www.anc6d.org

WED 16, 9-10:30 A.M. Amidon-Bowen Elementary School Open House. Prospective parents are welcome to meet the principal, briefly observe classes, ask questions and tour the school. Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, 401 I St., SW

WED 16, Noon. Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751 will host Council Member Anita Bonds at the Annual Luncheon Business Meeting. River Park Mutual Homes South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW. Street Parking available and Waterfront Metro, (Green Line) two blocks away. Lunch Available for \$5. Contact Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, President, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901

WED 16, 6-8:30 P.M. Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Support Group Meeting. Advocacy Month & Fear of Recurrence—Evening w/Journalist Andrea Roane & WUSA9 Kristen Berset-Harris. For more information or to RSVP, email thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org or call 202-251-1639. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St., SW

FRI 18, 4-10 P.M. Washington Hebrew Congregation Shabbat and Services. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St., SW, <https://www.whctemple.org/districtshabbat>

SAT 19, 3 P.M. I Have a Dream Craft. Children ages 4-12 are invited to share their dreams in this innovative paper mobile craft.

Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SAT 19, 10:30 A.M.-Noon. Komen Toastmasters Open House. A special open house to see what toastmasters has to offer. We've been helping people develop public speaking and leadership skills for over 20 years. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Downstairs, 400 I St., SW

TUES 22, 4 P.M. Teen Movie. Teens ages 13-19 are invited to enjoy a movie. SW Library

THURS 24, 7 P.M. Martin Luther King, Jr. Book Discussion. Join us for a discussion of "The Radical King" by Martin Luther King, Jr., edited by Cornel West. **Note:** copies of this book will **not** be held at the SW Library but are available at many DC Public Library locations. Call the SW Library (202-724-4752) for details. SW Library

SAT 26, 1:30 P.M. SW Library Book Discussion. "Russian Roulette" by Michael Isakoff. Copies are available at the information desk. Presented in partnership with Arena Stage in conjunction with the production of "Kleptocracy" by playwright Kenneth Lin, Jan. 18-Feb. 24. SW Library

SAT 26, 3 P.M. Cinema Saturday. Children are invited to join us for screening of an age-appropriate movie. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

THURS 31, 6:45 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement and other issues. Contact Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com. Harbor Patrol, 550 Water St., SW

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULT BEGINNER TENNIS, Saturdays, 1-2 P.M. Ages 18+, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

ALL-LEVELS YOGA CLASS, Wednesdays, 8-9 A.M. Bring a mat if you have one. No set charge; donations welcome. For more information, call the instructor, Pamela Wilson, 202-746-6654 or wilsonpj108@verizon.net. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

ALZHEIMER'S ASSN CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, 2nd Tuesdays of the month, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Free and open to the Public. Faith Presbyterian Church, 4161 S. Capitol St. SW

ARTS FOR KIDS, Tuesdays 5-6 P.M. Ages 6-13, Michelle & Akaya, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

ARTY AFTERNOON, Mondays 4:30 P.M. Join us in the Children's Room for fun arts and crafts. For children ages 4-12. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

BALLET, Saturdays, 10:15-11:15 A.M. Ages 6-12, Alexis Miller & Jilian Carter, Randall Recreation Center

BALLET, Saturdays, 11:15 A.M-12:15 P.M. Ages 3-5, Alexis Miller & Jilian Carter, Randall Recreation Center

BASKETBALL, Ages 5-6 on Tues. & Thurs., 5-6 P.M.; Ages 7-8 on Thurs. & Fri., 6-7 P.M.; Ages 9-10 on Tues. & Thurs., 7-8 P.M.; Ages 11-12 on Tues. & Fri., 7-8 P.M.; Ages 13-14 on Fri., 8-9 P.M. All at King Greenleaf Recreation Center

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M. Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5 cover and food for sale. Schedule at www.westminsterdc.org/blues.html, Westminster Presbyterian Church

BREAD FOR LIFE, Sundays, 8-8:45 A.M. Free Breakfast, Hot Breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits, juice and coffee. Seeking Volunteers to help cook, serve and set-up. Contact: chee-cheemathis@staugustinesdc.org. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Community Room

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, Every 3rd Saturday, 9-11 A.M. Rear entrance of Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW, across from SW Library. \$5 donation

COOKING LEVEL 1, Wednesdays, 5:30-7 P.M. (Boys) Ages: 8-13, Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK-IN CLINIC, Wednesdays, 1-4 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church

EVENING PRAYER, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

FEDERAL CITY RUNNERS TUESDAY NIGHT GROUP RUN, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. Meet by Waterfront Metro exit (near

Safeway). Run distance: 4-5 miles. Runners of all paces welcome! Run year-round in rain, snow, or shine. RSVP at www.meetup.com/fcrunners to receive run updates or just show up!

FITNESS BOOTCAMP, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-7 P.M. Ages 18+, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

FITNESS BOOTCAMP, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Ages 18+, Randall Recreation Center

FOOTBALL 8 U, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6-7 P.M. Ages 7-8, Ronald Hines, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

FRIDAY NIGHT FISHING, 5:30-8:30 P.M. Free event for kids and families, and fisher-folks young and old! At the docks at Diamond Teague Park (in SE across from the baseball stadium)

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4298 is looking for troop leaders for its 2018-19 year. If you live in the neighborhood and would like to give back to local girls, please contact Monica at 202-468-9620.

GOTTA SWING LINDY HOP & JITTERBUG CLASSES, Wednesdays 7-8:30 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church

HAND DANCING, Saturdays, 1-3:30 P.M. Ages 55+, Volunteer, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, Fridays, 6-9 P.M. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale. Schedule at www.westminsterdc.org/jazz.html. Westminster Presbyterian Church

JOINT WORSHIP, Westminster Presbyterian Church and Riverside Baptist Church. Sundays, 11 A.M.-Noon

JUNIOR BEGINNER TENNIS, Saturdays, 11 A.M.-Noon. Ages 12 & under, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER, Thursdays 7:15-8:30 P.M. Developing Positive Habits: Meditation Class. Also Sundays, 10-11 A.M. Dharma in Daily Life—Meditation Class. Both days are \$12 per class (\$6 for students/seniors/unemployed). Kadampa Meditation Center DC, 1200 Canal St. SW. More info see: meditation-dc.org or call 202-430-6540

KEYS TO FREEDOM N/A Group, Tuesdays, Noon-1 P.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

The KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, every first and third Monday, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Christ United Methodist Church

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL, meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 10:30 A.M.-Noon. All are welcome. If you don't see us in the main church, look for us downstairs. Details at: <https://www.toastmasters.org/Find-a-Club/00008714-00008714>, Westminster Presbyterian Church

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Wednesdays, 7-8 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church

OPEN GYM, Saturdays, 10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Ages 18+, Staff, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Ages 55+, Volunteer, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

POM POM, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 P.M. Ages 10-14, Chamia Day, Randall Recreation Center

READING CLUB, Thursdays, 4 P.M. Children ages 4-12 are invited to drop in for independent or quiet partnered reading while enjoying a snack provided by the library. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

RED HAT SOCIETY, Ladies over the age of 50 are invited to participate in monthly get-togethers, outings, parties, a book club and more. Contact: mlowdc@yahoo.com

SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK, Mondays, 11 A.M-Noon and Wednesdays, 4-5 P.M. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster's Wellness program. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SENIOR BINGO, Mondays and Thursdays, 1-3 P.M. Ages 55+, Charles Jones, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL A/A Group, Wednesdays, 7 P.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751, monthly luncheon meetings held every third Wednesday at noon. Current AARP members, prospective members and visitors are

welcome. Lunch is available for \$5. River Park Mutual Homes' South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW. Contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901

ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Sundays, 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Sunday School, 202-554-3222

STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY, Join us for books, songs, rhymes and finger plays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. **Baby/Toddler Story Time on Mondays, 10:30 A.M.** for children ages birth to 2 years and their caregivers. **Preschool Story Time on Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M.** for ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers, followed by an easy craft activity. **Family Story Time on Saturdays, 10:30 A.M.** for all ages, followed by playtime. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SUPREME TEENS, Mondays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Ages 13-19, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SUPREME TEENS, Wednesdays, 4-6 P.M. Ages 13-18, Randall Recreation Center

SW FREEWAY, NA, Wednesdays, 7-8 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SW WATERFRONT HOOKS AND NEEDLES GROUP, Mondays 2-4 P.M. Velo Café at District Bike & Hardware at The Wharf

SWING DANCE CLASSES, Wednesdays, 7-9:30 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church

TEEN COLOR CLUB, Thursdays, 4:30 P.M. Ages 13-19 are invited to get creative with colored pencils, other materials and coloring sheets while socializing. SW Library

TEEN LOUNGE, Tuesdays, 4:30 P.M. Ages 13-19 are invited to hang out and participate in fun activities, games and socializing. SW Library

TENNIS ABC-Agility, Balance, Coordination, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 P.M. All ages. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

TINY TOTS, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Ages 15 months-3 years, Michelle Edmonds, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

TINY TOTS, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Ages 15 months-3 years, Karena Houser-Hall, Randall Recreation Center

TINY TOTS TENNIS, Mondays, 4-5 P.M. Ages 3-5, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

TINY TOTS TENNIS, Wednesdays, 5-6 P.M. Ages 3-5, Randall Recreation Center

VOLLEYBALL, Tuesdays, 5:30-7 P.M. Ages 10-14, Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, First and Third Wednesday each month, 7-9 P.M. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments provided. Christ United Methodist Church

WATERCOLOR PAINTING, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 P.M. Ages: 18+, Elin Whitney-Smith, Randall Recreation Center

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sundays, 10-10:45 A.M. Resistance Bible Study; 11 A.M. Worship Service, All Welcome!

Wii CLUB, Wednesdays, 4:30 P.M. Children ages 4-12 are invited to play games on the Wii console. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

YOGA IN THE WATER: ALL-LEVELS CLASS, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 A.M. and Sundays, 12:30-1:30 P.M. with Pamela Wilson at Waterside Fitness and Swim Club, 901 6th St. SW. \$10 for class/day pass. For more information, call Waterside Fitness and Swim Club, 202-488-3701

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, Thursdays, 5:30-7 P.M. Ages: 6-14, Game/Art Room at King Greenleaf Recreation Center

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, Fridays, 4-6 P.M. Ages 6-12, Randall Recreation Center

ZUMBA, Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Ages 18+, Randall Recreation Center, 202-673-7647

View our on-line calendar at www.swna.org

Submit Calendar events to calendar@thesouthwester.com by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

St. John's Community Services Makes Move to Southwest

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

St. John's Community Services (SJCS), a nonprofit pioneer in advancing community support and opportunities for people of all abilities, is moving its headquarters from Georgetown to 901 D. St., SW, across from L'Enfant Plaza. The move coincides with the organization celebrating 150 years of service.

"With over 900 dedicated, experienced staff, we advocate tirelessly, fiercely and unapologetically to change the world for those marginalized by it," said Alan Thornton, president and CEO of St. John's Community Services. "The proximity, accessibility and vibrancy of our new headquarters will help us build upon our organizational culture and recruit top talent in the years to come."

As one of the oldest nonprofit organizations founded in the District of Columbia, SJCS is committed to supporting and advocating for people of all abilities. The organization works to build stronger communities and to ensure that all people have a meaningful quality of life. SJCS helps people live life on their terms through pre-employment transition services for teens and expansive services for adults to live, work and fully participate as members of their communities. Services for adults include community living, employment support, community participation, an arts-infused day program, and expanding in-home services.

"We take pride in elevating the communities we call home," said Thornton. "People often know St. John's Community

Services by our staff members who help change someone's world every day, and by the people we serve who are making an impact in their communities and in the lives of others."

The new headquarters will feature an open concept, natural light, and an egalitarian and accessible design. Team members will have access to the building's fitness center, locker rooms and bike storage.

SJCS started as a hospital in 1868 to care for neglected children and others after the Civil War. The hospital was converted to an orphanage as war, disease and brutal work left many children with single or no parents. The orphanage was later closed and St. John's Child Development Center was opened in the 1950s to meet new societal demands. The center was known for its innovative educational programs and became an early advocate for community inclusion programming.

In 1992, the transition to St. John's Community Services became official, and a few years later it began providing special education services in public schools in the District of Columbia. Services were expanded to people of all ages, and included programs for employment, community participation and housing, ultimately starting a shift to exclusively providing community-based services. Throughout the 1990s and 2000s, SJCS expanded its programming, and now provides services in Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Delaware, and New York. For more information, visit www.sjcs.org.

New St. Matthew's Building is Opening its Doors

BY JUDSON JAMES

On Sunday, Jan. 20, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will proudly open their new building and ministry located at 222 M St., SW. The Dedication Worship and Celebration will take place at 2:00 p.m.

The program will begin with a dedication of the apartment building, followed immediately by celebration worship and a dedication of the church building. Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, will preside over the dedication of the church building and Rev. Michael Bledsoe, Pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, will preach. Bishop of the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod, Rev. Richard Graham will dedicate the apartment building. The Children's Chorus of Washington will serve as a special musical guest.

The worship service will be fol-

lowed by a light reception. Limited parking will be available in the underground garage off of M St. and Delaware Ave., SW. All are welcome.

After 20 years of redevelopment, the congregation is excited to see their vision for the building come to fruition. "We designed the building with the community in mind," shares Rev. Phillip Huber, one of the pastors at St. Matthew. "The worship space doubles as a performance venue. Sacred Grounds Café—'coffee with a purpose,' our coffee shop, will be a place where people can meet for conversation and a cup of coffee. The lower level of the church building features classrooms and meeting spaces for community groups, and can also serve as an emergency shelter."

220 residential apartments, managed by Greystar Management, are also part of the building complex, offering approximately 10% affordable units.

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completed in 1972, is a favorite gathering place for local residents, who treasure its quiet beauty and friendly ambience, but it needs major infrastructure renovation. Another park, the popular playground adjacent to the SW Public Library on 3rd Street, needs updating. Also, the tree-lined walkways that connect the Duck Pond Park and the playground need better integration with two parcels of open public land on either side of busy 4th St.

Led by the SWBID, this initial stage of a long-term project aims to meld several discrete spaces into a single park that can serve the new Southwest through a variety of opportunities such as open-air

markets, art shows, musical performances and places to dream, walk and play.

SWCF was established in 2015 by residents of near Southwest to provide a formal means for improving the quality of life in the quadrant through philanthropic giving. SWCF provides an effective exchange of philanthropy from people who care about causes that matter in Southwest DC.

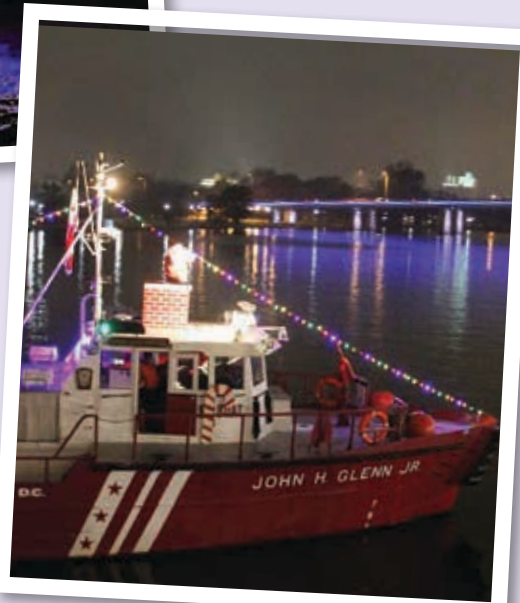
The foundation looks forward to working with the SWBID, the community, local property developers, the DC Council, the Mayor's office, District agencies, business enterprises and individual donors to raise funds for a beautiful, useful and necessary greenspace in Southwest DC.

Donna Purchase is the President of the Southwest Community Foundation.

Holiday Boat Parade Lights up Southwest



On Dec. 1, Southwest residents and visitors enjoyed the annual Holiday Boat Parade. The event featured cookie decorating, a Christmas tree, fire pits, ice skating, Santa, and of course, beautifully-decorated boats!



Komen Toastmasters to Host Open House on Jan. 19

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

Komen Toastmasters is dedicated to helping individuals overcome a fear of public speaking. The organization meets in Southwest twice a month, and has been helping people become confident speakers and leaders for over 20 years. Meetings are structured, so speakers know what to expect, and the club provides feedback on speakers' strengths and areas for improvement.

Upcoming meetings are on Saturday, Jan. 5 and 19, in Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 400 I St., SW, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending no later than noon. The Jan. 19 meeting will be an Open House held in the Church's large basement room. Refreshments will be served.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing the best to all of Southwest – thank you to everyone in the community for making the year of our 5th anniversary so special. We’re looking forward to what’s ahead in the new year – expect more exciting collaborations and epic events!

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