

Major Donation for Tech at Amidon-Bowen

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

In November, Amidon-Bowen Elementary school received a considerable donation of IT equipment from Hoffman & Associates.

Hoffman & Associates stated that it is excited to continue to create spaces and add to the Southwest community, including a recent project, the public/private Waterfront Station, which neighbors the well-known Amidon-Bowen Elementary school. The future development was awarded to Hoffman & Associates in March 2016 and incorporates various community initiatives.

Following an evaluation of community needs and community meetings, Hoffman & Associates along with Amidon-Bowen's PTA and leadership identified the priority for increased access to online learning tools in the form of computers and computer accessories. The computers and tech accessories will allow students to take full advantage of highly-rated and publicly funded online teaching services allotted to the school. It should also allow each student to meet the recommended hours on Zearn, a top-

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Rest in Peace, Dale MacIver

Read more about Dale's lifelong service to Southwest in the upcoming January issue.



Ian Callender: Southwest's Beacon of Creativity

Exclusive Interview with Co-Founder and Executive Director of Culture House

BY MIKE GOODMAN

Southwest resident Ian Callender has led the arts and culture scene of our community into a new era. Born and raised in DC, Callender now has a number of cultural arts spaces in the quadrant.

He is the owner of Suite Nation, a CBE certified event design firm; the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Culture House (formerly Blind Whino SW Arts Club), which has gained notoriety throughout the city because of its contributions to the arts and culture creative economy; and he co-owns the newly launched Sandlot Southwest in Buzzard Point, an outdoor cultural arts event space adjacent to Audi Field and Nationals Park.

Callender has over a dozen years of experience in event production, originally

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Courtesy of Culture House

Ian Callender honored with the Award for Excellence in the Creative Industries at the 34th Annual Mayor's Arts Awards

SWNA Year-End Celebration on Dec. 2

Please Join us for SWNA's Year End Celebration on Dec. 2, at Arena Stage from 7-9 p.m., with Pastor Michael Bledsoe as the keynote speaker. Repast catered by Holiday Inn Capitol DC.

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CALLENDER

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stemming from his hobby of collecting sneakers, to later launching creative non-traditional spaces with corporate brands and partners. He has been successful in reclaiming vacant and dilapidated spaces and beautifying them for the benefit of the community. Culture House, located on Delaware Ave., SW, is a prime example of the reimagining of the historic 1886 Friendship Baptist Church into a bold beacon of creativity and community.

Callender was recently honored by Mayor Bowser, given the city-wide Award for Excellence in the Creative Industries. In addition, in November, Callender was appointed as a Commissioner to serve on the city's Commission on Nightlife and Culture. The Southwester interviewed Callender about these recent honors, his career in the DC arts and culture scene, and what is next for SW arts.

Culture House celebrated its sixth anniversary earlier this year. What are some of the most memorable moments over that time?

Our inaugural year was actually pretty amazing. Amazing to have pulled off an unimaginable experience for neighbors and residents of Southwest and the entire city. We reclaimed a historic abandoned church and activated it in the same magnitude of what churches represent; community & cultural spaces. We have seen programs like the Kennedy Center Finding a Line Project to Woolly Mammoth Theater Company celebrating their Spring Gala to events having numerous celebrity talent, such as P. Diddy showing love during an Invisible Bully Pop Up Retail Shop, to Arrested Development performing for Free for a Pulse Event with the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. In other words, with so many moments and memories, it's often difficult to play favorite to a few.



Culture House at 700 Delaware Ave., SW

Courtesy of Culture House

You were recently given the Award for Excellence in the Creative Industries by Mayor Bowser. Tell us a little more about what that award means to you.

It was a special feeling to be recognized for work that has been developing over time. We often question ourselves if we are doing something right, or if people truly understand your value and your worth. This award helped justify my purpose in life – creating unique spaces for artists and creatives and entrepreneurs to flourish without taking on any risk. It's a sector untapped and the fact that the Mayor has recognized that is an amazing win for creative industries always looking at ways to be different without being identified as different.

As a DC native, you've been following DC's arts evolution for many years. What are your thoughts on the DC arts community, and where are we headed?

We are starting to find the DC Arts Scene surging into areas uncharted and it's uber amazing. Visual and Performing Arts are breaking into traditional models with showcases and exhibits. We are finding breakthrough installations and performances by local artists at Smithsonians and other major institutions in and around our city, something that never really occurred. Developers are also tapping more local artists to help reimagine

ine their apartments and public spaces versus allowing an outside firm to do that job for them. We are headed in the right direction. We just need to secure more space for artists to create and more opportunities for artists to earn revenue to live in a city that is getting extremely expensive to reside [in].

You've also led the creation of Sandlot in Buzzard Point. For our readers who have not been there, tell us about it.

Sandlot Southwest is a 5,000-square-foot open-air cultural arts and event space built from the ground up in partnership with Absolut, Sunbelt Rentals, and Lyft, located directly across the street from Audi Field. The inspiration of the project originated in 2018 when I had a conversation with my childhood friend and business ally Kevin Hallums, and we wanted to commemorate the 25th anniversary of one of their favorite movies, "The Sandlot." We've hosted DC Jazz Festival, Art All Night, and have even hosted DC United Tailgate before all home games. Unsure if we'll be returning for next season as it was just an interim project ahead of the MRP development that is forthcoming in 2020.

What other projects are you working on, or plan to tackle in the upcoming year?

Looking to create more unique places and spaces for our communities. Preserving our culture through the arts and through experiences whether short term or long is the goal.

What's next for Culture House?

Considering we recently rebranded, we are planning to do a full refresh of how we program and operate, all for the greater good! Stay tuned for more exciting activity to happen along Delaware Ave., SW!

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rated k-5 online curriculum and classroom model.

Monty Hoffman, founder and CEO of Hoffman & Associates had this to say about the donation:

"For more than a decade Hoffman & Associates has had the pleasure of working and operating within the Southwest community. As we build The Wharf and now Waterfront Station, our team continues to find ways to deepen our commitment to this community that has truly become part of our company's DNA. With this donation to our neighbors at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School we are

hoping to provide students and faculty with the tools they need to succeed."

In total, the donation is worth \$75,000 in IT equipment, with 80 Dell Laptop computers, to support 2nd-5th grade and 20 iPad Tablets, to support PreK-1st grade, along with printers, projectors, and other support accessories. The items will be mobile and available for all students, allowing for small group instruction as well as independent study and will be delivered to the school by Nov. 16.

Without this donation Amidon-Bowen would not have the necessary access to learning platforms such as Zearn. Programs such as these require a certain time allotment for each student to achieve the optimal educational results. The school's current number of computers did not allow for each student to get enough time

on these beneficial programs, however, with the new equipment each student will have access and the ability to fulfill the hours needed with the online math and reading applications.

"We are grateful to Hoffman & Associates for this generous donation, and to the Amidon-Bowen PTA for working closely with Hoffman throughout this process. This donation will greatly improve the technology available to our students. It is great to see the community coming together around our neighborhood elementary school," said Principal TaMikka Sykes.

Let the learning begin!

Southwest Library Construction Update

BY GEORGINE WALLACE

Walking or driving by the Southwest Library location at 900 Wesley Pl., you may not see a lot going on. The project, however, is still in motion. Many of you have expressed concern about our progress and I wanted to provide an update, while also allaying concerns as much as possible.

Several months ago, the library removed furniture and other items it intends to use in the remodeled space. In the meantime, we had to wait for each of the utility companies servicing the building to remove or secure their equipment prior to the library even being able to apply for a raze permit (obtained from Historic Preservation Office) to begin

demolition. We are now in the permitting stage and I hope to have an update in January's issue of "The Southwester."

The interim library providing services during construction is the large gray trailer with red trim located at 425 M St., SW. You can pick up holds, make copies, and use the computers at the interim. Plus, we have a small selection of books available. The interim library's hours are the same as the old library.

We are working on agreements with our amazing area churches to provide additional programming throughout Southwest and Navy Yard. We hope to have more on that in the next issue as well.

Happy Holidays and thank you for your support!

Southwest Resident Joins Fight Against Breast Cancer

BY THELMA D. JONES

Michael "Mike" Goodman is not only spreading community news in his leadership capacity as Editor-in-Chief of "The Southwester" but has also joined the fight against breast cancer as an American Cancer Society (ACS) Real Men Wear Pink advocate. Goodman was nominated for this honor, to help raise awareness and funds in support of cancer research and local patient programs, wearing pink every day during October to spread awareness of the cause.

Southwest's own Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund (TDJBCF) proudly nominated Mike Goodman who enthusiastically answered the call. In accepting the honor, Goodman stated: "Breast cancer affects everyone—it doesn't matter if you're a man or a woman. That's why I'm stepping up to fight breast cancer with all I have. In my position as the Editor-in-Chief of our local newspaper, The Southwester, I'm working to bring awareness of the issue and link patients to our great cancer care organizations in Washington, DC such as ACS and the TDJBCF."

Thelma D. Jones, founder of the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund, noted: "As a Real Men, Goodman has tapped into the power of pink and needs your help. With Breast Cancer Awareness Month behind us, there's no time to rest on our laurels, as cancer never takes a break. Now is a good time to support Goodman's Real Men campaign goal by Dec. 30, 2019."

To donate to Goodman's Real Men campaign, please visit https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR/?fr_id=94114&pg=personal&px=51564118, or you may mail your check to Real Men Wear Pink of The National Capital Area 51564118, Attn: Real Men Wear Pink of The National Capital Area, 124 Park Street, SE, Suite 100, Vienna, VA 22180. Any amount, big or small, is welcomed and appreciated.

Goodman, an eight-year SW resident, assumed the position of Editor-in-Chief of The Southwester after having served as the copy editor. He is an advocate for funding at DC Public Schools, and previously volunteered at the National Zoo. Mike is a proud Amidon-Bowen Elementary School parent and works as a government affairs consultant in Southwest. He lives in Carrollsburg Square with his wife Allison and daughter Ella and is also lucky to have his mother Susan in the neighborhood. Goodman also carried his Real Men advocacy before the October TDJBCF support group meeting where he was well received.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that for 2019 about 2,670 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in men and about 500 men will die from breast cancer. Breast cancer is about 100 times less common among white men than among white women. It is about 70 times less common among black men than black women. Like black women, black men with breast cancer tend to have a worse prognosis (outlook). For men, the lifetime risk of getting breast cancer is about 1 in 833. For women, it is 1 in 8. For questions regarding the ACS Real Men Wear Pink campaign, please email Kelly Skahan at kelly.skahan@cancer.org.



The Southwest Waterfront and Navy Yard are the newest areas of Washington to enjoy the benefits of a senior village:

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- Telephone check-ins
- Social and educational events
- Grocery, bank, and post office shuttle
- Day trips
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Basic handyman help

DECEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 am

Wellness Seminar and Lunch: Coping With the Holidays
Palisades Village, 5428 MacArthur Blvd NW
Pizza Palisades, 4885 MacArthur Blvd NW

Thursday, December 5, 5:30 pm

By Invitation: Friends of Waterfront Village
Holiday Gathering
800 Maine Avenue, SW

Thursday, December 12

Home Barbering Services 9am - 12pm

Thursday, December 12, 2 pm

Author Discussion: *The Nightingale's Sonata*
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

Friday, December 20, 7 pm

Southwest Chamber Players Christmas Concert
to Benefit Waterfront Village
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 22, 7 pm

Hanukkah Celebration
River Park Mutual Homes

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*Waterfront Village is a neighborhood-based membership organization of paid staff, volunteers, and vendors supporting Southwest Waterfront and Navy Yard residents who wish to age in place. The Village is a registered 501(c)(3) public charity #81-1859871 incorporated in the District of Columbia, a member of the DC Villages Collaborative and national Village-to-Village Network operating under the guidance of the District of Columbia Department of Aging and Community Living.

U.S. Botanic Garden Schedule of Holiday Events

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

While the National Christmas Tree is a well known annual tradition, so too is the U.S. Botanic Garden's holiday exhibit, which features model trains.

Season's Greenings: America's Gardens will run through January 5, 2020. The Conservatory will be filled with flowers and the West Gallery will house a 26 foot decorated tree with its own model train. The model train room will feature eight model trains chugging around waterfalls, through tunnels, and over visitors' heads. The building models will showcase iconic garden scenes from 22 states.



Courtesy of U.S. Botanic Garden

Above: U.S. Capitol model at U.S. Botanic Gardens
At left: Trolley leaves Cincinnati Union Terminal



This year, the Botanic Gardens will feature a gift shop, along with coffee, tea, and hot chocolate available for purchase on the front terrace – near the wait

line for the model train display. Run by local coffee roaster Zeke's Coffee, it will be open every weekend throughout the exhibit, and daily Dec. 13-Jan. 1. The gift shop will offer items such as ornaments, postcards, chocolates, books, and other educational and botanical gift items, and

will be open Wednesday through Sunday each week of the *Season's Greenings* exhibit. Proceeds from the gift shop and beverage stand will benefit education programs at the USBG.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays in December, the Conservatory will be open until 8 p.m. for live seasonal music concerts and after-dark holiday exhibit viewing.

Holiday music concerts in the Garden begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.; this year's schedule includes:

- 12/3: Project Natale (contemporary jazz)
- 12/5: Capital Accord Chorus (choral)
- 12/10: The Capital Hearings (a capella)
- 12/12: Tony Craddock, Jr. & Cold Front (smooth jazz)
- 12/17: 40 Thieves (Irish rock)
- 12/19: Lox & Vodka (klezmer and Jewish folk music)
- 12/24: Changamiré (jazz)
- 12/26: Dial 251 for Jazz (contemporary jazz)
- 12/31: Samovar (Russian folk)

The Conservatory is located at 100 Maryland Ave. SW, on the southwest side of the U.S. Capitol. Visitors are encouraged to use public transportation. More information is available at www.USBG.gov/SeasonsGreenings



On the Channel

The Santa Maria at dock at The Wharf

The equivalent of "sea fog" overlying the fountain in a quiescent stage. Sea fog developed when warm, moist air over the fountain was cooled to saturation by the residual cold water during a quiescent period.

Photos by Steve Tracton



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SW Cancer Support Group Makes Strides Against Breast Cancer with the American Cancer Society

BY VIVIENNE STEARNS-ELLIOTT, COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The Breast Cancer Awareness Month Celebration of the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund (TDJBCF) Support Group on Oct. 16, 2019 was filled with inspiration and hope as the group looked forward to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, which took place later that month at the Tidal Basin on Oct. 26. The meeting's welcome and opening remarks were provided by Mamie W. Mallory, TDJBCF Board Chair, and Guest Speaker Tswana Sewell, Executive Director, American Cancer Society, Inc. (Northeast Region). The speakers shared information about the free services and programs offered by the American Cancer Society (ACS) to fight breast cancer.

Corinne Bombowsky, ACS community development manager, who has become a core part of the TDJBCF Support Group, was surprised when TDJBCF Founder Thelma D. Jones presented her with the 2019 Community of Spirit Award for her outstanding leadership role as the Making Strides manager and for nurturing a strong ACS relationship with the TDJBCF Support Group. The group also welcomed The Southwester editor-in-chief Mike Goodman, who served as an ACS Real Men



Thelma Jones, Mike Goodman and American Cancer Society's Corinne Bombowsky

Wear Pink of DC during October. Plus, there was a beautiful live performance by a native daughter of Washington, DC, vocalist and songwriter Cecily, who also sang a week later at Making Strides of DC.

The evening was capped off by a letter from Mayor Muriel Bowser and a Ceremonial Resolution from Ward 8 DC Councilmember Trayon White Sr., honoring the TDJBCF Support Group and recognizing Thelma D. Jones for her many contribu-

tions to Southwest. Jones's contributions range from her previous service on the board SWNA to currently chairing SWNA Youth Activities Task Force, SWNA History Task Force Subcommittee on Black History, and co-chairing the SWNA Emergency Preparedness Task Force.

In addition, Kim McCall, DC HSEMA Community Outreach Specialist, discussed earthquake preparedness and the recent Great Shake Out. The drill encour-



Thelma Jones and Vocalist and Songwriter Cecily

ages participants to practice the motto: DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON!

The TDJBCF Support Group meets the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m., at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in SW DC. These meetings focus on providing emotional support, education, and resources for breast cancer survivors and caretakers.



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THE CELEBRATION

Join us for a neighborhood gathering on Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Southwest Duck Pond to announce the winners while enjoying hot cocoa, holiday crafts, and music. (All are welcome, whether you joined the competition or not!)

RESIDENTIAL WINNERS GET TWO FREE TICKETS TO ARENA STAGE AND RETAIL WINNERS GET THEIR VERY OWN AD IN THE SOUTHWESTER!



Future Southwest Community Center Announces Board of Directors

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

The new Southwest Community Center will serve as a vibrant, central hub for the Southwest community and is intended to foster inclusive community participation and collaboration. ANC 6D negotiated a Community Benefits Agreement for the 6,000 square foot Community Center at the future site at 375 M St., SW. As part of the agreement, Brookfield Properties (formerly Forest City) will provide this space rent-free for 30 years and also provide funds for the build out.

The new Southwest Community Center has announced its founding Board of Directors. Joining the Board of Directors are Shannon Vaughn, Will Rich, Gail Fast, Evelyn Lugo, and Ambassador Mat-

tie R. Sharpless. Director Vaughn has spent roughly the last decade supporting the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly through a number of roles, the most visible being 5 1/2 years as the editor-in-chief of "The Southwester" newspaper. Director Rich is a 17-year resident of SW who currently serves as an advisor to the SWBID and is the founder of the neighborhood blog "Southwest...The Little Quadrant That Could." Director Fast has been in SW for over 25 years, is the current Chair of ANC 6D and served on the Advisory Committee that developed the award-winning SW Small Area Plan. Director Lugo has been a resident of SW for 13 years and local real estate agent servicing our community. A SW resident for over 45 years, Director Sharpless actively participates in varied civic, political, and community programs and initiatives, including serving on the Wharf Development Advisory Group.

"All five of our founding Board Members have strong ties to Southwest, the Navy Yard, and Buzzard Point and a demonstrated commitment to the community. They bring energy and expertise to this new organization. We are fortunate to have them at the helm as we move forward in engaging the community on what they want to see in the Community Center," said Andrea Gilliam, Interim Executive Director.

In March 2019, SWNA and ANC 6D hosted the first community engagement meeting. Additional community engagement is forthcoming.

Meet SWBID Ambassador Michael Dawkins

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 in which to live, work, visit, and play!

Michael Dawkins joined SWBID 6 months ago as ambassador. He's part of the team that beautifies the L'Enfant Plaza neighborhood and helps residents and visitors find their way around. Michael enjoys making a difference in the neighborhood. He's very proud of the work he does to keep SW beautiful, and the many compliments he receives.

Michael grew up in SE DC where he lives today. He attended Roosevelt Sr. High School where he says his favorite subject was science and also learning about the environment, which he says is helpful in his work today.

Michael is a true hero. In October, Michael received a group text from his supervisor to be on alert for a missing young man. On his way home Michael missed his train. When the next train arrived, he saw a buddy and they engaged in conversation and Michael noticed a young man sitting alone at the back of the train. He checked his phone, looked at the picture, and called out the young man's name. The young man looked up and Michael said, "Hey guy! A lot of people are looking for you and you need to take your medication." Michael talked him into getting off the train with him and immediately notified his supervisor. He sent a picture to his supervisor who identified that he had the right guy. His supervisor told him to stay with him. When transit



Courtesy of SWBID

Michael Dawkins

police arrived, the young man insisted that he only wanted to stay with Michael, but Michael comforted him and assured him that he was in good hands. Three cheers for Michael and his amazing observation skills!

SWBID COO Andre Witt says: Michael is a bright young man with a great future, he is always eager to learn and pays special attention to the little things that most would overlook. His attention to detail potentially saved the missing young man's life. This deed was truly the mark of a true leader.

We are all very proud of Michael.

Favorites

Movie: "John Q" with Denzel Washington

Music: Go-go

Favorite Song: "Run Joe" by Chuck Brown

Favorite SW spot: Loves the Wharf

Proudest moment: Helping the young

Favorite Quote: Do the Right Thing

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Happy holidays from **CULTUREHOUSE**

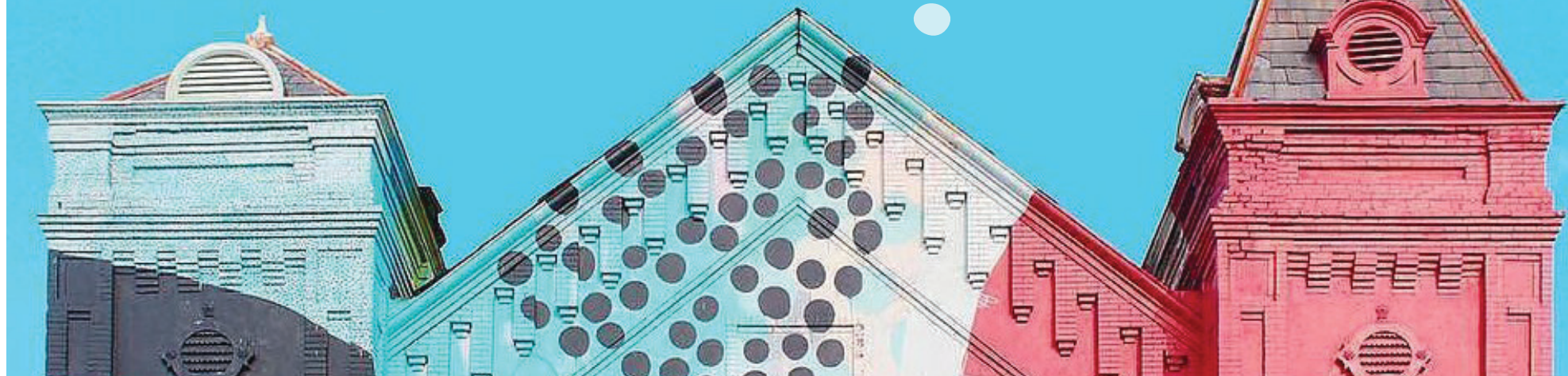
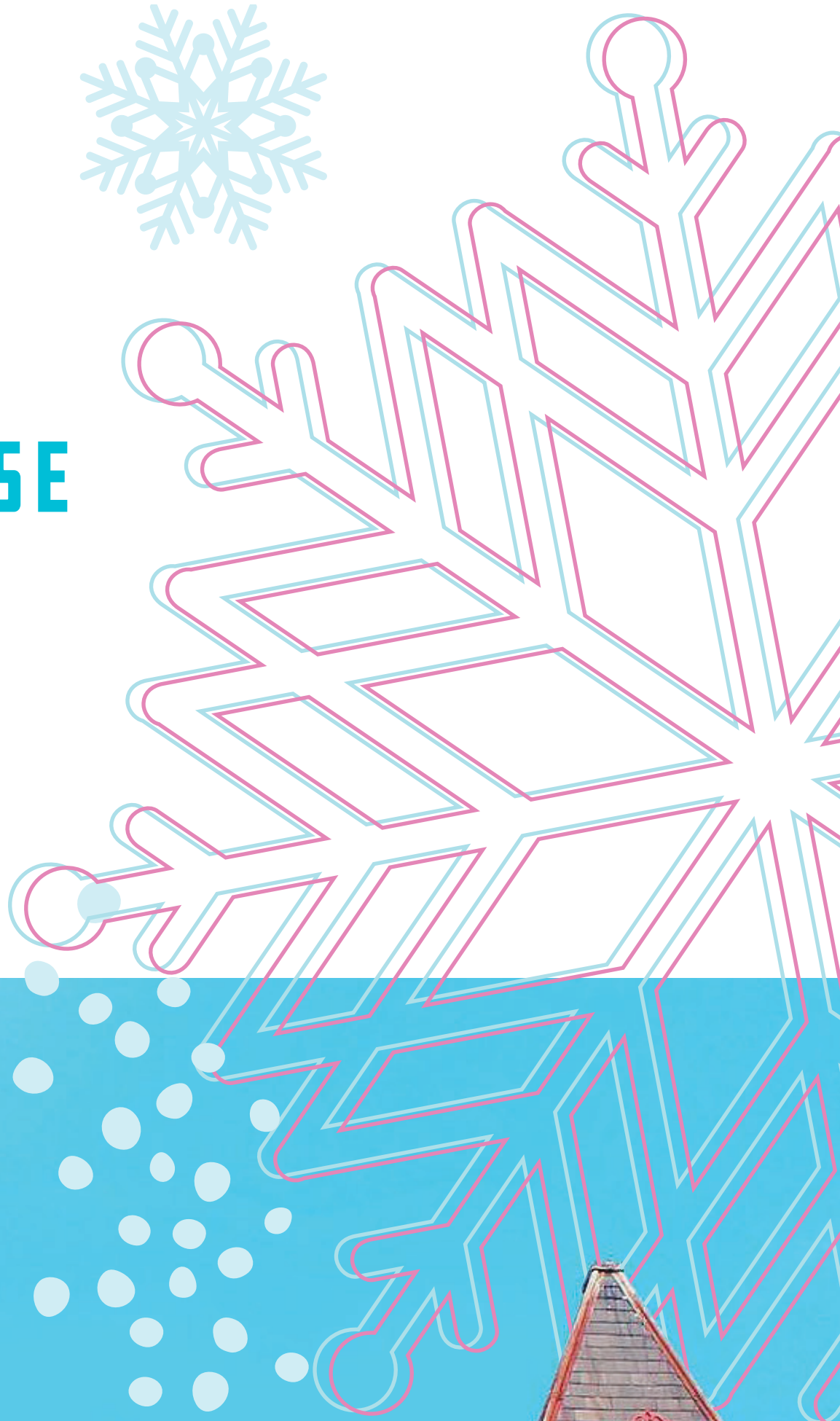
Looking for a one-of-a-kind venue for last minute festivities? As a premiere destination for events and a collective of creatives, Culture House is perfect for holiday gatherings – from intimate dinners to parties of 200. Spanning 10,000 square feet, Culture House offers a curated art program, full-service catering, a stage, and a dance floor to celebrate in Southwest.

WHAT U WAITING FOR ?

Now exhibiting in the Art Annex: local artist **Kasey O'Boyle**. Using a fearless, childlike approach towards art making, she investigates the factors that prevent or encourage people to take risks. This marks her largest and most extensive solo show to-date.

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KID'S CORNER

Each month check out the most recent issue of the paper for activities and games to help you discover SWDC! Have a suggestion? Email us: editor@thesouthwester.com. Check out next month's issue for the answers!

Spot the difference!

Can you spot the differences in the two scenes below?



1. _____

4. _____

2. _____

5. _____

Answers from November 2019 issue

Differences: The picture on the right has an airplane; the picture on the left has mushrooms instead of an acorn; the picture on the left has a squirrel in the tree; the picture on the right has a boy and a candle in the windows; the leaf is in a different place on the roof.

Word Scramble: There are 348 words you can make from "Thanksgiving."

WORD SEARCH: HOLIDAYS!

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How many words can you make from WONDERLAND?

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The District's Holiday Boat Parade

See a magical night of boating and a dazzling fireworks finale at The Wharf

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

The Wharf presents The District's Holiday Boat Parade, a magical night of boating on the Potomac River, from Hains Point to the docks and piers of The Wharf. This is the 28th year of the annual waterfront holiday tradition. Free public activities will be held from 6-9 p.m., including the lighting of The Wharf's 40-foot tall Christmas tree; photographs with Santa Claus and the live musical performances on District Pier. The boat parade will kick off at 7 p.m., highlighted by a stunning holiday fireworks parade finale at 8 p.m.

The festive holiday boat parade will include up to 60 beautifully decorated boats. Attendees can also get into the holiday spirit with a magical snowfall, painting signature holiday ornaments, balloon art, and enjoying s'mores at The Wharf's roaring fire pit. Other fun activities include skating on the Wharf Ice Rink and sampling seasonal refreshments from our Waterfront Beer



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Above: An explosion of fireworks off the bow
At left: Colorful boats seen from above



and Wine Garden.

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 7, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This event is rain or shine.

FULL SCHEDULE:

6:00-9:00 p.m. — Activities throughout The Wharf (Waterfront Beer and Wine Garden, s'mores, and music)
7:00 p.m. — Boats arrive in the Washington Channel

8:00 p.m. — Fireworks Salute

8:15-9:00 p.m. — Live music continues on District Pier Stage

WHERE: Activities take place throughout The Wharf neighborhood along Wharf Street, District Pier and Transit Pier.

HOW: This event is free and open to the public. For more information on The Wharf including how to get here or where to dine please go to WharfDC.com, download The Wharf app or follow us on Facebook and @TheWharfDC on Instagram and Twitter. Additional event information can be found at www.wharfdc.com/upcoming-events, the District Wharf app available on Apple and Android devices or by calling 202-688-3590.

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12/22: Lighting of The Wharf Menorah No New Year's event

For more information, check The Wharf website under Upcoming Events.

Southwest Youth Succeed with Task Force Geared Towards Computer Literacy

BY DEREK TAWIAH

Recently, I had the privilege of emceeding the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force (SWNA-YATF's) Computers-for-Kids (CFK) computer training program graduation. CFK occurs in the fall, spring, and summer months in partnership with the James Creek Resident Council, 100 N St. SW, under the leadership of Christine Spencer, Resident Council President.

Created in October 2007 with the goal of reducing the digital divide in Southwest, the program has graduated more than 160 students ages 5-14, as well as senior residents. Students complete eight weeks of one-hour training with healthy snacks while meeting the graduation requirements of good attendance, good participation, and good behavior. Taught by highly skilled instructors, the students are taught the parts of the computer, keyboarding, Word, Excel, Power Point, and Internet searches. Upon completion, the students are given desktop computers to take home and share with their families. The computers are refurbished and provided by SWNA's Technology Task Force.

With the theme of "Using Technology to Enable New Learning Experiences and Empower Educational Effec-



Courtesy of Perry Klein

CFK Instructors Gerald Brown and Jenelle Leonard, along with CFK graduate, Ashia Butts

tiveness," the students welcomed words of wisdom from two incredible women, including Donna J. Purchase, SWNA Acting President, and Guest Speaker Sgt. Evelyn Simmons (retired), First District Community Outreach Unit, Metropolitan Police Department. Sgt. Simmons inspired us with her dynamism and the story of her upbringing and strong family values, which, despite

growing up in a single parent household and other personal hardships, helped to shape and pave the way to her success. The YATF's graduation was a chance for the graduates to have their efforts and hard work celebrated by their instructors, family members, and friends. The CFK graduates included Marquette Bailey, Marshayia Bailey, Ashia Butts, Asianay Butts, and Alajha Gamble.

YATF also provides other opportunities for the CFK students, such as cultural field trips to the movies, theater, Kennedy Center, skating activities, baseball games, and trips to the World Bank Group. In supporting more than 200 families annually through YATF's overall efforts, members feel that they are not only reducing the digital divide in our community but also making a huge difference in the lives of its youth and their families.

Being a college graduate, as well as working in a profession that requires me to utilize my computer skills on programs similar to the ones taught to the CFK, I understand and appreciate YATF's efforts. The skills they are instilling in both the youth and the seniors will go a long way in building computer literacy. SUNY-Albany graduate Raihanata Barry shared my sentiments in her closing remarks. She remarked that the training program also enables students an opportunity to acquire skills that will

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Tradition and Modern Technology Showcase Human Complexity in *Heroes: Principles of African Greatness*

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

Traditions come together with modern technology to tell the stories behind the men and women featured in *Heroes: Principles of African Greatness* at the National Museum of African Art. This dynamic exhibition of classical and contemporary works links each work of art with a historic African, a “hero in history,” and a corresponding



Above: AMA #WCW by Dada Khanyisa
At left: Black Panther

Courtesy of National Museum of African Art

core value.

Unique to this exhibit is the way visitors will be able to access artworks on smartphones with the latest image recognition technology. Using the Smithso-

nian-developed, web-based HI application, viewers can scan an artwork to discover an added layer of digital content: including videos, images, and key facts that connect the artwork to its “heroes in history.” The digital exhibition will also be available on monitors in the gallery and on the museum’s website.

Paa Joe is an innovator of the Ghanaian artform of fantasy coffins, which are sculpted to memorialize the key accomplishments of a person’s life. *His Fort William-Anomabu*, a wood and enamel paint work rendering of the only European fort on the Gold Coast – built with a prison expressly to hold enslaved people – represents witness. Ousmane Sow’s mixed media work, *Toussaint Louverture et la vieille esclave* (1989), honors the black liberation leader of the Haitian Revolution (Louverture) and represents liberty.

Illustriousness is the core value of *The Queen of Sheba*, an Ethiopian painting by an unidentified artist, while graphic works like Ta-Nehisi Coates’ *Black Panther* feature superpowers.

Traditional art forms of masks and carved wooden statues, from as early as the

15th century, are interspersed with modern works. *Africa Dances*, a cold-cast bronze resin statue from Nigerian, Benedict Enwonwu, is one of the most beautiful in the show. The dancer in *Dances* seems to float with poise and pride as lighting casts a shadow to reveal its graceful contours from all directions. Representing dignity, the work pairs with historical hero Miriam Makeba.

More complex are pieces like Willie Bester’s mixed-media assemblage *Apartheid Laboratory* (1995). Representing malevolence, it is paired with a “villain in history,” Hendrik F. Verwoerd – the South African Prime Minister who moved to consolidate the apartheid state.

Nearby is a watercolor by former South African president Nelson Mandela, depicting the rock quarry in the prison on Robben Island where he was exiled for decades. Representing the revolutionary, Mandela is the “hero” linked with his own work. His wife, Winnie Mandela, depicted in Sue Williamson’s lithograph *Winnie Mandela and the Assassination of Dr. Asvatis*, is aptly labeled “flawed” for her involvement in several murders.

Pride is well represented by a member of the “born-free generation” – gender non-conforming Dada Khanyisa. *AMA #WCW*, (“Ask Me Anything” and “Woman Crush Wednesday”, respectively) features six young women at a nightclub with their smartphones in hand. Embedded phones along with hair extensions, jewelry, and fabric on the surface of the table give the painting sculptural depth. The work takes on the look of an Instagram post, with further posts likely being composed on smartphones at the very moment depicted in the painting.

As an added treat, *Heroes—Playlist*, the museum’s first exhibition-specific playlist, with almost 60 selections, matches each hero with a musical selection. Recordings by Nina Simone, Miriam Makeba, Bob Marley, James Brown, Curtis Mayfield, and many others provide an immersive experience in this exhibit.

Heroes: Principles of African Greatness presents art and history in an exciting way that will exceed expectations. More information can be found at: <https://africa.si.edu/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/heroes-principles-of-african-greatness/>



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truly be beneficial in life in a broad spectrum of activities. Businesses and companies value those with computer expertise as it makes running its operations more efficient and cost effective.

Program supporters and volunteers included instructors Gerald Brown and Jenelle Leonard, who presented the certificates to the graduates. SWNA Technology Task Force Chair Perry Klein made available the refurbished computers, and

ANC6D Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton, Jamal O. Jones, Cheryl H. Moore, Gabriele Strauch, Bonnie and Vic Sutton, Washington Cable, and YATF Chair Thelma D. Jones coordinated the graduation. A special thanks to the Friends of SWDC who provided a grant to the SWNA Technology Task Force to help ensure that the computers were refurbished and available for the graduating youth.

Derek Tawiah is a recent graduate of State University of New York at Albany (SUNY).

St. Matthew's Annual Christmas Tree Giveaway and Holiday Party!

BY HANNAH WRIGHT OSBORN
AND PASTOR PHILIP HUBER

Continuing the tradition of giving out Christmas Trees and celebrating good tidings with the Southwest community, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church is excited to host this year's annual Christmas tree giveaway in its brand-new building. Construction is over, the new church is open and the community is welcome!

On Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will have trees available for families and friends in the Southwest community who need a Christmas tree this holiday season! Those who would like to receive a Christmas tree please email (office@stmatthewsdc.org), or call (202-800-4600) to make a reservation. Those with a reservation can pick up their tree from 10-11 a.m., and those without a reservation can receive a tree, if any are left, after this time.



Courtesy of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church



The trees will be set up in the beautiful new courtyard shared by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and the adjoining Valo apartment complex. We are planning for the much-anticipated **Sacred Grounds Café** to be open, serving up cups of holiday cheer and good will. The church will be open for all to explore the new space if they have not yet had the chance to see it. We will be celebrating the Christmas season with evergreen trees, holiday treats, **special live Christmas music**, and a lively community – please join us!

In the event that there is rain, St. Matthew's will give away trees from its garage, also via Delaware Ave. SW. The garage door will be open, and cars can drive through and park in a designated St. Matthew's parking space while they pick out their tree. Good tidings will still be had indoors in the church, with access from the garage. Holiday refreshments will be served with Christmas music everywhere.

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A Tale of Long-Distance Love: Talking with the Actors of *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

Arena Stage's present to audiences for the holiday season is a classic love story. Ken Ludwig's *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* will be in the Kreeger from Nov. 21-Dec. 29.

Ludwig's father, U.S. Army Captain Jack Ludwig, is a military doctor stationed in Oregon during World War II when he begins writing to his mother, Louise Rabiner, an aspiring actress and dancer in New York City.

Jake Epstein and Amelia Pedlow play Jack and Louise in this recounting of Ludwig's parent's courtship, which is threatened as war continues even as the young couple's hopes to meet rise.

What is different about courtship now versus in the past? Letters versus people meeting up on the Internet?

Jake: Honestly, I think I'm the last person who should be giving courtship analysis or advice! But aside from the way that people find each other nowadays, I think courtship itself is probably similar to the past. Whether it's letters – like in our play – or texting and communicating through social media, people are still looking for an authentic connection.

Amelia: The context of courtship during World War II was different from today. There



Courtesy of Arena Stage

was a sense of living for the moment and taking advantage of every second allotted because it may be your last – or the last one for the other person. It may have led to occasionally foolish or reckless love affairs. Still, it created a rather epically romantic atmosphere.

Today we have a sense of safety and comfort in American culture that makes the dating environment more casual. Focus on career and friendships is touted as a healthier outlook on life, and individuals can take their time dating around or even within a relationship, going many years before engagement.

Of course, the written word has now primarily been replaced by online profile photos

and small talk at a bar, but texting and online messaging has brought back many of the same romantic highs and lows as the letter-writing couples of the 1940's experienced: Why hasn't he or she written me back yet? Did I say the wrong thing? Should I go on and on about myself or ask them most of the questions? How do I let this person know that I like them without putting my heart too much on the line or frightening them off?

This is a deeply personal story for the playwright. Did you also learn anything about love and courtship by taking on these roles?

Jake: Without sounding cheesy, I find a love story that transcends complicated circumstance really inspiring. Jack and Louise's courtship is not perfect. It's filled with clumsiness and comedy which makes it all the more human – to which a lot of people can relate. And as a recently married person myself, I'm incredibly moved by the vulnerability and humanity in their love and courtship.

Amelia: I was reminded not to take for granted that I have never dated anyone whose life is in immediate danger – a day to day reality for individuals around the globe. I also learned not to take for granted how comfortable contemporary underwear is – it's like putting on battle armor to get suited up into the under layers for this costume!

Do you have any personal connections or relatable life experiences to this story?

Jake: My wife and I were in a long distance relationship for five years before we got married. Luckily we were able to visit each other, but the bulk of our relationship was through emails, phone calls and text messages. When you're long-distance, all of a sudden the words you write or say are almost put under a microscope and are that much more meaningful. I'm excited to be able to tell the story of a long-distance love.

Amelia: The longest long-distance relationship I had lasted 5 years, so I can relate to when communication breaks down over a long distance. There is the loneliness of missing the other person, and the pain of something coming up that means plans to see each other have to be put on hold. (My own boyfriend won't be able to see this play as he is currently running a show of his own that is a direct overlap.)

Like Louise, I am an actress so I know the lows of missing out on a big part, the highs of booking one, and that life-changing jobs are realities. Jack's support and encouragement of Louise in her career is one of the simplest, purest expressions of love in the piece. It is not lost on me. Every time Jack buoys her spirits or celebrates her theatrical victories, it's a hit straight to my heart.

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Southwest Walks for Peace in Response to Recent Violence

BY MATTHEW KOEHLER

In the late afternoon sun on Nov. 2, while revelers were still celebrating the Nat's up by the National Mall, a more somber crowd gathered outside Second Union Baptist Church on Delaware Ave., SW. The assembled group of community members and leaders were buzzing about the World Series win, for sure, but everyone present was there for a different reason: to walk for peace.

In recent months, there has been an uptick in violence in Southwest, with four young people falling victim to gun violence since Aug. 30. In response to the violence, several pastors and a local ANC Commissioner organized a Peace Walk to show solidarity – a sense of community, the whole community – that people wouldn't let this violence continue without saying a word.

This Peace Walk was not the first of its kind, nor will it be the last (more on that later), and Pastor Ruth Hamilton of Westminster Church told me that she and Pastor Peter Spann, of Carron Baptist Church, have done these walks before. Rhonda Hamilton, ANC 6D Commissioner, told me about the Orange Hats who did similar walks when she was a kid.

The Nov. 2 Walk was the result of a meeting, organized by Commissioner Hamilton, held back in October. Pastor Ruth told me that: “[Hamilton] had called together a meeting of stakeholders, bringing in mental health organizations that have outposts [i]n some of our resident council parts of public housing.” Hamilton also brought together resident council presidents, police, *Training Grounds*, which works on violence intervention in the neighborhood, and, of course, pastors. During the meeting, they talked about possible responses to the violence, and one of the first steps they felt was necessary was holding a Peace Walk. Another idea they had was to hold a “Safe Place, Safe Space” event for the youth (see Call Out Box).

A diverse crowd of community members gathered outside Second Union, many knew each other and were active in the community, others had never met. There was no particular structure to the Peace Walk, and walkers were told to feel welcome and comfortable to engage in their own way.

After more than 30 people showed up, the walkers formed a circle and Pastors Ruth and Spann, along with Hamilton, offered encouragement and invocations. Hamilton reminded everyone that, “You don't have to know everybody to tell them you love them,” – a sentiment set the tone for the rest of the walk and the discussions that followed.

“[T]hat it was meaningful to get out of our various buildings and our various houses and get onto the street. To be a diverse crowd from our community,” Pas-



Peace Walkers bow their heads before engaging with the community

Courtesy of Author



"Marquette you're present!" Pastor Peter Spann with Marquette Harris's mother leads Peace Walkers in prayer

Courtesy of Matthew Koehler

tor Ruth Hamilton hoped of the walk.

Indeed, as we walked through Greenleaf Gardens, across from the DC Metro Police Dept., Lansburgh Park, and the community garden, is one of the places where violence has occurred. Curious people came out of their homes to chat with us. Pastors Ruth and Spann talked to neighbors, explaining the purpose of the walk. A few people even joined the Walk, if only for a time.

One young man we met at the outset of the walk shouted, “It [the violence] must be stopped!” Another resident leaned her head out of the window and told us with a smile that, “We need peace.”

The nervous energy dissipated as our procession moved down First Street, past the Greenleaf Recreation center. Peace Walkers began talking more with each

other and I struck up a conversation with local Deacon, Markus John, who told me the story of how, as a young man, he managed to escape a life of crime and drugs. He felt that getting out into the community and talking to the youth, which he did intermittently while we walked and talked, was one way to reach them. “They need to see us out here,” he told me, “because even if it reaches only one at-risk youth, that will be a life saved from incarceration or death.” Deacon John also explained how young people didn't just need role models in their lives, they needed opportunities and to see that opportunities do exist outside of selling drugs and violence.

Some of those opportunities, or pathways to those opportunities do exist. A representative of Mayor Bower's office,

who also attended the Walk, explained to me that [the Mayor's office] is keeping an open dialogue with community organizations, civic associations, community leaders, etc., and as a result of regular conversations with the community they've been able to bring District agencies directly to the neighborhood.

“For example, we've worked with Ms. Christine Spencer, President of the James Creek Resident Council, with bringing the Department of Employment Services (DOES) and Department of Human Services (DHS) to her bi-monthly food distribution event.”

The Mayor's office also said this in a statement:

In October, Mayor Muriel Bowser launched the inaugural Safer Stronger DC Fall Crime Prevention Initiative (FCPI), an effort to reduce violent crime in specific neighborhoods throughout the District. The Southwest neighborhood was chosen as a focus neighborhood. During the FCPI, the Metropolitan Police Department will conduct outreach and youth/family programs, implement various policing strategies, and if a crime is committed in that focus area, all law enforcement and community resources will be utilized.

The Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services will continue to work with community leaders, Southwest neighbors, and our partners at MPD's First District on opportunities to engage all neighbors and bring District agencies and resources to the community.

At points, the Peace Walk became serious as we stopped at the places where the young adults and kids were killed. There, the group stopped and bowed their heads while one of the pastors said a prayer. The most touching moment of the Peace Walk came when we stopped at the eastern end of Channel Park and the mother of Marquette Harris, one of the victims, came out to talk to the group. “He was a peacemaker. And he was loved by everyone,” she told everyone. Harris's mother stayed with the Peace Walk until the end, sometimes crying but also smiling a lot and talking to neighbors.

After walking for over an hour, the Peace Walk ended at a chili social (the chili was delicious) at a community center on the second floor of the Syphax Gardens Management Office. Other people from the community who'd seen the Walkers, or joined up along the way, stopped in and had chili, too. People continued to chat and exchange information, and discussed what comes next. Despite the reason for the Peace Walk, neighbors left in good cheer and with a stronger sense of community.

The next Peace Walk will start on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church.

Safe Place, Safe Space event at Westminster Church

Attention Southwest youth: If you are looking for something to do this December, come and join other young people on Saturday, Dec. 21, at Westminster Church, 400 I St. SW, from 4-7 p.m. for activities, art, a DJ, and good times. Open to ages 14+. Food will be provided. Check their website for more details and contact information: <https://www.westminsterdc.org/>.



Courtesy of SWNA

A group from SWNA and Commissioners from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D represented the community at the Nationals World Series Parade

Employment Opportunities at The Wharf

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Amidon-Bowen Tutor of the Month: Rick Bardach

BY AVA MILLSTONE

Last year, in partnership with Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Education and Scholarship Task Force, Community Scholar started a tutoring program at Amidon-Bowen. Tutors have completed training and are now working with students for the second year of this successful program.

Thank you for all of our neighbors who are tutoring young people at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School this year for their service to the community. This includes our Tutor of the Month: Rick Bardach! Learn more about Rick:



Courtesy of Author

Rick Bardach

I got a high quality education, including attending the colleges of my choice, which resulted in my earning a Masters of Business & Public Administration. I see this program as a way to return the favor to future generations.

Describe your favorite moment so far from the program.

I have enjoyed many times seeing a child's eyes light up when they "got it," meaning understanding something in math and getting the correct answers.

What is one thing you enjoy, appreciate, or respect about your students?

I love when children have to tell me something (big or small) that they recently experienced.

How long have you lived in SW?

Over 20 years, I made a good decision moving to SW; I have really enjoyed living in our community.

What do you do in your professional life?

I worked for the Federal Government and retired from the DC Government's Dept of Human Services after 27 years. I held a variety of positions – budget & program analyst, Child Protective Services caseworker, supervisor, and manager of social services programs.

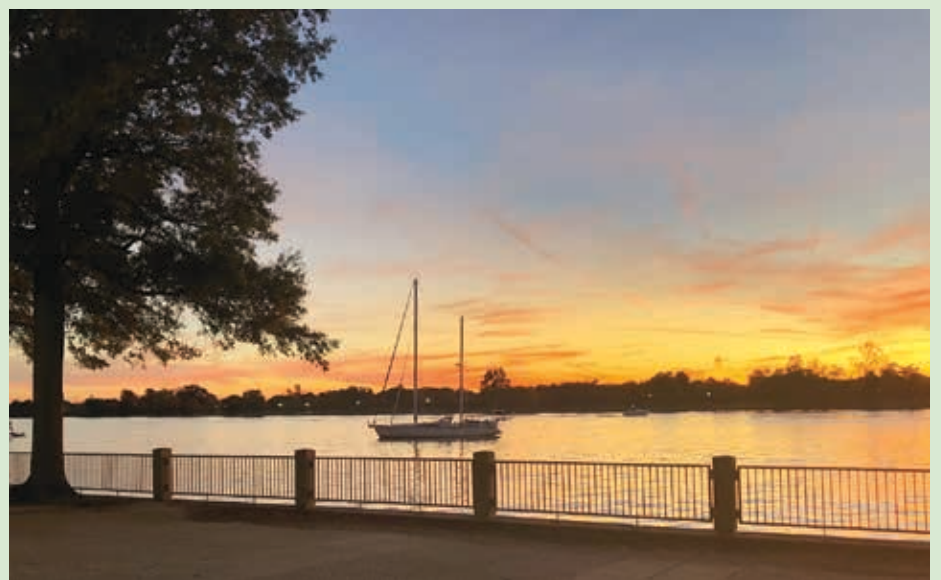
What made you get involved in the tutoring program at Amidon-Bowen?

After retiring, I wanted to spend a lot of my "retired life" helping support the youth in SW. I really enjoy tutoring and mentoring. I had great parents – they made sure

Why should other SW community members consider joining the program as tutors?

EVERY child needs tutors in their life! 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.mightcause.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.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH WINNER: KYLE TODD



Courtesy of Kyle Todd

Sunset from Waterfront Park

If you would like to submit a photo for consideration for Photo of the Month, please email it to editor@thesouthwester.com.

Community or Chaos?

Civics Group Holds 89th Awards Celebration and Scholarship Luncheon

BY VYLLORYA EVANS

On Oct. 26, members of SWNA (Donna Purchase, President, Vyllorya Evans, Chair, Education and Scholarship Task Force, Thelma D. Jones, Chair, Youth Activities Task Force, and Neo Morake, Co-Chair Transportation Task Force) attended the 2019 DC Federation of Civic Associations (DCFCA) luncheon and awards celebration. SWNA is a member of DCFCA, an organization dedicated to informing, representing and supporting DC residents by bringing together leaders of its diverse neighborhoods in an action-oriented body.

This year's luncheon theme, "Community or Chaos: We're All in This Together," brought community organizations from all over the city to the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Club to dine on a scrumptious southern meal.

Mistress of Ceremony, former DC At-Large Councilmember Carol Schwartz, proved to be an excellent storyteller. She shared the story of her life during the past 11 years, which included writing her autobiography entitled *Quite a Life! From Defeat to Defeat...and Back*. The audience made enthusiastic purchases of her book and she cheerfully and graciously signed each one.

As always, SWNA celebrates youth who put the work into receiving scholarships to further their education. DCFCA provides scholarships and this year we congratulated Lamera Harris for receiving the DCFLA \$2000 scholarship award that he plans to use towards expenses at Norfolk State University.

Keynote speaker Joy Ford Austin, Executive Director of Humanities Council of Washington DC (Humanities DC), delivered a motivational message to the audience, saying that, "[There] are people who care and get things done." She encouraged the Federation to adopt a mission that includes preserving, protecting, nurturing and celebrating the humanities, creativity, heritage, and stories of DC neighborhoods.

Austin said the chaos we are facing is "clear gentrification and the reality is that not all our citizens can take advantage [of] or benefit from the changes." She said Dr. Martin Luther King's message was primarily a reminder that we must build community and tell our own stories at neighborhood meetings. That we use those stories as the fundamental unit of knowledge that is vital to preserving our past, present, and future.

She shared the story of Patsy Fletcher, a

notable writer and researcher hired by the Historic Preservation Office to prepare and present local and National Register nominations. In her role, Fletcher met residents from every area of the city and heard their neighborhood stories. This work led Fletcher to implement a partnership with the Historic Preservation Office and the State Humanities organization. The DC Community Heritage Project provides grant support to help neighborhoods tell their history in brochures, videos, historic tours, and even comic books. Under Fletcher's leadership, workshops were held and funding was provided to various organizations to tell the story of their neighborhoods and religious institutions.

Fletcher passed away earlier this year, but Austin said that "we are all Patsy Fletcher" if we are so inspired to care about our history as Fletcher did. She encouraged civic associations to turn to each other for inspiration. Austin encouraged and assured us all that we, too, can do this. And for our part, we feel that SWNA is on the path to do so!

The SWNA Youth Activities Task Force, in partnership with the World Bank Group-IMF African American Association, received a grant from Humanities DC to conduct a six-week awareness project on Thurgood Marshall for the 5th Graders at Anthony Bowen Elementary. Thurgood lived in SW on both G and 4th Sts. before ascending to the Supreme Court.

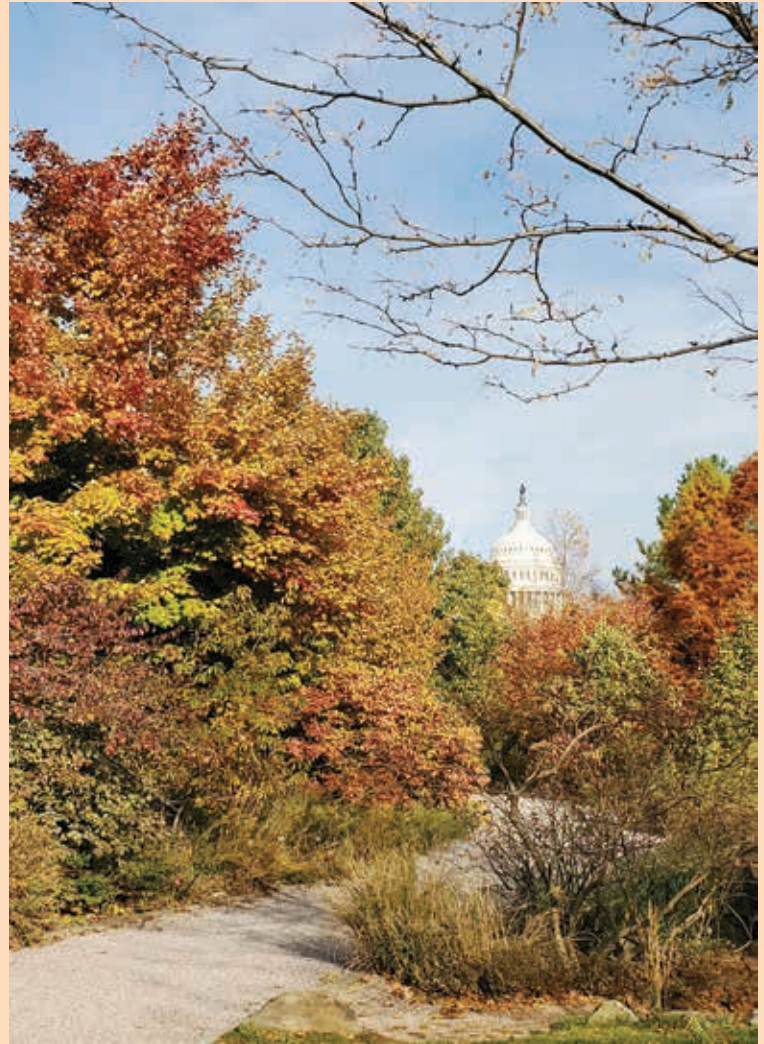
We are proud to share that Caitlin Carroll and Brad Forder received a film grant from Humanities DC to produce a short documentary film called "Jazz Night." The film explores the history of the SW neighborhood and the legacy of urban renewal, the inclusive power of jazz, blues, and the potential of the arts to build lasting communities. The film will follow Westminster Church's musical events and their redevelopment efforts to expand its arts offerings.

Another event highlight was a surprise award: The Office of the People's Counsel Lifetime Consumer Advocate Award. Congratulations Graylin!

With the increase of Humanities DC grant dollars by over 400% (from \$165,000 in 2018 to \$840,00 in 2020), there are great opportunities for SWNA, and other community organizations, to apply for grant dollars to do the good work that needs to be done.

For more information on grants: www.wdchumanities.org

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

SUN 1, 6:30 P.M. Religious Movie Seminar. Joseph and Mary. Kevin Sorbo, Lara Jean Chorostecki (2016). St. Dominic’s Parish Center, basement of Priory at 630 E St. SW. (*No movies on 12/22 and 12/29*)

MON 2, 7-9 P.M., SWNA 2019 End of Year Celebration, Arena Stage, 6 & Maine SW. Keynote Speaker Pastor Michael Bledsoe of Riverside Baptist Church. Mix & Mingle and enjoy repast catered by Holiday Inn DC Capitol

TUES 3, 5:30 P.M. Teen Homework Club, Additional dates on Tues Dec. 10 and Tuesday Dec. 17. SW Library 425 M St. SW, (202) 724-4752

WED 4, 4:30 P.M. Color Club. Come color with us! Fun coloring pages and utensils provided. Ages 0-12. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

THURS 5, 4:30 P.M. Teen Time, weekly craft projects. Additional dates are Dec. 12, 19, 26. SW Library

THURS 5, 4:40 P.M. Teen Time, Vision Boards. Dream your future and design it on your own vision board. Ages 13-19. SW Library

FRI 6, 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 7, 12/7 & 21, 10:30 A.M. -12 P.M. Komen Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development that holds meetings every 1st and 3rd Saturdays at Westminster. All are welcome. Contact <http://www.toastmasters.org> for information on membership and fees

SAT 7, 11:00 A.M. Southwest Saturdays. Holiday Cards – Drop in for card-making creativity, whatever the occasion. Instructions available for pop-up cards. All ages welcome. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SUN 8, 10 A.M. Joint Worship at Riverside Baptist Church. 11 a.m. Joint lunch and Caroling at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW

SUN 8, 6:30 P.M. Religious Movie Seminar. Day of Triumph. The Full life of Christ with sound and color; Prelude: The Child of Bethlehem. St. Dominic’s Parish Center, basement of Priory at 630 E St. SW. (*No movies on 12/22 and 12/29*)

MON 9, 6:30 P.M. Grief Group, St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church

MON 9, 7 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting. DC Water Headquarter, 1385 Canal St. SE Washington, DC 20003, enter via 125 O St. SE-in the Boardroom, www.anc6d.org. NOTE NEW LOCATION

TUES 10, 11 A.M.-2 P.M. THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER-ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON. The Bolling Club-Spaatz Room (2nd Floor); Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB). 50 Theisen St., Washington, DC 20032. Main Entrance Gate: Arnold Gate–MacDill Blvd SW. Off South Capitol Street SW-3.4 miles from River Park Mutual Homes. Wheelchair Accessible–Onsite Parking Available. Reservation Per Person \$35.00. Checks payable to: Southwest Waterfront. AARP Chapter Mail to: Dr. Betty Jean Tolbert Jones. 1311 Delaware Ave. SW #South 843, Washington, D.C. 20024. **President bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901**

WED 11, 4:30 P.M. Kids Sit & Knit. Children ages 6 and up are invited to learn to knit or knit independently in a group setting. Limited materials available. Ages 6-12. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

THURS 12, 2:00 P.M. Crafternoon. Enjoy the company of other library users while working on your latest craft project. Basic instruction for knit and crochet available. Adults. All crafts and skill levels. SW Library

THURS 12, 2-4 P.M. WATERFRONT BOOK CLUB. For its December meeting, the Waterfront Village Book Club will consider *The Nightingale’s Sonata*, a biography of Russian violinist Lea Luboshutz (1885-1965) as told by her grandson Thomas Wolf, who will be on hand for a lecture and book-signing followed by light refreshments. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church

THURS 12, 4:30 P.M. Teen Time: DIY Notebook Art. Design a notebook that’s all yours. Whether for school, journaling, drawing, collaging, or whatever you dream up, take home your work for keeps. Materials provided. SW Library

THURS 12, 6-7:15 P.M. Yoga Nidra led by Pamela Wilsson. Relax and renew your body and mind with Yoga Nidra. No experience necessary. Bring padding and cover. \$10 donation suggested. Westminster Presbyterian Church

FRI 13, 10:30 A.M. New! Toddler Time: D Is for Dinosaur Craft. Join us for fun arts and crafts appropriate for children five and under. Practice fine motor skills, creativity, and problem solving, with a masterpiece to take home at the end of our time together. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SAT 14, 10 A.M-1 P.M. Christmas Tree Giveaway and Holiday Party, Open House. **St. Matthew Lutheran Church-Courtyard, 222 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20024.** M Street and Delaware Street entrances will be open. Garage access & parking available. There will be music and Holiday refreshments.

SAT 14, 11:00 A.M. Southwest Saturdays: Coloring Fun. Come color with us! Fun coloring pages and utensils provided. Ages 0-12. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SAT 14, 1-3 P.M. Thinking About Jazz- Mary Lou Williams: First Lady of Jazz Keyboard. Mary Lou Williams was a child prodigy who learned piano at age 3. At 13 was playing with Duke Ellington in his early small band. NPR’s Ellen Carter will present on the life of this prolific artist and humanitarian. Light lunch served. Door prizes. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 14, 7-9 P.M. Faith & Film presents Christmas Shorts, incl. “The Snowman” and “Anomaly.” Festive snacks and beverages served. Donations accepted. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SUN 15, 6:30 P.M. Religious Movie Seminar. Paul: Apostle of Christ. Jim Caviezel, Olivier Martinez, James Faulkner, Joanne Whalley (2018). St. Dominic’s Parish Center, basement of Priory at 630 E St. SW. (*No movies on 12/22 and 12/29*)

WED 18, 4:30 P.M. Color Club. Come color with us! Fun coloring pages and utensils provided. Ages 0-12. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

WED 18, 6 P.M. Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund Annual Holiday Celebration at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW. Topic of discussion is on the loss of a loved one. Rose Shelton, Parent Activist, will share the journey and loss of her daughter from cancer. Rico Jerome will also share the journey of his Mom who succumbed to breast cancer. Vocalist and Songwriter Cecily will lead the group into caroling of our favorite holiday songs. Door prizes and gift bags will be provided. RSVP required by Friday, Dec. 13, to thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org or call (202) 251-1639.

THURS 19, 4:30 P.M. Teen Time: Tick-Talk & Knit. Teens are invited to learn to knit or knit independently in a group setting. Limited materials available. SW Library

THURS 19, 6:45 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. To be added to e-mail list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com. **Harbor Patrol, 550 Water St. SW**

THURS 19, 7 P.M. True Crime Book Club–Copies of the December selection, *I’ll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara are available at the service desk. SW Library

THURS 19, 7-8:30 P.M. Monthly Music, Meditation and Labyrinth Walk with live Celtic harp music played by Barbra Bailey Bradley. Come to meditate, walk the labyrinth or just listen to the music. Meet the artist at the end of the program. Special Holiday refreshments served. Free to the public. Westminster Presbyterian Church

FRI 20, 10:30 A.M. New! Toddler Time: Hanukkah and Christmas Crafts. Join us for fun arts and crafts appropriate for children five and under. Practice fine motor skills, creativ-

ity, and problem solving, with a masterpiece to take home at the end of our time together. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

FRI 20, 7 P.M. The Southwest Chamber Players announce their annual **Christmas Concert** at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW. Joining in the fun will be our stars: Marje Palmieri, soprano; Julia Goudimova, cello; Harold Yaffe, clarinet; Dilyana Kirova, bassoon; Ellen Jacoby, horn; and Stephen Brown and David Ehrlich, piano. On the program will include works of Schubert, Bach, Mozart, and lots more. Admission is free, although the Waterfront Village, who sponsors the concert, will greatly appreciate donations.

SAT 21, 11:00 A.M. Southwest Saturdays: Button Making. Stop by to make a button or two of your own design with our button-making kit. All ages welcome. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

TUES 24, 5-7 P.M. 3rd Annual Community Christmas Party – For all ages. Join us for games, crafts, caroling, good food and great company. There is something for everyone. Last minute gift ideas from our White Elephant table. Bring your family and neighbors. All invited! **7 P.M. Candlelight Walk to Ecumenical Service** at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church

TUES 24, 7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Eucharist and Candlelight. Service of lessons, carols, communion, and candlelight. St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church

THURS 26, 12-Noon, NARFE Chapter 2052, meeting at Christ Methodist Church at 4th & I Street, SW, Please come and join us, ALL current and retired Federal employees! Contact: Gloria Harper-Simon, Secretary @ghsatty1@hotmail.com. Christ United Methodist church at 4th & I Sts.

THURS 26, 2:00 P.M. Crafternoon. Enjoy the company of other library users while working on your latest craft project. Knitting, crochet, all levels welcome. Bring your own needles and yarn, or use supplies provided by library. Basic instruction for knit and crochet available. Adults. All crafts and skill levels. SW Library

THURS 26, 4:30 P.M. Teen Time: Dream It, Make It. Explore the craft supplies the library has to offer. If you can dream it, you can make it. SW Library

SAT 28, 11:00 A.M. Southwest Saturdays: Uno Tournament. Play a few rounds of the popular card game, Uno. All ages welcome. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SAT 28, 1:30 PM, Southwest Library Book Discussion. Copies of this month’s selection **Team of Rivals (part 2)** by Doris Kearns Goodwin are available at the service desk. SW Library

TUES 31, 10-11 A.M. Tech Drop-In. Offering help with using library electronic resources including digital and database services. SW Library

TUES 31, 8 P.M.-MIDNIGHT 2nd Annual Bobby Felder’s New Year’s Eve Bash- \$35 ticket - *Champagne toast at midnight.* Join us for a night of dancing and entertainment featuring Bobby Felder on organ, Jacques Johnson Jr. on guitar, Tia Ade on vocals, and a host of other talented musicians. Beverages and food for sale. Westminster Presbyterian Church

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

110U FLAG FOOTBALL, Mondays-Fridays, 6-9 P.M., Ages 9-12, David Freeman, Randall Recreation Center, South Capitol and I Sts. SW (202) 554-6973

12U FLAG FOOTBALL, Mondays-Fridays, 6-9 P.M., Ages 11-12, David Freeman, Randall Recreation Center

ADULT BEGINNER TENNIS, Thursdays and Fridays, 6:30-8:30 P.M., All Ages, Randall Recreation Center

ADULT BEGINNER TENNIS, Saturdays, 1-2 P.M. Ages 18+, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. SW, (202) 645-7454

ADULT INTERMEDIATE TENNIS, Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 P.M., Randall Recreation Center

ALZHEIMER’S ASSN CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, 4th Thursdays of the month. 11-12 P.M. Free and open to the Public. St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, 222 M St. SW

ARTS FOR KIDS, Tuesdays 5-6 P.M. Ages 6-12, Michelle Edmonds, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

ARTY AFTERNOONS, 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 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

BABY /TODDLER STORY TIME, Mondays, 10:30 A.M. Full of books, songs, rhymes and fingerplays for children from birth to 2 years old. Baby and Toddler Story Time is a great way to introduce your child to language skills in a positive and fun environment. With slightly more activity and movement than our lap times, children and their grownups are encouraged to actively participate in the program. Politics & Prose, 70 District Square SW, (202) 724-4752.

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 (No Blues on 12/30).

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, 555 Water St. SW

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS, Sundays, 11-12 Noon, St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church

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

CREATIVE ARTS A/A, Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M., St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

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, 5-6 P.M., Ages 7-12, Randall Recreation Center

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

FLAG FOOTBALL, Thursdays, 6-7 P.M., Ages 14+, Nathaniel Green, King Greenleaf 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)

HAND DANCING, Saturdays, 1-3:30 P.M. Ages 18 & up, Volunteer, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

HOMEWORK CLUB, Tuesdays, 5:30 P.M. Children and teens are invited to do homework or work on other quiet projects in the company of others. Librarian available for assistance. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver.

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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.

CALENDAR

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SW Library. **Please note there will be no Homework Club Tuesday, Dec. 24, nor Tuesday, Dec. 31**

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

JOB SEEKING ASSISTANCE, resume writing, mock interviews, and other job assistance. All are welcome. For schedule call D.C. Mentoring and Assistance Program (D.C. MAAP) at 202-816-8572 or email wearedcmaap@gmail.com

JUNIOR BEGINNER TENNIS, Mondays, Wednesday and Friday, 3:30-5:30 P.M. All ages. Randall Recreation Center

JUNIOR BALLET, Monday-Fridays, 3:30-4:30 P.M., Ages 6-13, Shaunte Anthony, Randall Recreation Center

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

KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER, Sundays, 10-11 A.M. Advice for Life and Kids Class Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 P.M., Thursday Night Meditation Class. Weekly Chanted Prayers: Tuesdays – 5-6 P.M. – Heart Jewel; Sundays (Wishfulfilling Jewel w/ tsog)

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 10:30 A.M.-Noon. All are welcome. Details at: <https://www.toastmasters.org/Find-a-Club/00008714-00008714>, Westminster Presbyterian Church

MACHINE PITCH, Monday and Wednesdays, 6-7 P.M., Ages 6-13, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

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

PAJAMA STORY TIME, Wednesdays, 6:30 P.M. An evening

story time where pajamas are encouraged but not required. These 30-to-40-minute evening programs are designed to delight children of all ages. These programs encourage children to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning. SW Library. **Please note there will be no Pajama Story Time Wednesday, Dec. 25.**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Sundays 8-8:45 A.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Ages 55+, Volunteer, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M. Share the fun of reading with your children ages 3-5 years! These 30-to-40-minute programs are designed to promote language and listening skills, expand children's imaginations and arouse their curiosity about the world around them. SW Library, (202) 724-4752

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+, Lykeyia Lucas, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

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

SOUTHWEST SATURDAYS, 11:00 A.M. Do a craft. Play a game. Enjoy a story together. There's always something fun and new at Southwest Neighborhood Library. Join us for all-ages fun. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP Chapter 4751 monthly luncheon meetings are held every third Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Current AARP members, prospective members and visitors are welcome. Lunch is Available. Cost: \$5.00. River Park Mutual Homes' South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave.

SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901

SOUTHWEST SATURDAYS, Saturdays, 11:00 A.M. Do a craft. Play a game. Enjoy a story together. There's always something fun and new at Southwest Neighborhood Library on Saturdays. Join us for all-ages fun. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Sundays, Bread For Life Pancake Breakfast 8-8:45 A.M. 9:30 A.M. Worship Service and Holy Eucharist. Come Join us! All Are Welcome. 555 Water St. SW, (202) 554-3222.

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Sundays Morning Worship Service 9:30 AM. Also Sunday Evening Worship Service 5 P.M.-6 P.M. All are Welcome. 222 M St. SW, (202) 800-4600

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. All fiber crafters welcome

GOTTASWING DANCE CLASSES, Wednesdays, 7-10:00 P.M. Dance Classes Beginners & Intermediate, Westminster Presbyterian Church

TEE BALL, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 P.M., Ages 3-6, Chamia Day, Randall Recreation Center

TEE BALL, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-7 P.M., Ages 3-6, Nathaniel Green, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

TENNIS ABC-Agility, Balance, Coordination, Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-2P.M. All ages. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

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

TINY TOT BALLET, Saturdays, 10:15-11:15 A.M., Ages 3-5 Alexis P. Miller, Randall Recreation Center

TINY TOTS NEED RECREATION TOO, Thursdays & Fridays, **10:30-11:30 A.M.** Ages 1-3 years, Michelle Edmonds, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

TINY TOT SOCCER, Saturdays, 11 A.M. -12 Noon, Ages 5-13, Randall Recreation Center

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

TINY TOT TENNIS, Mondays, 4-5 P.M. Ages 18+, Randall Recreation Center

TTNRT! Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 A.M-11:30 A.M., Karenna Houser-Hall, 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 A.M. Hot Breakfast Served. Freewill donations accepted. All welcome. **10-10:45 A.M. Resistance Bible Study. 11 A.M. Advent and Christmas Services** featuring guitar, harp, flute, and blues band. All Welcome to share in inspiring worship; Godly play for youngsters. Ages: 4-12

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, Michelle Edmonds, Game/Art Room at King Greenleaf Recreation Center

ZUMBA, Mondays-Friday, 6-9 P.M., Ages 7-8, David Freeman, Randall Recreation Center



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