



Courtesy of Tori Collins

Every 10-15 years we must reimagine ourselves on this American landscape. As our neighborhood goes through changes, we must move forward and picture what the future will hold! We control what that future holds. -Tori Collins

SW Library Disappears Amidst Demolition

BY GEORGINE WALLACE

Just when all of us were ready to beat on the walls with our own hammers, the permit to raze the old Southwest Library was granted by DCRA on Thanksgiving Eve. The official demolition

began on the morning of Dec. 6, when the excavator made its first hit on the front entrance. The building will be taken down over the next six to seven weeks.

The demolition phase should be finished at the end of January. Most of the

material will be separated for recycling as the building is leveled. The construction team will be complying with all regulations, which require that noise be kept below 85 decibels and construction does

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District Hardware and Bike Closes

BY MATTHEW KOEHLER



District Hardware and Bike

Courtesy of Matthew Koehler

On Dec. 1, at 5 p.m., a day after Small Business Saturday, District Hardware and Bike permanently shuttered its doors to business.

In a statement released on their website, the owners stated, "Unfortunately, things haven't worked out the way we thought or planned, and we are unable to continue operating."

On various social media outlets, Southwest residents expressed their disappointment at the closure of the neighborhood's

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Greenleaf Redevelopment Open for Public Comment

On Dec. 10, DC Housing Authority hosted a community forum at Greenleaf to present the four finalists selected to redevelop Greenleaf Gardens housing complex. The public is encouraged to mail, email, or call in comments and questions by Jan. 17. The full proposals are available here: <https://dcha.us/category/15>.

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Local Activists Appeal Developments at 4th & M

Petitioners Say Development Lacks Truly Affordable Housing, Will Further Displacement

BY MATTHEW KOEHLER

My family and I moved down to Southwest just over six years ago, and in that short time the neighborhood and surroundings have transformed before my eyes. Before, our community, including the Wharf, was sparse in amenities; there was the Safeway, a CVS, the fish market, and less than a handful of restaurants, including Jenny's at the Wharf, which was forced out by development and high rent.

Since making Southwest our home in mid-2013, however, new developments and high rise apartments have popped up everywhere. The rapid pace of development has changed much of the pace, people, and character of the neighborhood. There are a lot more people down here, with more on the way, which isn't necessarily (or perhaps a better word) a bad thing. With more people, more businesses can thrive. There is more neighborhood serving retail - most of which is pricey but arguably still good for the economic survival of the neighborhood.

However, there is also a lot more traffic, which is not a good thing and needs better management (more on that later).

For some, all the new development seems like a given. I've heard people say that it's going to happen one way or another, and that, for better or worse in the short-term, it's always good in the long term.

A group of local activists, the Pro Se Petitioners, don't feel that development is a foregone conclusion though, and believe the community has not had an equitable seat at the table. On Dec. 16, 2019 they held a press conference to explain their opposition to the development and why they were filing a brief with the Court of Appeals to stop it.

"We're not against development. We're just against development that's not sustainable and equitable," said Adom Cooper, one of the petitioners. They point to the urban renewal of Southwest in the 50's and 60's that displaced thousands of black families and view current development, which isn't supplying enough affordable housing, as another kind of displacement exacerbating inequality amongst Southwest's more vulnerable residents.

The Pro Se Petitioners call themselves "a group of racially diverse educators, writers, scholars, new and long-time residents who believe strongly in

equitable, people-centered, anti-racist development," and at the heart of their dispute are the future developments at the intersection of 4th & M (425 M St. and 375 M St. SW).

Back in the mid aughts, developer Forest City, now Brookfield Properties, bought the two empty lots (both public land) at the aforementioned intersection for \$10 a piece. They envisioned turning the land into office buildings with some ground-floor serving retail. But over time, the needs of the neighborhood, and DC at large, has changed.

In 2017, Forest City filed to change the development from commercial to residential. This started the PUD (Planned Unit Development) process and is when Coy McKinney of the Pro Se Petitioners got involved, stating "I frequented the Friday Night Markets a lot, and I heard about it. I was already concerned with sky-rocketing housing costs in DC. So when I heard that it was going to happen right across from me, and it was replacing a community space that I felt was important [where Night Market and the Farmer's Market is held], I got involved."

The lots sat empty for 12 years after Forest City purchased them as the developers sought extensions on three separate occasions. In the meantime, the ANC managed to get the developers to "activate" the lots, which opened them up for various kinds of community use, like the Night Market and Farmers Market, which have been a mainstay for several years now. The DC State Fair and the 202Creates Art festival were held there, as well. According to Coy, and others in the neighborhood, "the uniqueness of the space, including its central location, and the fact that it was free to use, made it one of the most welcoming, engaging, and important gathering spaces in all of SW by the mid-2010s."

But it's not just the impending loss of the lots as useful open space that concerns the Petitioners. With all the new developments going up, there is a dearth of affordable housing for middle class families. Pam McKinney said that, "This was originally supposed to be an office building and now they want it to be a residential building with 600 units, only 8% affordable [at 60% AMI]." Of these, only five of the units will be family-sized three bedrooms at 60% AMI, which they argue is not affordable for a lot of lower-middle income families. Additionally, "White households make

three times the amount of money black households do," which the Petitioners find "inherently racist" because many black households in DC will be barred from living in the new development.

Another factor adding to the lack of affordable housing in the new developments is the proposed community center in the east building (375 M St.), promised rent free for 30 years, another concession the developer made to the ANC. Community centers are good, but Coy says that, "In our meetings with the developer, they told us that more affordable housing could've been included in the project if it wasn't for the community center." (I can confirm this because I was at the same meeting).

He continued, "SW is the smallest quadrant in the city, yet we have plenty of spaces where people can meet. We have Randall Recreation Center. We have Greenleaf. We have a new library that's gonna be opened. We have multiple churches with space we can use. So the weight of the community center versus affordable housing...to me, that's not the proper balance."

The other factor playing a significant role in this development, and one that 18-20 gathered witnesses to the press conference raised as well, is the increased traffic and danger brought on by the influx of development and people in the area.

Back in 2018 at a zoning hearing about these two proposed developments, ANC Commissioner Andy Litsky raised the troubling fact that developers hadn't done a proper traffic study and were relying on an old study from the late aughts, before Audi Field, The Wharf redevelopment, and all the other developments went on-line. In fact, at the zoning hearing, the developer said that they would do a new traffic study after the developments were built, which had many at the hearing shaking their heads.

During a Q&A at the Dec. 16 press conference, several witnesses expressed their concerns over the increased traffic, "As far as I'm concerned, this is a circus, here, all the time."

"It's accidents waiting to happen," said another, "quite a few pedestrians have been hit."

The general concern is that the new developments are only going to add to the increased danger of the intersection at 4th & M and the developer, in citing that their development won't

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Computer-for-Kids Classes Start in January

BY THELMA D. JONES

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force (SWNA YATF) will begin its Computer-for-Kids (CFK) Computer Training classes for Southwest youth ages 6-12 on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 6:30 p.m. The eight-week class will be held for one hour every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the James Creek Resident Council Computer Center, 100 N St. SW, Washington, DC 20024. Classes are taught by highly skilled volunteer instructors, including one instructor who has volunteered since the program's inception in October 2007.

Classes cover basic computer training, including hardware, software, keyboarding, internet overview, internet safety for children, as well as an intro to the Microsoft Suite Office products: Windows, Word, Paint, and PowerPoint. Nutritional snacks are provided after each class, accompanied by a brief talk on age-appropriate subjects, such as the importance of healthy eating and physical activity, respect, honesty, sharing, and cyberbullying. Students are



required to meet the graduation requirements of good behavior, good participation and good attendance.

After the eight-week training, a graduation ceremony and reception are held. Each student will receive a YATF certificate of completion, a gift bag from YATF volunteers, and a refurbished desktop computer from the SWNA Technology Task Force – with a limit of one computer per household.

The goal of the program is to help

reduce the digital divide in our community. The training program provides students, as well as their family, an opportunity to have access to a computer for school, work, and at home. Since the program's inception in 2007, more than 160 students ages 6-14 have completed the CFK program.

Parents interested in registering their child(ren) or who have questions regarding the program should contact Thelma D. Jones at 202-251-1639 or email thelma@swna.org. Class sizes are limited to 8-10 students and currently five students have registered for the program.

Construction Job Fair Will Be Held Jan. 24

COURTESY OF BACON DEVELOPMENT

The Wharf will hold a Phase 2 Construction Job Fair for DC residents, on Friday, Jan. 24, from 10:00 a.m.-Noon in Southwest DC (www.wharfdc.com). In partnership with the DC Department of Employment Services, Councilmember Charles Allen, and the DC Housing Authority (DCHA), the Job Fair will be held at the DCHA DC EnVision Center/Southwest Family Enhancement & Career Center, 203 N St. SW.

Phase 2 construction began 8 months ago, and since that time Balfour Beatty and its subcontractors, with a small number of highly skilled workers, have been excavating the site and constructing the garage. In the Spring of 2020, vertical construction will start, and construction activity will increase significantly. At peak time, there will be about 1,800 people working on-site in a full range of jobs, in all aspects of construction.

Phase 2 contractors have been selected and they are subject to First Source requirements of the District. Fifty-one percent of new hires and new apprentices must be DC residents. There is an addi-

tional requirement unique to these new hires at The Wharf: 20% must be from Ward 8; 30% of new apprenticeships must be filled by DC residents residing East of the River, and contractors "shall use good faith diligent efforts to hire Southwest residents."

The Wharf Prime Contractors, Balfour Beatty, Donohoe, and DPR are fully committed to working with The Wharf and its community and service provider partners, as well as the District Government, to maximize opportunities for DC residents. They are eager to participate, along with their subcontractors, in the upcoming Job Fair. Balfour Beatty has an excellent hiring record at The Wharf. During Phase 1 of construction, for example, 53% of new hires and 54% of new apprentices of Balfour Beatty and its subcontractors were DC residents – exceeding First Source requirements.

Elinor Bacon, Wharf partner who oversees First Source and Workforce programs, said, "In Phase 1, with the support of our partners, The Wharf contractors hired 643 DC residents and 235 DC resident apprentices. We are proud of our accomplishments, and, with support

from our public and community-based partners, we look forward to meeting or exceeding our Phase 1 construction hiring achievements in Phase 2."

Building Futures offers pre-apprenticeship training through a special program developed by The Wharf in cooperation with the DC Housing Authority, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), and the DC Department of

Employment Services (DOES). During Phase 1, a total of 31 Building Futures graduates received jobs at The Wharf. A representative of Building Futures will attend the Job Fair on Jan. 24.

As Phase 2 progresses, additional Job Fairs will be held both in Southwest DC and East of The River. Information on subsequent jobs events will be forthcoming.



THE WHARF JOB FAIR

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203 N STREET SW

The Wharf prime contractors Balfour Beatty, Donohoe and DPR, with numerous subcontractors, will be available to talk one-on-one with participants about job and apprenticeship opportunities, application procedures, hiring schedule, etc. The Wharf Job Fair is a collaboration of Hoffman Madison Waterfront with the DC Housing Authority; DC Department of Employment Services; Council Member Charles Allen; ANC6D; Building Futures (the pre-apprenticeship training partner of The Wharf); CSOSA, and community-based service-providers and training organizations.

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significantly increase traffic and danger, is inaccurate.

I asked the Petitioners if they win the appeal what the next steps would be and Adom Cooper had this to say:

When you talk about what our big ask would be, it's to go back to the drawing board because the dynamics of this have changed. When this was approved, there was no Wharf, no Nats Park, no Audi Field – and that's just 3 examples. So when you talk about what needs to be done is go back to the drawing board. Get a new traf-

fic study, for example, to tell about, you know, what the dynamics of the neighborhood are now and then go forward on approving a different project that would be more affordable and more sustainable.

After 29 minutes in the cold and rain, thankfully under the canopy of the stage on the activated site at 375 M St., the Pro Se Petitioners closed out their press conference and we all went home. Their brief was due that night and now comes another several months of waiting for a verdict from the Court of Appeals.

To read about the Pro Se Petitioners, or get involved, go to <https://sites.google.com/view/sw-dc-action/home>.

Light Up Southwest!

SWBID and SWNA teamed up to host this holiday decoration competition. There were four categories this year: Best House, Best Balcony, Best Window and Best Retail. Here are this year's winners! Photos courtesy of SWBID.

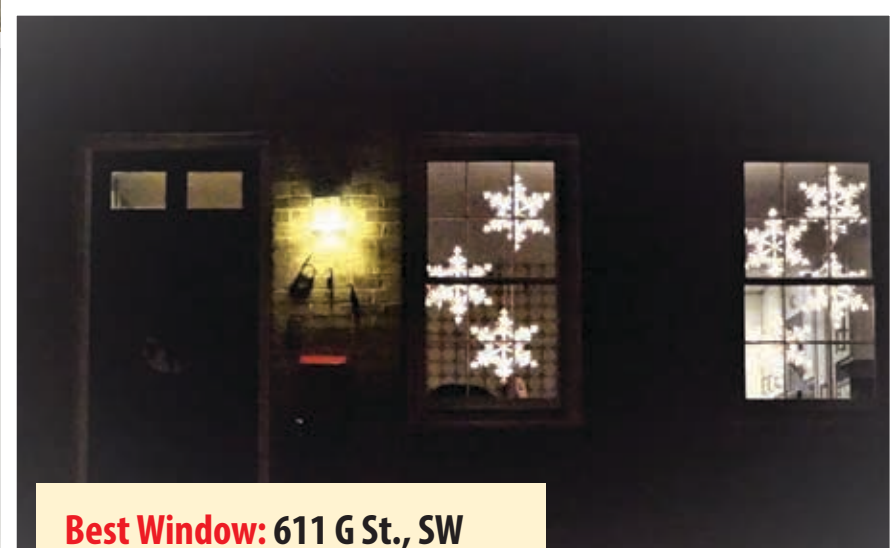
Best House: 1427 Carrollsburg Pl., SW

The winner for best house went all out with Natitude! They even made a homemade World Series trophy and baseball ornaments to complement the inflatable snowman and Santa spreading holiday cheer. This is Jenny and Sam Harper's second time winning it all in the Light Up Southwest competition. Let's hope the Nationals can follow their lead!



Best Balcony: "Lucky Star" in Gangplank Marina

"Lucky Star" lit up their deck to help spread the holiday excitement at Gangplank. They also kept with the Nationals spirit with a baby shark and Nats flag!



Best Window: 611 G St., SW

Their elegant snowflakes made 611 G St. a winner with their bright lights and classy décor.

Best Retail: UPS Store at the Wharf, 996 Maine Ave., SW

As a newcomer to the Southwest neighborhood, the UPS store really stood out with their floor-to-ceiling window decorations bringing color and light to Maine Ave.



Meet SWBID Ambassador Avery Graham

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!

Avery Graham joined SWBID one year ago as Ambassador. He’s part of the team that beautifies the neighborhood around the Spy Museum and Banneker Park, and he also serves residents and visitors. In his SWBID uniform, flag him down for assistance – like helping disabled citizens cross the street. They often tell him how appreciative they are of his knowledge of the neighborhood.

Avery grew up in Dumfries, VA – a very diverse community where he played basketball, football, lacrosse, and



Avery Graham

Courtesy of SWBID

other sports. A co-worker confirmed that he is an outstanding athlete.

He says the SWBID offers lots of opportunities for growth and change.

He likes that every day at work is different – he’s even changed flat tires. Avery says the SWBID staff is a tight knit family that cares about each other – he’s never had a job that was so supportive!

Avery’s Favorites

Movie: “Training Day”

Music: R&B, Soul, Hip Hop

Favorite Artist: Leon Bridges

Favorite Song: “Georgia to Texas”

Favorite DC Museum: National Museum of African American History and Culture

Favorite SW spot: Banneker Park – not many people are aware of how special it is.

Best thing about his job: Interactions with people – advancement opportunities for him and his team mates.

Motto: Know yourself and you’ll win all battles.

So when you’re out and about – be sure to say hello to Avery!

Waterfront Village Chooses New Board and Executive Director

BY BOB CRAYCRAFT

As fall turns to winter, change is in the air at Waterfront Village, a nonprofit organization that supports Southwest and Navy Yard residents who wish to age in place. On Dec. 2, the Village welcomed Southwest resident Len Bechtel as its new executive director.

Len comes to Waterfront Village after 33 years of federal service. Most recently, he served as the Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the Department of Transportation. Prior to that role, he held numerous management roles at the Department of Commerce, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

After years of managing federal government programs, Len was looking for an opportunity to apply his skills locally and connect with people in the community on a regular basis.

“I am really excited to have an opportunity to serve my neighbors in Southwest and look forward to working with the Village’s dedicated Board and wonderful team of volunteers,” Bechtel said.

Len has lived in Southwest DC since 2015 and worked 12 years in the neighborhood while with the EPA. He is a member of St. Vincent’s Roman Catholic Church where he serves as a lector, Finance Committee member, and Food Bank volunteer. You may see him running around the neighborhood or swimming at nearby pools in his spare time.

The Village also brought on four new board members this year:

Ed Peterman, a Capitol Hill resident who joined the board in 2019, founded

TrustEd Champions for Seniors in 2017, which serves seniors and caregivers in DC and Maryland. Ed is a Certified Dementia Practitioner and a Certified Senior Advisor who comes to the board with decades of leadership experience in the federal government, with a focus on ethics and compliance.

Peter Eicher, a Southwest resident who joined the board in 2019, is a retired U.S. Foreign Service officer who served in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and the Pacific. He specialized in political affairs, particularly human rights, conflict resolution, and international organizations. Peter is currently vice president of Friends of Southwest DC and has been involved with the Village since its inception.

JoAnn Lamphere, DrPH, a Southwest resident who joined the board in 2019, retired in 2018 from New York State service, where she served as deputy commissioner, Division of Person Centered Supports, in the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities. She continues to advise clients as a healthcare consultant, and she currently serves on the board of Special Olympics of New York and the Capital Park IV Condominium Association.

Judith Winston, a Southwest resident who joined the board in 2019, comes to Waterfront Village with decades of experience in law, education, and civil rights. She served as general counsel and undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Education from 1993 to 2001, and she also served as executive director of One America: President Clinton’s Initiative on Race. Judith retired from the active practice of law in 2007, but occasionally consults

with non-profits, universities, and school districts.

If you’re interested in becoming

involved with the Village as a member or volunteer in 2020, contact info@waterfrontvillage.org.



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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.

Breast Cancer Support Group January Announcement

BY THELMA D. JONES

The Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund (TDJBCF) will host the celebratory launch of its first breast cancer support group meeting for 2020 on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m., at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW, Washington, DC 20024.

Julia H. Rowland, PhD, Senior Strategic Advisor, Smith Center for Healing and the Arts, will be the launch's guest speaker. Dr. Rowland will talk about the meaning, elements, and importance of advocacy – a recurring annual theme for January that not only sets the tone for the year but also indicates what will follow in subsequent TDJBCF Breast Cancer Support Group meetings.

Previous speakers on the topic have included Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC-D), Bonita Pennino, former Government Relations Director for DC and MD, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and Andrea Roane, advocate and former long-time WUSA-9 journalist who championed the popular Buddy Check 9 program.

In addition to discussing advocacy, Dr. Rowland will talk about the role of complementary or integrative therapies (versus typical conventional therapies like surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, and hormonal therapy) and their role in quality cancer care, including debunking myths and misunderstandings about these therapies. Lastly, Dr. Rowland will provide an overview on the Smith Center for Healing and the Arts and their signature retreats. Smith Center is a 23-year old nonprofit that provides integrative care services to cancer patients and their families in the heart of Washington, DC.

Dr. Rowland is a long-time clinician, researcher, and teacher in the area of psychosocial aspects of cancer. She has worked with and conducted competitively funded research among both pediatric and adult cancer survi-



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Julia H. Rowland, PhD

vors, as well as publishing broadly in psycho-oncology. Armed with a PhD in Developmental Psychology from Columbia University, Dr. Rowland completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and went on to hold joint appointments in pediatrics and neurology.

In 1990, Dr. Rowland moved to Washington, DC to become the founding Director of the Psycho-Oncology Program at Georgetown University and the Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. Nine years later, she was recruited to the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to become the first full-time Director of the Office of Cancer Survivorship. There she helped build national awareness of and generate funding for cancer survivorship research and care. Since retiring from the NCI in September 2017, Dr. Rowland has assumed the role of Senior Strategic Advisor to Smith Center for Healing and the Arts, where she hopes to bring the growing evidence-based best practices in quality survivorship care to the broader DC community.

In addition, Charity Sade, a stand-up comedian, writer, and instructor will talk about her diagnosis (pre-post and advocacy) and how comedy became a coping mechanism to help her heal. Sade has always used humor to get through difficult moments in her life, including her breast cancer diagnosis in 2013 at the age of 27. Diagnosed with Stage 3C Inflammatory Breast Cancer, or IBC, and BRCA 2 Positive, Sade is the Founder and Lead Facilitator of Coping Through Comedy. She works with people that have been affected by cancer, or other traumas, and teaches them how to use comedy and writing as a healthy coping mechanism. During the support group meeting, Sade will also lead and tell a comedic story.

Coping Through Comedy is a grassroots organization with the mission of using humor to create a safe space for people who are healing physically, mentally, and spiritually. When facing cancer or any challenging life experiences, laughter can lead to healing and connect us with others.

For information on the January meeting or the TDJBCF, visit www.tdjbreastcancerfund.org, email thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org or call 202-251-1639.

Friends of Titanic Memorial Park has joined Salt Watch

BY CORINNE IRWIN


Friends of Titanic Memorial Park, along with alumni of the Anacostia Watershed Stewards Academy, have joined Winter Salt Watch. This winter, we will be testing the waters of the Washington Channel and the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers to understand how much road salt travels into our waterways after storm events.

We are testing the waters in partnership with the Izaak Walton League, who explains:

Road salt (sodium chloride) is everywhere during winter months. It keeps us safe on roads and sidewalks, but it can also pose a threat to fish and wildlife as well as human health.

Fish and bugs that live in freshwater streams can't survive in extra salty water. And many of us (more than 118 million Americans) depend on local streams for drinking water. Water treatment plants are not equipped to filter out the extra salt, so it can end up in your tap water and even corrode your pipes.

Several of us in Southwest fish these



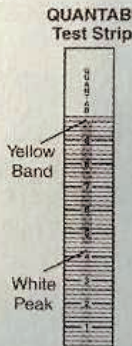
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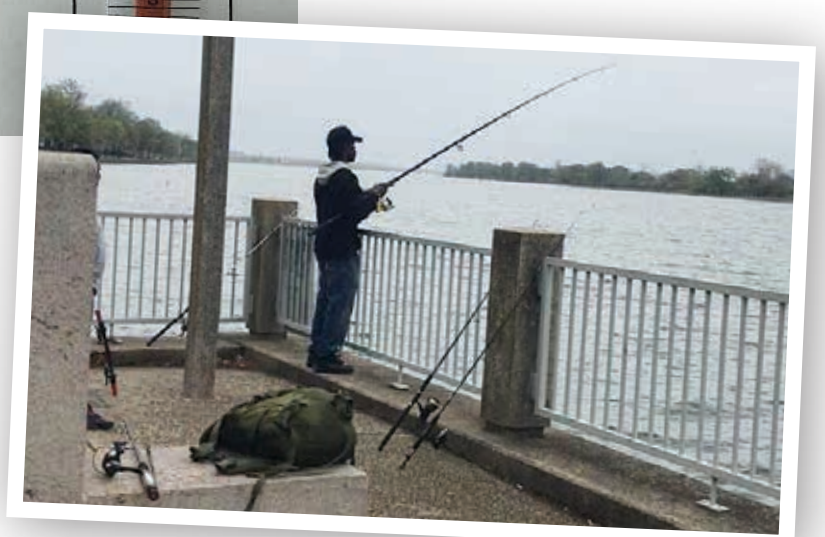
White Peak

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while we keep our rivers safe for fish and other wildlife.

Our baseline tests were performed from Nov. 26-29, and showed salinity within normal ranges at all four sites we are monitoring. Stay tuned throughout the winter as we test and report our results!

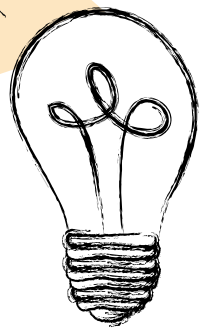
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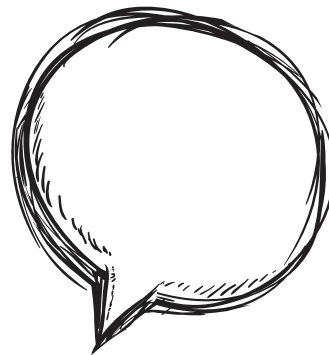
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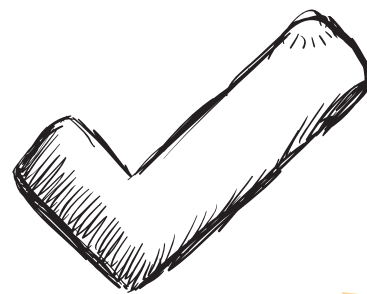
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Christine Spencer shows off her Brickie Award with Charles Allen

Christine Spencer of James Creek Resident Council Receives Brickie

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

On Dec. 5, a number of Ward 6 residents were honored at the 2019 Brickie Awards. The winners are selected based on their contributions

from a wide range of submissions, including nearly 100 nominations from Ward 6 residents submitted online. The event is open to all residents of Ward 6 and hosted

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Rev. Bledsoe and Former ESTF Scholarship Recipient Benjamin Sands who was literally drafted on the spot to perform background music at SWNA's holiday meeting at Arena Stage.

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Dale MacIver – In Memoriam

April 13, 1923 – November 25, 2019

Dale MacIver led “The Southwester” for 33 years, beginning in 1978. He got his first taste of journalism in junior high school, and in college became editor of the Duluth Collegian in 1941. While a business and law degree took his day job to Capitol Hill, he kept dabbling in various forms of publications throughout his life, continuing to serve as Editor Emeritus of “The Southwester” long after leaving the Editor-in-Chief position.

A point of pride for his time with “The Southwester” was the involvement of youth in the newspaper. He left a lasting impression on many young minds as he encouraged and supported countless community initiatives in Southwest, including providing many young adults with funds to continue their education. In 2012, he told Southwest’s Paul Heaton, “I don’t do anything that I didn’t learn in Sunday school. Obviously, the kids give a lot back to you, and the parents are very appreciative.”

As a result of declining health, Mr. MacIver peacefully passed away on Nov. 25 after eating breakfast. He will be well remembered for his vibrancy and a heart to serve the community.

A Memorial Service for Mr. MacIver will be held on Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 400 I St., SW.



What can I tell you about Mr. MacIver?

BY ALVIN BETHEA

What I can tell you about Mr. MacIver is – he was a good man. What comes to my mind now as I compose this is “philanthropist.” Mr. MacIver was always giving of his time, energy, money and talents to the black folks who lived in public housing.

I describe what Mr. MacIver did for SW like this: Mr. MacIver was the only white man to walk around and through the public housing properties of SW, back during the early 1980's. He was a positive force willing to help. I truly don't believe there is anyone who can say one bad thing about him. People can only say good things.

Mr. MacIver had a positive impact on a lot of people – both young and old. He chartered a bus and took public housing kids on college tours throughout the southern states; he gave many black kids jobs working the summer on Capitol Hill; he paid some kids' college tuition; he allowed some kids to work for and write articles for “The Southwester.” As memorialized in the archives of “The Southwester,” Mr. MacIver wrote many articles about the positive things that were going on in public housing.

As you can imagine, during the early 1980's, SW was experiencing a drug and crime epidemic. There was nowhere you couldn't turn and be confronted with

violence and drugs. It was a particularly scary time for white people to walk through and around these public housing units. Mr. MacIver walked alone and talked to people and found that “diamond in the rough.” He exposed young people to more than just their crime-ridden neighborhood and he gave plenty of kids hope that they could have a better future. When he wrote articles and published those articles in “The Southwester” newsletter about kids, I can't tell you how that brought joy to the community members' faces and hearts. Parents

and family members would read with joy and happiness and it gave them hope long, long before Obama.

One last thought, I am proud to say that my mother's house was probably the only house he went into in the SW public housing units. Mr. MacIver would walk around and through SW but he wouldn't go into anybody's house. And I don't blame him. But he would go into my mother's house and talk with my mother. Now, let me caution you my mother had a husband at this time and was a federal employee. My mothers' husband had no choice but to give Mr. MacIver the utmost

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Pulled from the archives of “The Southwester,” below is a list of quotes by those who were impacted by Mr. MacIver, over the years:

“Mr. MacIver might be 94, but he's ageless. He's given back for so long that you can't put a time on it.”

“I've been on this Earth 44 years and Dale is the best human I've ever met in my life.”

“Dale is one of the truly great pioneers in this community. Southwest for life.”

“A lot of families in Southwest had financial stability thanks to this single man.”

“Dale is the first person to ever teach me how to tie a tie.”

“Dale taught me how to get work the right way. How to earn money the right way. He taught me to save my money. I can't thank him enough.”

“Dale didn't have any ulterior motive. He was here for us.”

“I'm here today because of Mr. MacIver. This is a man I would give my life for. If I ever needed him there was no question he'd be there.”

“People said in the '80s Marion Barry had the youth work programs, but Mr.

MacIver is the person who got me my first job.”

“To this day I still have ‘The Southwester’ newspaper when Mr. MacIver put me in the newspaper.”

“When I went to college, I used to stand by the mailroom because I knew Mr. MacIver was going to take care of me and send me care packages.”

“I didn't have a father in my life. Dale was my father. Dale got me a job working for a congressman. Then he got me a job at a law firm.”

“If I had to pay Dale back, it would be impossible. He gave me my lifeline. He changed my life.”

“Dale made me a positive person; taught me to work hard; made me a strong person. He taught me to be a positive role model to the youth.”

“Dale is the reason I went on the career path I did. I've been at USA Today for the last 12 years thanks to Mr. MacIver.”

“You're talking about maybe 70 years in the community. If that's not an icon I don't know what is.”

ily members who embraced his value of paying forward. I have had the opportunity over the years of working with and being in touch with many of the lives that Dale touched, including mine, and are now serving in volunteer positions.

I know over a dozen SW or former SW residents who Dale impacted tremendously, including myself. Because of Dale, I became inspired and motivated to write for “The Southwester” in the early 1980s and never looked back. His inviting and welcoming me as a young writer did a lot for my self-esteem and overall confidence level to express myself in an open forum about issues and topics that mattered to me and others as well. This led me to write for other publications that published my articles. Originally, I was always reluctant to include

my name and phone number in an article for fear of receiving unwanted calls. I will never forget how Dale admonished me in that “classic Dale style with a grumpy sounding voice which clearly showed his dissatisfaction,” and said, “How can you be a commu-

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Reflections on Dale MacIver

BY THELMA D. JONES

When I think of Dale, I think of an advisor, a mentor, a griot and a person who truly cared about SW and the District of Columbia – its past, present and future – especially the SW youth and young adults. Talking to Dale at times about SW or the city was like a walk down memory lane, akin to listening to an oral history of the city and community for which he loved dearly. Dale witnessed the ebbs and tides of the community and the city and in my opinion, he always hoped that eventually the changes would benefit everyone equally. Dale was the epitome of philanthropy and through his generous giving of his time, talent and treasure, many youth and young adults have grown and prospered through receiving their degrees, finding a job, and becoming productive citizens and fam-



Winter Weather Safety Tips for Parents & Children

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Winter is a great time of the year for holiday celebrations, building snowmen, and staying warm by the fire. But winter can also bring freezing temperatures, icy roadways, and indoor fire hazards. Before sending children to play out in the snow, make sure everyone is bundled and warm!

Keep children and loved ones safe this winter by following these safety tips:

Stay Safe Outdoors

Many children look forward to playing outside in the snow. But, parents need to keep caution and safety in mind, and they should check on children regularly to ensure that they are warm and comfortable. Outside dangers include frigid wind chills, sledding accidents, low visibility, and winter sports injuries.

- Dress Children in Layers: Make sure to cover a child's head, neck, hands, and feet. **Babies and young children cannot regulate their body temperature**, so dress young children in an extra layer of clothing.
- Never dress young children in scarves or clothing with drawstrings, as these items can cause accidental strangulation.
- Learn the warning signs of *hypothermia*, which is abnormally low body temperature: Confusion, shivering, difficulty speaking, sleepiness, and stiff muscles.
- Designate safe areas for children to play in the snow and make sure they stay close to home. Never let kids play or go sledding in the street, even if there are no cars on the road.
- Make sure older children play outside in groups. Young children under 12 should never play outside without an adult present.
- Teach children about the dangers of cold weather, and make sure they know the warning signs for hypothermia and frostbite.
- Make sure children wear shoes with grippers on the bottom to avoid falls and injuries on ice and snow, especially if they're playing winter sports.

Stay Safe Indoors

Before the start of winter, make sure to have your heating system/furnace inspected and in good working order. If you're planning to use a space heater or radiator, be sure to place a baby gate around the unit and never let children play alone in a room with an external heater. The CDC says to "use electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements. Make sure to keep them away from any flammable materials, like curtains or blankets." And if the power goes out, "Use battery-powered flashlights or lanterns rather than candles. Candles can lead to house fires."

- Make sure all fireplaces have protective screens with no sharp edges. Teach children never to touch *hot* surfaces.
- Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors before the start of every season, especially if you plan to use external heat sources, such as kerosene heaters.
- Make sure children stay hydrated



with plenty of water and warm liquids. Make sure hot soup and beverages have time to cool down before serving to children.

- Make sure young children stay inside and away from heavy and dangerous snow shovels, snowplows, and snowblowers.
- Teach children the importance of handwashing to prevent the spread of germs and the flu virus.
- If the power goes out, make sure to have plenty of toys, games, books, batteries, snacks, and blankets to keep children entertained and warm.

Stay Safe While Traveling

Before heading out, make sure to check your local weather forecast for dangerous road conditions. AAA says to "Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage." And to "make certain your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread, and to keep at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle at all times."

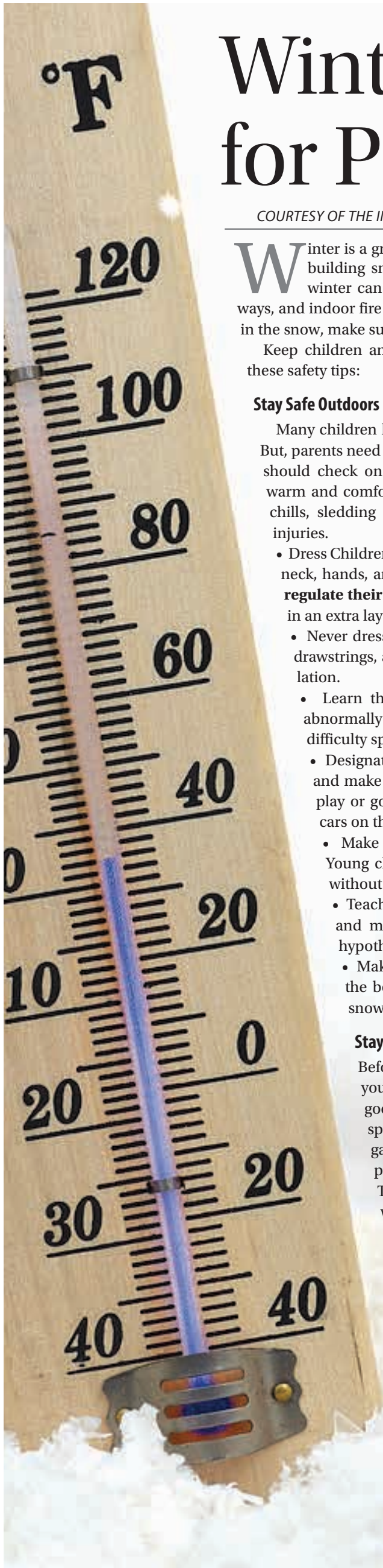
- Never strap young children into a car seat wearing a winter coat, as it lessens the effectiveness of the car seat. Instead, wrap a warm blanket around children after safely strapping them in.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle in case you become stranded in the snow. Kits should include warm blankets, flashlights, snacks, water, gloves, boots, a solar-powered cell phone battery, a first-aid kit, a small shovel, gravel/sand, and extra floor mats.
- Plan your emergency driving route. Know which roads will be off-limits during a storm, and choose safer roadways. Have a backup route to pick up your child at their child care program.

Safety for Child Care Programs

Child care providers should have open communication with parents if there is a winter weather warning in the area. Programs should also stock up on water, food, diapers, blankets, and medicine to ensure the safety of children and staff for at least 72 hours.

- Make sure your child care program has shelter-in-place protocols for inclement weather, as well as an updated parent handbook. Also, make sure to update your communication card so your child care program can get in touch with you during a weather emergency.
- Make sure your child care program outlines procedures for delayed openings, closings, and early dismissals.

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Meet Southwest's Newest ANC Commissioner

Exclusive Interview with Fredrica "Rikki" Kramer

BY MIKE GOODMAN

Fredrica "Rikki" Kramer has lived in Southwest for over 40 years, and has been an activist and advocate for much of that time. On Nov. 18, she was elected in a Special Election as the new Commissioner of SMD 05, winning with 53% of the vote.

She currently serves on the Near SE/SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC), DC Housing Authority's Greenleaf Advisory Committee, the Wharf Development Advisory Group, and is active in other areas as well.

Commissioner Kramer has worked in federal, state and local government, and research think tanks. She has a master's degree in urban planning, and master's and doctorate degrees in public administration.

Why did you decide to run for ANC?

This community's special mix of age, race, and income deserves notice and nurturing. I have been working for several years with CBCC, whose explicit mission is to maintain social diversity in redevelopment, helping to negotiate for community benefits toward that end. Joining the ANC is the chance to be at the front end when critical decisions are being made, and a logical step toward creating a more effective voice for the work I've been doing. This is also a way to bring my national perspective and expertise in urban and social policy down to the local level where I might have a direct impact. And I like to talk to people, hear their perspectives and concerns, find shared goals and figure out ways to achieve them.

What do you hope to accomplish in your first year as a Commissioner? How about over the long term?

I'd like to reach and engage the broadest set of constituents that I can as quickly as I can, and to begin to bridge the interests and perceptions of newcomers in our rapidly growing community with those who have been here for a while. This is the best way to address the potential loss through redevelopment, rapid expansion and gentrification, of real social integration – a hallmark of Southwest. Our Small Area Plan is a clear expression of a shared vision, but was produced before redevelopment had fully taken off and it is probably time to re-engage the community in that vision and try to join forces.

As we move forward, I hope to explore opportunities to create more amenities (e.g., playgrounds, dog parks, community gardens) to accommodate our changing population, preserve open space and improve community facilities that can serve a mix of residents. Neighborhood-serving businesses are still a scarce component of redevelopment plans, and many that are a part of new developments continue to struggle. I hope to explore new mechanisms to develop more such businesses and services, as well as different housing options to support a range of singles, couples and families. I also hope to



Courtesy of Fredrica Kramer

Fredrica "Rikki" Kramer

begin addressing the aggregate effects of redevelopment decisions on, for example, the number of below-market-rate and family-sized housing units and the status of open and common space, so that we might strengthen our ability to advocate for community benefits that effectively support diversity.

I hope we have the multi-modal transportation study the ANC has asked for completed quickly, so that we can deal more effectively with the continued congestion and competition between bikes and cars, and can have adequate surface and underground parking for those who need it. I hope also to see continuous improvement in our local schools so that those families who chose Southwest will stay here for the long term, and to see other accommodations in redevelopment so those Southwesters who have chosen to age in place can also stay here.

What do you see as some of Southwest's greatest opportunities, moving forward?

Southwest, including Buzzard Point, and Near SE, is undergoing the greatest redevelopment effort in the District. As much of the District struggles with gentrification and the often competing goals of growth and diversity, Southwest can develop models for development that can serve the whole District and other cities experiencing the same struggles. We are lucky to have a very strong and widely respected ANC, with years of knowledge and expertise among its members, and a shared vision for equitable development. But there is work ahead to expand the tools we can use to realize that vision.

Southwest also has a collection of world class archi-

ecture from its redevelopment in the 60s, as well as a rich history as home to low-income African Americans from the early 19th c on, and a port of entry for European immigrants. We still have opportunities to preserve some of that legacy, and have work ahead to get community endorsement.

What are some of the neighborhood's biggest challenges?

As we increase density and overall population, the number of below-market-rate units will become a smaller and smaller portion of the whole. It is also cheaper to build small units than those that may serve the mix of population that the community says it wants. As housing and services become generally more expensive, those of more modest means will be inevitably squeezed out unless the community's resolve is insistent and we find more ways to support the desired mix. As noted above, as so many new residents move to Southwest, we must find ways to integrate newcomers with longstayers, to create a shared vision for the community and to support redevelopment strategies that will not pit one against the other.

As Southwest becomes a destination rather than just a residential neighborhood, traffic congestion, parking, safe biking, and neighborhood-serving amenities are in increasing competition with strategies to serve visitors. It is easier for developers to create big, and costly, commercial spaces than to provide small, affordable, spaces to support neighborhood-serving businesses. We need to find new mechanisms (e.g., rent supplements, lease arrangements, commercial condos) to provide smaller and less expensive spaces in order to house neighborhood-serving retail and to maintain it for the long haul.

Buzzard Point is on the cusp of massive development and risks becoming an enclave for the more monied without effective advocacy for a mix of housing and services. There has yet to be an adequate plan for emergency services, schools and other amenities that can make this new community more inclusive. It is also geographically isolated by the two rivers on one end and relatively inaccessible without thoughtful traffic and transportation planning that does not put at risk the communities to its north through which most travelers to Buzzard Point must pass.

Tell us something else about yourself that we did not already know!

I have a bucket list full to overflowing with things I fantasize fulfilling if I ever formally retire: I was a violinist from childhood through most of my adult life, and recently inherited a fine instrument that begs to be warmed up; I have a book to finish on the role of religion and faith-based services in the public sphere; I have a kitchen waiting for an upgrade; and I am looking for a minder to make order out of the chaos of several organizational and writing projects that ooze out of my office. That last will probably never happen.

Amidon-Bowen Tutor of the Month: Una Yarsky

BY ROBERT ST. CYR

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: Una Yarsky! Learn more about Una:



Una Yarsky

Courtesy of Author

with my student. I was worried we wouldn't hit it off but I enjoy her personality and respect her work ethic.

What is one thing you enjoy, appreciate, or respect about your student (or students, but please be specific)?

I respect how my student is willing to take on challenge problems. She isn't deterred if she doesn't understand a concept at first, and is always willing to try again.

Why should other SW community

members consider joining the program as tutors next year?

The tutoring program is an excellent way to become more involved with the community.

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.

How long have you lived in SW?

I have lived in SW for 10 years.

What do you do in your professional life?

I am a student.

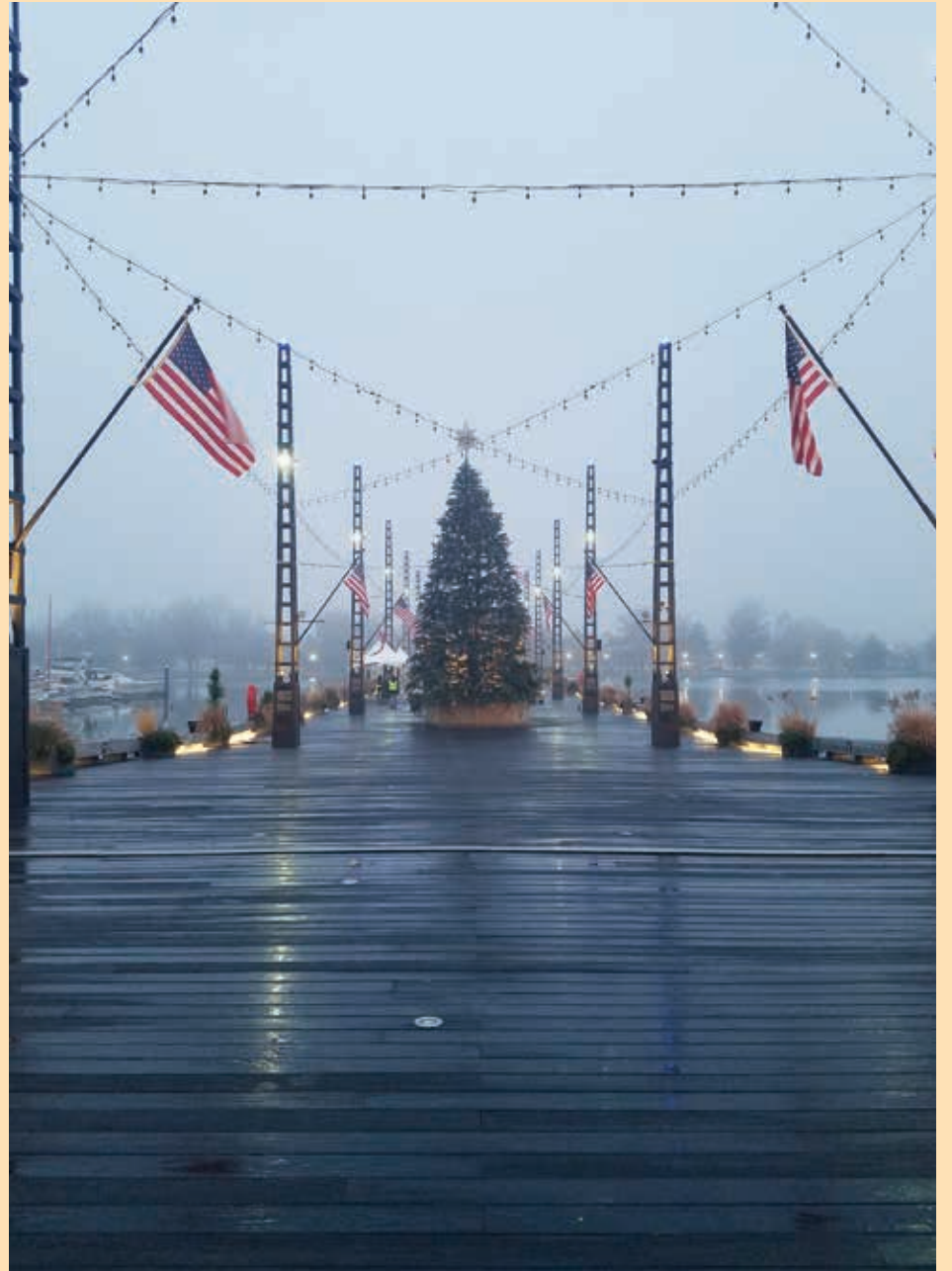
What made you get involved in the tutoring program at Amidon-Bowen?

I heard about the program through my neighbor and the program's director, Robert St. Cyr.

Describe your favorite moment so far from the program.

My favorite moment is my first meeting

Photo of the Month Winner: Idania Arteaga



The Wharf Christmas tree, crisscrossed by lights with honor guard of Americana against a backdrop of mist

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

Airship Orchestra Lights Up The Yards

BY UNA YARSKY

Since 2014, The Yards has hosted an art exhibit to celebrate the holidays and various artists. This year, they invited multimedia design studio ENESS to install the Light Yards project.

The installation, known as "Airship Orchestra," was a beautiful celebration of light, patterns, and music. The piece used inflatable structures and music created by artists at ENESS that combined technology and art. The inflated, animalistic structures each contain a speaker and lights. As music plays throughout the exhibit, the

inflated sculptures peer at the viewer and change color with Led lights.

The piece was a collaborative effort by several artists. Nimrod Weis, Joseph Flynn, Bruno Herfst, Adam Templton, and Bryon J. Scullin all contributed to the project. When asked to describe the Airship Orchestra in one sentence, Nimrod Weis wrote, "Landing in your town is a tribe of otherworldly characters beamed from the night stars." Weis explained he was inspired by Animism, the idea that inanimate objects have a soul. The artists at ENESS wanted to combine technology and Animism in order to create the

unique experience of the Airship Orchestra. The installation was available for people of all ages, and stayed at the Yards from Dec. 5-24.

Founded in 1997, ENESS is a design studio with installations that travel around the world. To Nimrod Weis, this piece is different. "There is something different about this work," he wrote, "there's a boldness and carefree nature to this piece, it was super fun to design and make."

To learn more about ENESS and their upcoming projects, you can check out their website, www.eness.com, or Instagram @studioENESS.

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by Councilmember Charles Allen. This is the 13th year for the event. This year, Charles Allen honored one of Southwest's very own with a Brickie.

The **Neighbor Award** went to: Christine Spencer, President, James Creek Resident Council!

For years, Christine Spencer has been an advocate and organizer for her neighbors living in James Creek, an affordable housing community in Southwest DC of

more than 250 homes. As the President of the Resident Council, Christine organizes holiday meals, ice cream socials, community meetings, and public safety walks.

And when a tragic shooting took place this past summer, Christine organized the community and instituted monthly public safety walks alongside Councilmember Allen's office and her neighbors. Christine has worked to bring on-site mental health professionals, organized community food drives, including holiday dinner distributions, school supply drives, and more.

MACIVER

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respect. My mother wouldn't have it any other way. One summer evening, as I was standing on my mother's front porch, I observed this white man come up my mother's walkway to her porch. I didn't

say anything. But he walked past me and was invited in by my mother. A few minutes later, I went into the house and saw my mother sitting in her favorite spot and Mr. MacIver seated. They were both comfortably seated. I then realized they just enjoyed each other's company and were just engaged in conversation about current events. RIP Ma and Mr. MacIver.

REFLECTIONS

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nity activist and be afraid to include your name and number? That doesn't make sense! People need to know who to contact if they have a question."

Dale unselfishly demonstrated that residents of different ethnicities could live together as he understood and deeply cared for the plight of the marginalized residents and felt that we all basically shared the desire to have a decent and safe home and neighborhood in which to live, an opportunity to be trained or educated in a way that would prepare us for a well-paying job with growth opportunities, proper clothing to wear, healthy food to eat and ways to remain healthy. Dale served as the editor for "The Southwester" for over 30 years and served on SWNA's Youth Activities Task Force (SWNA YATF) as one of its founding members. From this effort, more than 300 Southwest youth received summer jobs which did a lot to help with their growth and development as successful adults and good citizens. Several students from this program were assigned to places such as the World Bank Group over a five-year period. As a World Bank Group employee, I subsequently used the successful YATF model to pilot a similar summer internship program in 1999 at the World Bank Group with three students from Cardozo High School. At the time of my retirement in 2005, more than 125 students had participated in the summer internship program which still exists today. Consequently, Dale's efforts and the founders of the YATF Summer Jobs Program had far reaching impacts on other youth.

Some examples of the SW youth he touched are Lisa Matthews and her brothers Vincent and Vann Matthews (Lisa is a YATF poster child); Rhonda Hamilton who is now

a veteran ANC Commissioner (Rhonda was 14 when she started with YATF's summer jobs program); and Andre Wilkinson and Marcellus "Marty" Watson (both are YATF members) who often supported Dale in various youth activities in SW.

I will miss my advisor, mentor and friend. Interestingly, Dale never liked or enjoyed being in the limelight or the focus of attention. As a matter of fact, he hated it and if he got wind that he was going to be the center of attention, he wouldn't attend the event. YATF made several attempts over the years to have a fundraiser in his name or attempt to give him greater recognition; however, he would decline. He would at times accept the recognition if it focused on an effort that showed benefit for a greater good such as when he was honored by the DC Federation of Civic Associations for his civic activism and editor of "The Southwester." Growing weary of his interest in being recognized, YATF organized a celebration for him at Jenny's, one of his favorite places to dine, with the understanding that any donations would go to YATF. As the coordinator of the event, I witnessed a look on Dale's face that I rarely saw as he was truly grateful about the celebration and surprised at the attendance which was like a family reunion, as many of his civic friends and youth whose lives he had touched were there and saying, "Thank you Mr. MacIver!"

It's ironic that one of the things that Dale disliked the most - attention and being in the limelight - is what we are doing now and later to show our gratitude and appreciation for his generous philanthropic and caring ways for the city at large, but more specifically for Southwest and our many youth. Rest in Peace my friend, as you have greatly impacted my life as a civic activist and youth development leader. Our community and city will have a huge void without you!

DEMOLITION

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not begin before 7 a.m. Work hours of the demolition phase will be from 7 a.m.-dusk, currently 5 p.m. No Saturday work is planned during demolition.

Turner Construction and the Library are being vigilant about lowering the dust output and will water down the site at times to protect residents as much as possible. Recent rain storms have been helpfully providing additional water to minimize dust. All work is being completed within the fence-line.

A few of you asked about rodent issues that often plague new construction projects. The library was issued a rodent certificate the week prior to receiving the raze permit. With visions of Mickey Mouse's

face on a certificate in my head, I asked what exactly that meant. The certificate is provided to a site when it is viewed as rodent free. Turner Construction plans to keep it that way by managing waste produced on-site and to prohibit workers from having food and disposing of it on-site - a common source of rodent issues.

Representatives from Turner Construction and the Library will update ANC6D on a regular basis when the construction phase begins. We will also provide monthly updates in The Southwester.

As a reminder, the interim Southwest Library is the gray trailer at 425 M St. SW, between the Farmers Market and the new Modern on M building. You can pick up holds, get new library cards, renew a card, make copies, and use computers just as before.

SOUTHWEST MOMENT



Courtesy of Sandra J. Carroll

Mostly yellow at M & 3rd Sts. SW

Why Amidon-Bowen Elementary School?

Highlights from 2019 and Looking Forward to 2020

BY GRACE HU & ALLISON HARVEY,
PARENTS OF STUDENTS AT
AMIDON-BOWEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The DC Public School Lottery is now open. Applications are due on March 2. If you have a child entering pre-K next school year, here are a few highlights from Amidon-Bowen Elementary School (ABES):

Building Community: Following a partnership with Kindred, which facilitated dialogue about race and equity with parents, ABES parents formed the Visions of Integration, Building Equity (VIBE) group to continue the dialogue and support the success of all students. VIBE started a “Hello Campaign” to encourage parents to get to know each other. Amidon-Bowen also continues to strengthen its ties to the Southwest community, including local churches, businesses, and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA).

The Arts: Our choir, led by the award-winning Ms. Para Perry, continues to be in demand. Most recently, they performed at the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Wharf. In art class, students learned about the role of the sun



Courtesy of Amidon-Bowen PTA

Families discuss race and equity through Visions of Integration, Building Equity (VIBE)

in Mexican art as part of National Hispanic Heritage Month, and first graders recently traveled to the Italian Embassy to learn about artist Leonardo Da Vinci.

Giving Back and Showing Appreciation: Before Thanksgiving, our youngest stu-

dents (Pre-K and 1st grade) made sandwiches and cards for those in need in partnership with Central Union Mission. In October, students celebrated the retirement of our custodian, Mr. Jones, who has been an important member of

our community.

Rockin' it in Math: Amidon-Bowen was recognized for strong growth for all students in math during the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's All-Star School Tour. Our Math Team gives students the opportunity to work on creative math problems and participate in math competitions. Math Game Night this fall was a hit with our families.

Pre-Kindergarten Program: Recently, the ABES Pre-K program was ranked in the top five among DCPS programs. The ranking is based on external reviewers who conducted teacher observations. Another important change is that there is no early action option this year (which provided guaranteed access for in-boundary families) for Pre-K. However, there is a high chance for in-boundary families who put Amidon-Bowen as #1 to get a spot.

Learn More: Join us for an open house on January 15 from 9-10 a.m. or February 12 from 9-10 a.m. If you have questions, please e-mail amidonbowendc@gmail.com. We can't wait to meet you and show you what's happening at our neighborhood school.

CLOSES

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best known and only hardware store and bike shop (and Café, which I frequented several times a month):

Mary E. – I'm so sorry to see you all go. When the store opened two years ago it completely changed my life. Southwest DC had not had a hardware store for decades... you truly provided a much needed service and community gathering spot for everyone in our neighborhood.

Kristian K. – 6 years ago, you lent my brother and I bicycles when our bikes were stolen right before the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk was to start. You helped make a terrible situation disappear for the weekend and showed us, and many others, the kindness that does exist in this world. We are so sorry to hear the news of the store closing. I hope you all know what a difference you made in our world and the 3-Day Walk community. The news of what you did went viral in our pink world and pink family showed you how much it meant to us and them. We wish all the best for everyone.

Mel M. – Such incredibly sad news!!! First DC Row, and now one of the last places that actually gave The Wharf that true neighborhood feel. You all did our neighborhood a real service. Thank you for the great cups of coffee, cold beers, potting soil to bring our balcony to life, light bulbs, keys, numerous bike necessities and welcoming faces. You will truly be missed dearly!!!



Courtesy of Matthew Koehler

While disheartened by the closure some residents wondered if there wasn't something that could be done about it and offered suggestions moving forward:

Bob C. – My suggestion is ANC and other groups that can influence such things push for future 4th St SW development to include community-serving retail like this. More in the center of residential SW and with a supermarket, Subway, and All About Burger, more affordable options for most of us. We can't expect the Wharf to be something it isn't nor to draw customers that find it inconvenient.

Following a few threads I found online,

I discovered lots of Southwesters had emailed PN Hoffman, the developers who own and manage the property, to see if something could be done to save District Hardware, but there were no promising responses.

I contacted Monty Hoffman to see if there were any efforts being made to save the hardware store and this is the response I received from their press office:

Like others in the Southwest community, we are saddened by the Conway Family's decision to close District Hardware & Bike Shop and Velo Café. The Wharf is founded on the principle of support-

ing locally-owned and operated businesses and continues to be fully committed to supporting all its retailers.

Several of the community members I talked to blamed high rent at The Wharf as being a possible culprit, and pointed to other locally owned business being pushed out due to not making rent.

Another problem might have been that with the high percentage of rentals, not housing people can own, especially down at The Wharf, people don't need materials and tools for DIY home projects. That sort of work would get contracted out to contractors, who wouldn't use a neighborhood hardware store for materials. Perhaps, one Nextdoor commenter suggested, a different location would've served the neighborhood better:

Pat R. – This is sad news. Wonder if they could leave the Wharf and move to 4th Street? It would certainly feel more like a community hardware store. The visitors to the Wharf certainly don't need a hardware store or maybe not a grocery store. But our community away from the Wharf sure does; it adds to our grocery store, library, and less costly places that every neighborhood needs. Sorry to see it close.

The Southwester reached out to District Hardware and Bike for comment but did not get a reply.

District Hardware and Bike was opened in Foggy Bottom in 1971 by Neil Conway. With their closure at The Wharf, they close out almost 50 years of serving the DC community and making good memories with their patrons.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

THURS 2, 4:30 P.M. TEEN TIME: TikTok Workshop. Discuss strategies and ideas for creating awesome TikTok content and get feedback on videos you've already done. Ages 13-19. SW Library, 425 M St. SW, (202) 724-4752

FRI 3, 10:30 A.M. New! Toddler. New Year's Handprint Fireworks. Join us for an age-appropriate craft celebrating the start of the new year. Practice fine motor skills, creativity, and problem solving with a masterpiece to take home at the end of our time together. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

FRI 3, 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 4, 11:00 A.M. Southwest Saturdays: Bullet Journals. Kick off the new year with a fresh bullet journal. Get guidance from bujo vets and the original guide, The Bullet Journal Method. Limited notebooks and materials available. Ages 6 and up. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SUN 5, 6:30 P.M., Religious Movie Seminar. The Apocalypse, Richard Harris, Vittoria Belvedere, Benjamin Sadler (2000, 2002). St. Dominic's Parish Center, basement of Priory at 630 E St. SW

WED 8, 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 9, 4:30 P.M. Teen Time: DIY Buttons. Use our button making kit to design custom and personalized buttons. Ages 13-19. SW Library

THURS 9, 6-7:15 P.M. Yoga Nidra led by Pamela Wilson. Relax and renew your body and mind with Yoga Nidra. No experience necessary. Bring padding and cover. \$10 donation suggested. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW

SAT 4 & 18, 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

MON 6, 6:30 P.M. Grief Group, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW (202) 554-3222

FRI 10, 10:30 A.M. Toddler Time: Snowman Craft. Join us for an age-appropriate craft celebrating winter and snow. Practice fine motor skills, creativity, and problem solving with a masterpiece to take home at the end of our time together. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SAT 11, 11:00 A.M. Southwest Saturdays: Color Club. Come color with us! Fun coloring pages and utensils provided. All ages. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SAT 11, 7-9 P.M. Faith & Film presents The Price. A young Nigerian-American financier struggles with love, family, and a prescription drug dependency as his ambitions steer him down a criminal path. Snacks and beverages served. Donations accepted. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SUN 12, 11 A.M. Worship with Bokamoso. Join us for stirring Praise and Worship led by the South African Youth group Bokamoso on tour in the US. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SUN 12, 6:30 P.M., Religious Movie Seminar. ST PATRICK: The Irish Legend. Patrick Bergin, Luke Griffin, Malcolm McDowell, Alan Bates. (2000).

SUN 19, 6:30 P.M., Religious Movie Seminar. FRANCESCO, Mickey Rourke, Helena Bonham Carter (1989) Winner of Several European Awards & One of the Vatican's Top 15 Religious Films. St. Dominic's Parish Center, basement of Priory at 630 E St. SW.

MON 13, 7 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting. 1100 4th St. SW, 2nd Floor. www.anc6d.org

TUES 14, 2:00 P.M. Yarn Wrapped Letter Craft. Cozy-up your wall space with a yarn wrapped letter. Keep for your own home décor or give as a gift to a loved one. Ages 18+. SW Library

WED 15, 9-10 A.M. Amidon-Bowen Elementary School OPEN HOUSE for prospective and current families. 4th & I Sts. SW

WED 15, 12 P.M., The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter #4751 will host ANC6D05 Commissioner Fredrica, "Rikki" Kramer at its 12 noon Annual Luncheon Business Meeting. PROGRAM-A Community Conversation With Commissioner Fredrica Kramer. Everyone is welcome to join us and learn about community matters, programs, and initiatives in support of and benefitting adults age 50 and over and all of the residents of Washington, D.C., Location: River Park Mutual Homes South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, Street Parking available and Waterfront Metro, (Green Line) two blocks away. Lunch Available: COST: \$5.00. For further information contact bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 554-0901

WED 15, 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, 15, 6 P.M., Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund Celebratory Launch of its first meeting for 2020 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW. Topic of discussion is advocacy. Guest Speaker Julia H. Rowland, Ph.D, Senior Strategic Advisor, Smith Center for Healing and the Arts, will discuss the meaning and importance of advocacy, complementary or integrative therapies and their role in quality cancer care, including debunking myths about these therapies. Also, Speaker Charity Sade, Founder and Lead Facilitator of Coping Through Comedy, will discuss her diagnosis (pre and post and advocacy) as a 27 year-old Stage 3C Inflammatory Breast Cancer and BRCA 2 Positive Survivor. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided. RSVP required by Friday, Jan. 10, to thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org or call (202) 251-1639

THURS 16, 4:30 P.M. Teen Time: Friendship Bracelets. Forward knots, backward knots, and cross-diagonal patterns. Create a bracelet token to represent your friendship or a new accessory for yourself with our friendship bracelet kit. Ages 13-19. SW Library

FRI 17, 10:30 A.M. Toddler Time: Mitten Craft. Join us for an age-appropriate craft celebrating the things that keep us warm in the colder months. Practice fine motor skills, creativity, and problem solving with a masterpiece to take home at the end of our time together. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

FRI 17, 6 P.M.-9 P.M. 21st Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser: A Legacy-Maker Session. Jazz galore with the best swing artist that the DMV has to offer. Tickets \$20. Dinner for sale. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SAT 18, 11:00 A.M. Southwest Saturdays: Friendship Bracelets. Forward knots, backward knots, and cross-diagonal patterns. Create a bracelet token to represent your friendship or a new accessory for yourself with our friendship bracelet kit. Ages 6 and up. SW Library

SUN 19, 6:30 P.M., Religious Movie Seminar. FRANCESCO, Mickey Rourke, Helena Bonham Carter (1989) Winner of Several European Awards & One of the Vatican's Top 15 Religious Films. St. Dominic's Parish Center, basement of Priory at 630 E St. SW

WED 22, 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 23, 4:30 P.M. Teen Time: Career Talk. Talk about your career goals, get guidance for your future, and find out what resources the library has to offer. Ages 13-19. SW Library

THURS 23, 7-8:30 P.M. Monthly Meditation and Labyrinth Walk with live music. Meet the artist at the end of the program. Free to the public. Westminster Presbyterian Church

FRI 24, 10 A.M.-Noon. The Wharf will hold a Phase 2 Construction Job Fair for DC Residents. Southwest DC. (www.wharfdc.com). In partnership with the DC Department of Employment Services, Councilmember Charles Allen, and the DC Housing Authority (DCHA), the Job Fair will be held in at the DCHA DC EnVision Center/Southwest Family Enhancement & Career Center, 203 N St. SW. **Pre-Apprenticeship training is offered** by Building Futures through a special program developed by The Wharf in cooperation with the DC Housing Authority, Court Services, and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) and the DC Department of Employment Services (DOES). A representative of Building Futures will attend the Job Fair.

FRI 24, 10:30 A.M. Toddler Time: Lion Craft. Join us for an age-appropriate craft celebrating the king of the jungle. Practice fine motor skills, creativity, and problem solving with a masterpiece to take home at the end of our time together. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

FRI 24, 11:30 A.M NARFE Chapter 2052 Luncheon START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT. Chat & chew and meet members and win Door prizes. 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, Community room on first floor. Luncheon is \$25 per person. Please send check by Jan. 11, made to NARFE Chapter 2052 and mail to: Mrs. Bernice J. Oden 1201 Chaplin St. SE, Washington DC 20019. Bernice Oden (202) 584-3186. Email: tiger376@juno.com Christine Vaughn (240) 481-0330. Email: CVaughnmk@aol.com

SAT 25, 11:00 A.M. Southwest Saturdays: Uno Tournament. Play a few rounds of the popular card game, Uno. Ages 6 and up. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SUN 26, 6:30 P.M., Religious Movie Seminar. THE HUNCHBACK, Richard Harris, Salma Hayek, Mandy Patinkin. (1997) St. Dominic's Parish Center, basement of Priory at 630 E St. SW

TUES 28th, 7:30 P.M. Job Club. Looking to do some networking, get advice on your resume, or commiserate with other job-seekers? Join us for this and more alongside light refreshments. Ages 18+. SW Library

THURS 30, 4:30 P.M. Teen Time: No-Sew Scrunchies. Design and create a scrunchie that's all you, no sewing required. Materials available. (If you choose to BYO fabric, please ensure measurements are at least 16x4") Ages 13-19. SW Library

THURS 30, 7:00 P.M. True Crime Book Club: American Predator by Maureen Callahan. Told in expert journalism by Maureen Callahan, American Predator tracks the cryptic and obscure serial killer, Israel Keys. Join us and other true crime fans for conversation and light refreshments. Books available for checkout at Southwest Library. Ages 18+. SW Library

FRI 31, 10:30 A.M. Toddler Time: Snowy Owl Craft. Join us for an age-appropriate craft celebrating this beautiful bird. Practice fine motor skills, creativity, and problem solving with a masterpiece to take home at the end of our time together. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

TUES, 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

THURS, 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

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

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

ALZHEIMER'S ASSN CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, 4th Thursdays of the month. 11 A.M.-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 for fun arts and crafts. (1/6: Friendship Pins, 1/13: Donut-Scented Soap, 1/27: Magnet Craft) For children ages 6-12. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW. Please note there will be no Arty Afternoons on Monday, Jan. 20. 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. Please note there will be no Baby/Toddler Story Time on Monday, Jan. 20.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE, (Inquire within if you would like to join) Monday-Friday 5-8 P.M. Saturday Noon-3:30 P.M. 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

Board Game Bonanza, Monday-Friday, 4-6 P.M. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

BREAD FOR LIFE, Sundays, 8-8:45 A.M. Free 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 A.M.-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. \$5 donation

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

CREATIVE ARTS A/A, Wednesdays, 7 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, 6-7 P.M. Ages 18+, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

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

FOOTBALL 8+, 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

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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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at Diamond Teague Park (in SE across from the baseball stadium)

HAND DANCING, Saturdays, 1-3 P.M. Ages 55 and older. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

HOMEWORK CLUB, Tuesdays, 4 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. SW Library

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

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

The KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, every 1st and 3rd 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/ tsoj)

KREATIVE KIDZ (ages 7-13), Mondays, 4-5 P.M., King Greenleaf

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

OPEN GYM, (Adult Play), Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:30-1 P.M., Saturdays 10 A.M.-Noon, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

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. Filled with stories and activities that promote and develop language skills and imagination, these programs encourage children to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning. SW Library

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

PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Ages 18+, 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! Children and their grownups will explore stories and activities to encourage children to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning. 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: mowdc@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 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 3rd Wednesday at 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 Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or (202) 554-0901

SOUTHWEST SATURDAYS, Saturdays, 11 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

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

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

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

SW WATERFRONT HOOKS AND NEEDLES GROUP, Mondays 1-3 P.M. SW Interim Library. All hook/needle/fiber crafters welcome!

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

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, 1-2 P.M. All ages. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

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

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

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

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

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, 7-9 P.M. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments provided. Christ United Methodist Church

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sundays, 10-10:45 A.M. Resistance Bible Study. 11 A.M. Worship Services featuring gospel, jazz & blues bands. All Welcome to share in inspiring worship; Godly play for youngsters. Ages: 4-12. Noon Happy Half Hour

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

YOGA WITH PAMELA WILSON, WEDNESDAYS, 8 A.M. Relax and renew your body and mind. No experience necessary. Bring padding and cover. \$10 Donation suggested. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

YOUNG AT ART (art class for 55 and older) Wednesdays, 1-2:30 P.M. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, Thursdays, 5:30-7 P.M. Enrichment Program for girls, Ages: 6-12. Michelle Edmonds, Game/Art Room at King Greenleaf Recreation Center

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