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In Southwest, Blocks from the January 6 Insurrection

outhwest found itself uncomfortably close to the events of Jan. 6, when an insurrectionist mob temporarily took over the US Capitol building in an attempt to either install Donald Trump as President-elect or mindlessly break laws and halt a constitutional process.

There had been multiple marches on Washington by violent extremist groups in the weeks preceding Congress' certification of the 2020 Presidential election results, and those had resulted in violence and injuries. As a result, the neighborhood was on edge when radicals descended on Washington, again, but this time invaded and ransacked the US Capitol.

In December, the Proud Boys - an extremist group the Canadian govern-See "Insurrection," page 6



On January 6, a mob incited by former President Trump and allies in Congress stormed The Capitol, which resulted in weeks of a militarized lockdown leading up to the Inauguration.

The Anacostia Stays Clean with Policy and Ingenuity

BY MASAYA MAEDA, ANACOSTIA **WATERSHED SOCIETY**

ith a decade of data to show for it, the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) is seeing a huge decrease in one of the river's most significant pollutants: expanded polystyrene foam - also known as EPS or Styrofoam. Thanks to local and statewide legislation and the efforts of volunteers, the average amount of EPS dropped from 22% in the first 2 years of work to 3% in 2020! The highest percentage of the foam was 37% in December 2011, and the lowest has been 1% in November 2019 and June 2020.

This significant reduction in EPS pollution was achieved through policy and an engineering project called Trash Trap.

The Anacostia Watershed Society's Trash Trap program captures trash and debris in the river and is periodically emptied by AWS staff and volunteers. The volunteers then sort through the piles of



Photo courtesy of Anacostia Watershed Society

Nash Run Trash Trap on March 9, 2015. Photo was taken before the foam bans and many EPS (Styrofoam) pieces are visible.

both natural debris and human-generated trash to categorize it and record the weights, counts, and volume of what is found. Without the help from volunteers for what is typically a tedious task, we could not continue this effort. The data is reported back to the DC Department of Energy and Environment and used in our annual State of the River Report Card.

Since its inception in 1989, the Anacostia Watershed Society, along with its volunteers, has removed 1,405 tons of trash from the Anacostia River. Through cleanup events like our annual Earth Day Cleanup, volunteers from all over the watershed have spent thousands of hours cleaning up our shorelines and streams. Unfortunately, what we would then witness is those same places becoming filled with trash again after a big rain. It became clear that we had to stop the trash from entering the river in the first place.

In 2009, AWS installed a trash trap in See "Anacostia," page 16



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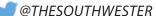
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A City on Edge

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

outhwest and Navy Yard's proximity to the US Capitol made it the center of attention in January during the lead-up to inauguration, both by the media and by added security forces. The size of the military presence was increased from 10,000 to 25,000 troops following the Jan. 6 insurrection, and added security measures such as seven-foot fencing were



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delivered six days before planned.

Mayor Muriel Bowser said in an interview on CBS's "60 Minutes," which aired on Jan. 16, that the timeline for adding these precautions was accelerated because extremists have been "planning events leading up to" the Jan. 20 inauguration ceremony. Bowser told CBS reporter Scott Pelley the DC government wanted to display a "posture that discouraged people from coming" – especially the "extremist groups."

The tension of the days leading up to Inauguration and the presence of the mil-



Above: The area under the freeway where the blaze took place

At left: Smoke and flame appear from under the SW-SE Freeway

itary left the city on edge. On the morning of Jan. 18, one incident reflected the anxiety. The tent of an unhoused person under the interstate near Garfield Park caught fire. Video footage and

photographs captured by news outlets showed flame reaching up to the bridge and smoke billowing out from underneath onto the interstate.

A Metropolitan police officer told *The Southwester* that an unhoused person had used a propane heater, which caused the tent to catch fire. Though unhoused neighbors in the District are told how dangerous that kind of heater is, the police officer said it was cold enough they felt the need to take the chance. The low temperature on Jan, 18, was 37°, with moderate winds.

The blaze caused participants of a

rehearsal for the Biden Inauguration to be evacuated. In an alert, the US Secret Service said, "Out of an abundance of caution the U.S. Capitol complex was temporarily shut down." The agency added there was "no threat to the public."

The individual whose belongings were burned was quickly offered assistance by Remora House DC, an outreach group that provides supplies for unhoused people in Washington. The group tweeted later that morning that only one person's belongings were burned, but that they were "super upset and [needed] space." The relief for local residents that may have come in learning that the initially mysterious fire was not the handiwork of terrorists or extremists, was dashed by the sorrow of seeing all of a neighbor's belongings destroyed on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Launch of the Neal Peirce Foundation

BY ANDREA PEIRCE

n December 2019, Southwest lost one of St. Augustine's founding members: Neal Peirce. Peirce was a lifelong journalist who moved to Southwest in the 1960s. He is also recognized as one of the founders of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA).

Overthepastyear, the Peirce family has begun the work of establishing a foundation in Neal's name to help perpetuate the urban solutions journalism work he championed for so long.

Starting in 2021, the foundation will award travel grants to young journalists in the U.S. writing about

Neal Peirce



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novel approaches to health disparities, social injustice and inequity, climate change, and other challenges.

The foundation is a D.C. non-profit corporation in the process of applying for 501(c)(3) status. To make a donation, please send a check (of any amount) written out to The Neal Peirce Foundation at:

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Op-Ed: Participate in the SW Community Survey Today!

BY SOUTHWEST DC ACTION

s members in our community, we have become deeply concerned by the rate of inequitable change in the Southwest-Waterfront neighborhood. Rampant redevelopment in today's Southwest is reminiscent of the 1950s and 1960s, when 90% of Southwest was demolished. The subsequent rebuilding displaced many, including thousands of longtime African American families in the neighborhood.

Founded in the fall of 2019, **Southwest DC Action** is a group of more than 30
Southwest neighbors who are organizing and advocating for anti-racist development, as well as an equitable and environmentally sustainable neighborhood. We have five discussion workgroups: Community Development, History and Culture, Environment and Climate Resiliency, Housing, and Youth. Our workgroups all meet together once a month to organize, advocate, and take action.

The Community Development work-

group would like to hear and learn what types of businesses or community organizations Southwest residents find to be most important for ensuring a healthy, inclusive, and thriving neighborhood. To do so, the workgroup created a short survey that we invite all of our fellow community members to take. Through the survey, you can identify businesses and organizations you value and/or would like to see in Southwest. We plan to use the results from this survey to inform and drive what we ask and advocate for from Southwest's Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC), the DC Council, and DC government more broadly.

This survey is completely anonymous and takes about 5 minutes to complete. We hope to receive more than 100 responses that represent our diverse community and will share survey results in a future article. If you have questions about the survey, please email swdcaction@gmail. com or call 202.643.2130.

To share your ideas, go here to take the survey - bit.ly/swdcjan21.

What does Community Development mean to Southwest DC Action?

ommunity development means creating an equitable, vibrant, diverse, economically healthy community with services that meet the needs of the people who live here. Our vision for Southwest is a community in which all residents have access to all the basic services and there is a thriving local business community. There would also be many multi-use, open and vibrant spaces that are inviting to all residents

Here's what we look for in community development:

- Businesses should meet the community needs and focus on being locally owned and small.
- Open spaces for socializing, recreation, small businesses (e.g. farmer's markets), and entertainment all important to community health
- There must be recreational opportunities for all ages with inclusive accessibility options for all residents.

- development an equitable, west should include investments in open spaces, including parks, recreational fields, and communal spaces.
 - Community WiFi should be made available and free to low-income district residents.
 - Families need accessible and affordable childcare and early childhood education.
 - To be an equitable community, Southwest youth need employment opportunities and training.
 - The Southwest Business Improvement District (SWBID) should include representatives from all parts of the community and be racially and socially diverse.
 - Southwest should have more community gardens, edible landscaping, and community-maintained flower/green beds.

Do you agree? Let us know your ideas and learn more by visiting our website: www.swdcaction.com

Corrections to Amidon-Bowen Plans for Term 3 In-person Learning

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

Editor's Note: In the January 2021 issue of The Southwester, we printed an article about the term 3 opening at Amidon-Bowen elementary school that contained some errors. This article is the corrected version.

change for parents and students in the DCPS community. For the first time since learning went virtual, public schools across the District will begin offering more in-person learning (IPL). Amidon-Bowen ES will also chart a path through these unknown, unpredictable waters. Here's what we know so far and what you need to know for the coming school year.

In-person learning isn't starting Feb. 1, but already started on Dec. 2 with two CARE (Canvas Academics and Real Engagement) classrooms: one 2nd/3rd grade room and one 4th/5th grade room. Just over a dozen students have attended the CARE classrooms on a daily basis, 10 students in grades 2-3 and four in grades 4-5. Due to COVID restrictions, class sizes of 12+ are prevented. One hundred percent of students and staff were/are able to participate in asymptomatic testing.

Moving forward, there has been some tension between DCPS, teachers, and parents about what the next steps are, and not everyone is on the same page. Since the start of the pandemic, many parents and teachers have pointed out the lack of a coherent plan and transparency, with primary stakeholders (parents and school staff) not being heard. "No one reasonable making decisions would make decisions this way," said one parent at a recent meeting about the reopening.

According to a Community Core Survey (done in early-mid December – more information below), out of 49 current responses 45% of parents said they would return for IPL and 50% of parents said that keeping their homeroom teacher is important, while 23% said they would not return if it meant losing their homeroom teacher. These results were skewed towards the lower grades.

Based on the data received from the survey, parents and school staff indicated that preserving their current homeroom teachers is very important.

After a difficult and chaotic spring semester during the beginning of the pandemic, with app and login problems, the digital divide (which *The Southwester* covered in June and is an ongoing problem throughout DCPS), as well as the hiccups of the first few weeks of the 2020-2021 school year this fall, parents and staff indicated that maintaining the rapport and relationships built between students and teachers over the last few

months is key to student success going forward. The staff has also indicated that changing content and grade levels is not preferable. Though some said they'd be willing to make the change.

Based on the ABES Draft Plan Rationale, the school wants to have "all eligible teachers lead both [IPL] and [distance learning]," which Amidon-Bowen says will maintain "continuity" in case COVID forces everyone to return to distance learning at a short notice. According to the Draft Plan, the school wants to implement half-day IPL schedules for Pre-K (PK) in order to keep virtual attendance low

Amidon is able to accommodate more IPL students while sticking to safety guidelines.

What is relevant, here, is that teachers who are a part of the Washington Teacher's Union (WTU) "may be assigned to in-person work – unless approved of federally protected leave." In such a case, IPL staffing will consist of teachers without federally protected leave, who may be forced to return against their will if the demand is greater than the number of teacher volunteers.

For now, on February 1 the school plans to open 14 IPL classrooms and maintain the two CARE classrooms. Families who have already accepted an IPL seat have first priority. Following that, students that are experiencing homelessness, ESL learners or students with individualized learning plans, as well as atrisk students will have next priority.

Principals will be able to appeal for students with unique needs to help ensure they are offered an IPL seat. For term 3, there is no cap on the number of students that can be appealed but "those requests will be reviewed and approved by Instructional Superintendents."

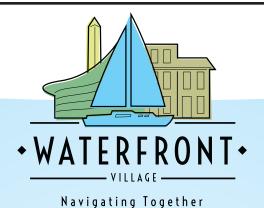
Currently, the Draft Plan indicates that the model will look like this:

- in-person PK will be dismissed at noon
- kindergarten-5th grade in-person will observe a staggered schedule: arrival: 8:15-9 a.m.; dismissal: 3-3:30 p.m.

With this model, one teacher will teach both IPL and virtual lessons all week for PK and kindergarten (often with support staff). Student schedules may change, but small group instruction will continue to be prioritized. For K-5, though, students will be grouped in small rotations, so teachers will flip between IPL students and virtual students. For example, two second grade teachers will each teach one group of kids, either in-person or online, then they will swap and teach another group of kids.

So, what will be different? Right now, teachers are currently drafting new schedules, which will be shared with par-

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Final Improvements Underway at 3rd & I Street Park

BY FELICIA COUTS, 25-YEAR RESIDENT OF SOUTHWEST, PARK PARTNER PROJECT MANAGER

ust before Christmas 2020, construction fencing was erected at the 3rd & I Street Park to complete Phase II improvements to the park. Thanks to Councilmember Charles Allen, the additional \$500,000 in funding needed to complete Phase II was budgeted in 2018 and the work was scheduled to be completed in tandem with the completion of the last stages of the new Southwest Library.

The work will include stormwater



Above: Improvements are underway at 3rd & I Street Park

At left: The playground is enjoyed by many Southwest residents at 3rd & I Street

Courtesy of Author

become the primary access point.

It has taken many years to get to this point. In 2010, a group of neighbors dreamed

together about how to improve the park space in front of the old Southwest Library, "the Library Park." The space was dark at night and overgrown with trees which were in sore need of pruning or removal. The sidewalks were severely cracked and uneven, making it almost impassable by some with mobile disabilities, and the three land masses were eroding and contributing to flooding and a mosquito nuisance in the park whenever it rained. This park-also the sister park to the Southwest

Duck Pond-had been severely ignored, and made the community feel unsafe.

In August 2014, with the foundational support of the SE/SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC), DPR, and the tireless effort, support and donations of our residents, community leaders, and local businesses-including CBCC Founder Rev. Ruth Hamilton, the late ANC6D representative, Ron McBee, Station 4 Restaurant, and the Mandarin Oriental Hotel-a major transformation began: trees were pruned or removed and brand new playground equipment, new benches, and trash cans were purchased and installed. Since then, the playground at the 3rd & I Street Park has been used by countless children and their parents as a

haven for laughter and as a meeting place for families in the community.

The playground, while a refreshing start, was not the end of the community's plan for this site. The goal was always to re-active the entire park for the entire community, regardless of age. Therefore, DPR transferred the budgeted \$500,000 using a Memorandum of Understanding to DC Public Library so that the work could occur seamlessly under one contract in conjunction with the new library. All work will be completed by Perkins & Will Architects and Turner Construction, and is set to be completed by the Spring

Congratulations Southwest! Together, we did it!

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has advised that the rounded curved area in front of the playground is a design change pushed by the Department of Energy and Environment for a bioretention area that will contain indigenous plants. The ADA-compliant ramp from the Wesley Place side of the playground will

management, retaining walls, and new

walkways, among other improvements.

INSURRECTION

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ment is considering deeming a terrorist organization – defaced property at a historic African American church in Northwest Washington, burning a Black Lives Matter flag. So when another wave of the former President's most radical supporters returned in early January, tensions were high in Southwest.

The neighborhood is home to numerous churches with largely African American congregations that display anti-racist signs on their property.

Ward 6 residents voted for Joseph R. Biden and Kamala Harris for President and Vice President, respectively, by over 90%, compared to less than 7% for Donald Trump and Michael Pence, according to the DC Board of Elections.

Apart from being subjected to often maskless visitors - amid a pandemic -

much of DC south of the SW-SE Freeway suffered no property damage. Ruth Hamilton, co-pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, told *The Southwester* their place of worship was not damaged, and no signs appeared to be taken from other churches. The Business Improvement Districts of Southwest and Capitol Riverfront also told the newspaper no property damage was reported.

Nearby East Potomac Tennis Center (EPTC), however, was not so lucky. The park, located across the Washington Channel from the Wharf, is home to parking lots, tennis courts, and mini golf, among other things. Early in the morning of Jan. 7, EPTC General Manager Sam Hughes sent out an email that said for "the safety of our staff and patrons," the facility was closed "due to vandalism on our property and parking lot." Hughes wrote the damage occurred "likely as a result of the protests occurring in downtown DC." Hughes wrote his office had

decided to "not open the facility on Thursday, January 7." He anticipated it would be open again on Jan. 8, however.

The week of the insurrection was tense, and emotions were high in Southwest. Following the events at the Capitol Building - less than a half mile from countless homes and families - Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen issued a letter to his constituents calling the pro-Trump extremists "rioters" and "armed domestic terrorists." Allen announced he had written a letter to US Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund charging him with "sweeping failures to perform the agency's core mission as an armed insurrection took over the United States Capitol." The letter said the security failures of Jan. 6 put Allen's "constituents at great personal risk," and in the email to constituents, he lamented the murder of a Capitol Police officer, Brian Sicknick. Allen wrote in his letter to Sund that he had "grave concerns" about his "leadership." After widespread public

pressure and scrutiny, Sund resigned the following day, Jan. 8.

Allen's letter also called out the treatment of the pro-Trump rioters by Capitol PD, who were largely permitted entrance "because of the color of their skin." Allen added that many "peaceful protestors, visitors, and District residents have not been similarly welcomed on or around the Capitol grounds."

Allen's email to constituents also addressed security failures arising from the District of Columbia not having statehood. He wrote that although the National Guard and partners in Virginia and Maryland are supplementing security forces in the capital, "unlike any other state, DC is unable to command its own National Guard." Allen said DC leaders must instead "ask for permission from the federal government – which was initially denied." He called this lack of authority "one more reason we need DC Statehood."

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The Martin Luther King. Jr. Memorial, The National Mall, Washington, D.C.

Courtesy of Southwester Staff

Washington celebrates MLK Day Virtually

District Leaders Connect King's Legacy to the Struggles of Today

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

ue to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States celebrated the legacy of civil rights pioneer and American leader Martin Luther King, Jr., remotely. There were many virtual events, such as the annual MLK Holiday DC parade that was livestreamed on YouTube.

Much of the District, however, spent the day reflecting individually as a deadly virus and a military presence stalked its streets. Only two days before the inauguration of President Joseph R. Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, MLK Day was overshadowed by the inauguration – as well as the domestic extremism that emerged in opposition to the transfer of power from the previous administration.

In an email to constituents on Jan. 18, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen wrote that the holiday normally "would be a National Day of Service," involving communal efforts to improve the city, but "that looks a lot different this year." Instead, Allen wrote, he spent the holiday weekend

in meetings "with the leadership tasked with keeping the District safe through the upcoming Inauguration." Allen identified a "connection" in the confluence of events, saying "there's never been a more important reminder that we have much work to do in continuing Dr. King's mission."

On Twitter, Mayor Muriel Bowser linked this year's MLK Day celebration to renewed calls for DC statehood. In a video recorded before the pandemic, Bowser said in a speech that King "stood with Washingtonians to demand statehood for Washing-

ton, DC." Bowser said in her January 18 post that King's statue at the Tidal Basin challenges "all of us for racial equity and economic justice," and that he is "standing guard to wait for Washingtonians to become the 51st state in our union."

In a subsequent clip, King said during the speech, "we gotta organize so effectively," and "engage in such powerful, creative protest that there will not be a power in the world that can stop us."











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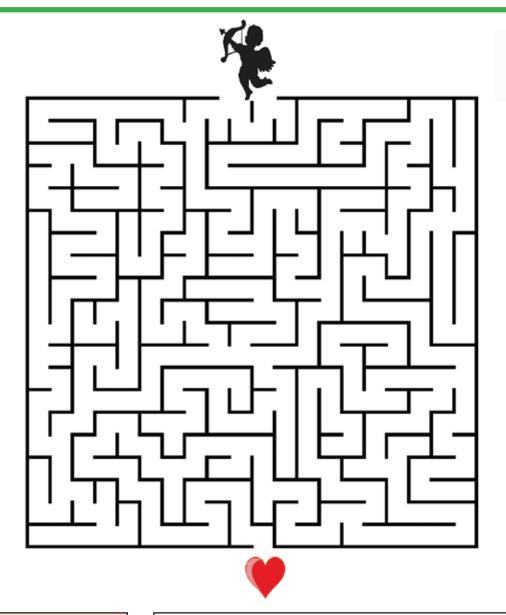
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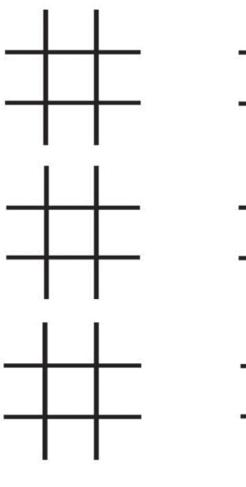
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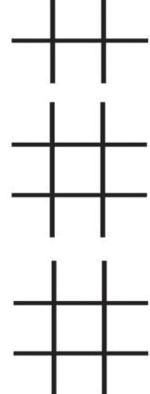


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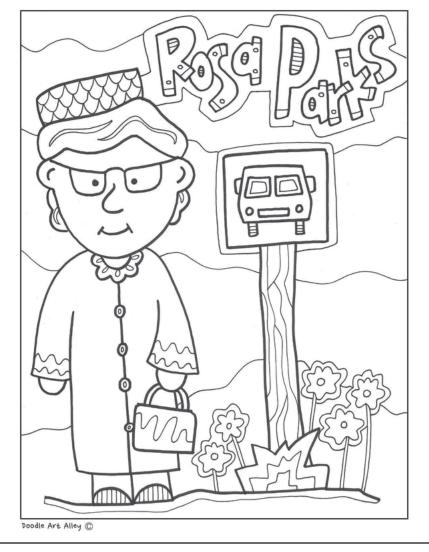
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Math Moment!

Can you complete these equations?

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Obituaries

In Loving Memory of George Robert Carruthers (1939 – 2020)

BY DAVID DEVORKIN

ho knew that a world-famous astronomer and astronautical engineer lived in SW? Dr. George R. Carruthers, who passed away on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020, at George Washington University Hospital at the age of 81, was such a world-famous SW neighbor. He built the first astronomical telescope, which was flown to the Moon by Apollo astronauts in 1972. He also held a patent on a unique camera he developed and was the author of dozens of articles - both popular and technical - for magazines and journals.

Carruthers started working at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), located in Southwest Washington, DC, in the 1960s. While there, he created a greatly improved design to electronically amplify the power of a telescope, so that even a telescope small enough to be flown on a rocket or satellite could act like a much larger telescope that would have been too heavy to be flown. His tests on sounding rockets in the 1960s and 1970s led to important discoveries about the nature of vast spaces between stars and galaxies.

Carruthers was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Oct. 1, 1939, and was raised in Chicago, Ill., where he spent much of his childhood building and using telescopes and model rockets. In high school, George read voraciously about rockets, spaceflight, and astronomy. He became fascinated reading how scientists at NRL, like X-ray astronomer Herbert Friedman,

See "Carruthers," page 13



Courtesy of NASA

George holds the film cassettes that were returned from the moon after the Apollo 16 flight.



Debbie and George Carruthers at the Alabama Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Ala.,



Courtesy of The White House | Charles Dharapak

George being congratulated by President Obama at the 2013 ceremonies for the award of the National Medal for Technology and Innovation.



Courtesy of Gerald Carruthers

Debbie and George Carruthers

Dr. Arnett Anderson, Southwest Orthodontist

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

r. Arnett Artis Anderson, former orthodontist at 7th and G St., SW, passed away on December 8, 2020. He retired from his Southwest practice in 2015, after decades of service as one of the few African-American orthodontists in Washington, DC.

Dr. Anderson was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anderson on April 1, 1931 in Hinesville, Georgia. He was a member of First Calvary Baptist Church and attended Liberty County High School.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry with a minor in biology from Savannah State College, in 1953. After graduation, he served two years in the United States Army as a Chemical, Biological and Radiological Warfare Instructor during the Korean conflict. His post military move was to Howard University where he completed the necessary didactics for a Master of Science degree in Chemistry. Arnett spent 2 years at The National Institutes



Dr. Arnett Artis Anderson

of Health employed in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases conducting basic research. In 1958 he entered The Howard University College of Dentistry and received his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree in 1962 with honors. He entered the University of Michigan and received his Master of Science Degree in Orthodontics in 1965. His Master of Science research was entered into International Competition at the 1966 Annual meeting of National Association of Dental Research and was awarded 1st Prize. He is the author of several scientific publications.

Arnett met his wife-to-be (Delores Perry) on Savannah State's campus while pledging Alpha. He was standing in the center of a circle of Alphas and Delores was brought into the circle by the sorority sisters. Arnett was introduced to Delores, for the first time, in that circle. And yes, it was love at first sight. They became engaged in December of 1956 and were married at St. Phillips AME church in Savannah, GA on June 16,1957. After honeymooning in Niagara Falls, they resided in Washington, DC, where they started their family two years later. Born

to their happy union were two loving daughters: Angela of Hope, Rhode Island and Andrea of Virginia Beach, VA. Both are Physicians. Andrea and her husband, Dr. Kelvin Hornbuckle blessed the Andersons with two adorable grandchildren: Christopher Jacob and Kellen Elisabeth Hornbuckle.

Arnett opened his private practice of Orthodontics in 1966 and continued until his retirement in 2015. However, he remained active as an avid Power-Point master, chronicling family photo memories and teaching for the College of Dentistry at his beloved Howard University until just a few months before his passing.

He also leaves behind his sister Edna Mae Miller, his brother Wilton (Pete), his brother-in-law Louis, sisters-in-law Thelma and Peggy, and a host of adoring nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and colleagues.

Content included from Precious Memories Funeral Home's website

Obituaries

Leaving A Lasting Impression: Viola Ethel Moore

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

n the morning of Dec. 19, 2020, Washington, DC, our Southwest neighborhood lost a friend, neighbor, volunteer, and a true servant to our city. For more than 20 years, Viola Ethel Moore lived in Southwest at the Carrollsburg Condominiums, and later at Tiber Island Cooperative Homes. She worked part-time and volunteered for nearly a decade as a front desk attendant at the Carrollsburg Condos. She loved the neighborhood and city and spent much of her time exploring both and sharing them with others.

Ms. Moore was born on Aug. 17,1941, in Brandywine, Md. She was the seventh of eleven children born to Sydney and Dorniece Moore. She was baptized at Asbury United Methodist Church in Brandywine, and attended this same church with her family while growing up. A strong faith and love for people were at the foundation of her unselfish spirit and servant heart. She was fiercely independent and determined to succeed at whatever she pursued.

In 1959, she graduated from Frederick Douglas High School in Upper Marlboro,



Courtesy of Auth

Viola Ethel Moore

Md., where she was a majorette in the marching band. Upon graduation, she spent a year in Sacramento, Calif., attending Sacramento City College. She returned to Brandywine and quickly moved to Washington, DC, where she attended the Atlantic Business School.

Upon graduation in 1962, Viola began working for the Department of the Army at the Pentagon as a secretary/ stenographer. Growing up on a farm in a large family, she developed an impeccable work ethic. Throughout her career, she received numerous awards for her outstanding performance, dedication, and exemplary service. In 2001, after 38 years of federal service, Viola retired from the Office of the Deputy Administrator at the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as a program analyst.

Viola spent most of her adult life living in DC – the city she loved. She was an example of a young professional embracing city life and the exciting mix of experiences it brought. Her life was filled with many purposeful endeavors in the community. She was an active member serving the Christ United Methodist Church in Southwest. She was involved with the Kiwanis International Club, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the Smithsonian Institution.

During the past six years, one of her biggest joys was volunteering as an Information Desk receptionist at the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture. She was proud of the museum and was always willing and excited to escort family, friends, and acquaintances through the museum. She wanted everyone to learn about the richness and diversity of the African American experience and culture.

In 2011, Viola traveled to South Africa – a highlight in her life. She traveled with a group and spent several weeks experiencing the rich culture of the continent. After returning, she continued to share about the people she met there and how much she enjoyed the experience.

Viola walked almost daily for exercise and pleasure. She enjoyed engaging her community and talking with her neighbors about current events. She also enjoyed reading, bowling, sewing, and talking and spending time with family and friends.

Viola departed the morning of Dec. 19, at Georgetown University Hospital. Many hearts are deeply saddened by Viola's passing, and God has provided a treasure of precious memories for us to reflect on and cherish until we meet her again.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

-Matthew 5:8

WINTER SEASON OF VIRTUAL CLASSES



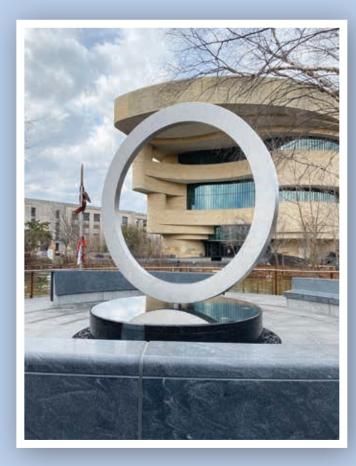
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CLASSES BEGIN FEBRUARY 1



PHOTO OF THE MONTH WINNER: KATHY TRICKEY!



The National Museum of the American Indian, taken December 31, reflective of the interesting geometric shapes in the area. This is the main building and part of the new National Native American Veterans Memorial.

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



CONSTRUCTION JOBS & APPRENTICESHIPS AT THE WHARF

All DC residents, particularly residents of Southwest and Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8, are invited to take advantage of jobs, apprenticeships, and training opportunities at The Wharf Phase 2.

To apply for construction jobs: Visit wharfdc.com/jobs to find contact information for over 25 contractors and sub-contractors.

To sign up for construction pre-apprenticeship training: Contact training partners Building Futures (wharfdc.com/building-futures or via Sylvia Casaro at scasaro@dclabor.org, 202-506-0398) and Skyland Workforce Center (skylandworkforcecenter.org, 202-793-2141).

To register for Wharf and District-wide job openings from contractors: Sign up on the DC Networks website (dcnetworks.org).

LEARN MORE AT WHARFDC.COM/JOBS





Construction Job Opportunities At The Wharf

BY ELINOR BACON

he Wharf encourages DC residents, particularly residents of Southwest DC and Wards 5, 6, 7 and 8, to take advantage of current construction jobs, apprenticeship, and training opportunities at The Wharf. Three construction companies – Balfour-Beatty, Donohoe Construction, and DPR Construction – are constructing six new buildings as part of the second phase of The Wharf in Southwest.

In January 2020, Hoffman-Madison Waterfront, the developer of The Wharf, partnered with its prime contractors and subcontractors, the DC Housing Authority (DCHA), ANC6D, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and others to host a construction Job Fair at the DCHA Family Enhancement Center. Over 700 DC residents attended the job fair, including 100 residents of Southwest DC.

Participants met with hiring managers of The Wharf contractors and subcontractors, representatives of the Department of Employment Services, pre-apprenticeship training partner Building Futures, and with non-profit partners that provide support to DC residents seeking jobs. These representatives explained the kinds of jobs and training available to participants, and helped them sign up for jobs, apprenticeships, and training.

To date, 267 DC residents have secured jobs and 37 DC residents have secured apprenticeships during Phase 2 construction of The Wharf. Hoffman-Madison Waterfront urges other DC residents seek-

ing opportunities in the construction field to apply directly to The Wharf Phase 2 contractors and training entities.

To apply for a job, visit The Wharf jobs website – www.wharfdc.com/jobs – and follow the links to the prime contractors' and subcontractors' hiring websites for information. To sign up for a pre-apprenticeship training program operated by Building Futures, with new classes starting regularly, visit www.wharfdc.com/building-futures or contact Sylvia Casaro (scasaro@dclabor.org or 202-506-0398).

Another source for life skills and preapprenticeship/construction training East of the River, is the Skyland Workforce Center (skylandworkforcecenter.org, 202-793-2141). Finally, DC residents seeking jobs should register with the Department of Employment Services (www.dcnetworks.org), which connects employers with qualified job candidates, and helps job seekers find jobs.

So far, including Phase 1, a total of 895 DC residents have been employed in the construction of The Wharf (51% of total hires); 300 DC residents (57% of total) have worked as apprentices. With more than one and a half years of construction until the project is complete, Hoffman-Madison Waterfront and its partners are working to assure that DC residents are aware of and know how to take advantage of opportunities to participate in building The Wharf.

For general information contact Elinor Bacon at The Wharf, ebacon@erbacondevelopment.com.

February COVID Update

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

s the United States and Washington, DC near the one-year mark for the known outbreak of COVID-19 and implementation of lockdown measures, we await widespread vaccination efforts in the general public.

Here's what you need to know to get through the next few weeks of the pandemic if you're part of the population awaiting a vaccine:

 Healthcare providers such as GW University Medical System offer COVID-19 testing. You may also have home test kits delivered to you by finding the Pixel by LabCorp link on the DC Coronavirus website. Another option is making an appointment or walking up to a testing site, such as the one at Geico Garage at Nationals Park, located at the intersection of S. Capitol St., SE and N St., SE. The city government advises you to quarantine after getting your test if you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.

- As of Jan. 11, the city was making the vaccine available for those 65 and older. Those interested and who qualify can also sign up for text or email alerts at coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine.
- At the time of this article, DC was in Phase 1 of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, meaning eligible populations were essential workers and high-risk populations – including those over 65. When Phase 2 begins, the general population will be eligible to receive the vaccination at healthcare settings, the commercial sector, and public health venues. When Phase 3 begins, the city will add more private partner sites to administer the vaccination to all populations.

CARRUTHERS

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were launching scientific instruments into space. In 1964, Carruthers was awarded a Ph.D. in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, after which he applied for and won a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellowship at the NRL. He eventually became a full-time researcher in Friedman's group within its E.O. Hulburt Center for Space Research.

The NRL, which is located on the south shore of the Potomac River in SW DC (just beyond where the Anacostia and Four Mile Run Rivers join), was established in 1923 at the suggestion of Thomas Edison. It has become a major national center for applied science and engineering, and the Navy's corporate research laboratory.

Carruthers was in good company at the NRL, where his zeal for laboratory experimentation and development was hailed by his peers. In 1969, it led to his proposal to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to send one of his telescopes to the Moon. NASA teamed him up with another astronomer to conduct research, creating a single telescope that could take both images and spectra, and be operated by astronauts in bulky space suits bouncing around the lunar surface.

Carruthers' amazing achievement was followed by several other missions throughout the Apollo and Space Shuttle eras and earned him international acclaim. This visibility propelled his career, and in the 1980s and 1990s he became increasingly active in community outreach, using his standing to make science more accessible to Black children. His outreach focused not only on youth in the DC area, such as at Ballou Senior High School and Howard University, but also more broadly under the umbrella of the National Technical Association and Project S.M.A.R.T. From 2002-2009, Carruthers taught a two-semester course on earth and space science at Howard University, sponsored by a NASA Aerospace Workforce Development Grant.

"SW has so many hidden gems with many famous and unsung African Americans who can be an inspiration or role model to others - especially our local youth, if they are only made aware of them," lamented Thelma D. Jones, Chair, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly History Task Force Subcommittee on Black History. Jones was Carruthers' neighbor at River Park and knew him for more than ten years. "We are committed to working to bring to light the stories of many of these unsung and famous African Americans who lived in or have close connections to SW through an exhibit that will highlight them, as well as places of recognition. This information is important to share with our rapidly changing community, and we hope to unveil the project soon."

Carruthers served on several boards and has been recognized by profes-See "Carruthers" page 18

SOUTHWEST MOMENTS Feathery Friends Edition: Gulls at The Wharf Photos Courtesy of Irene Allen

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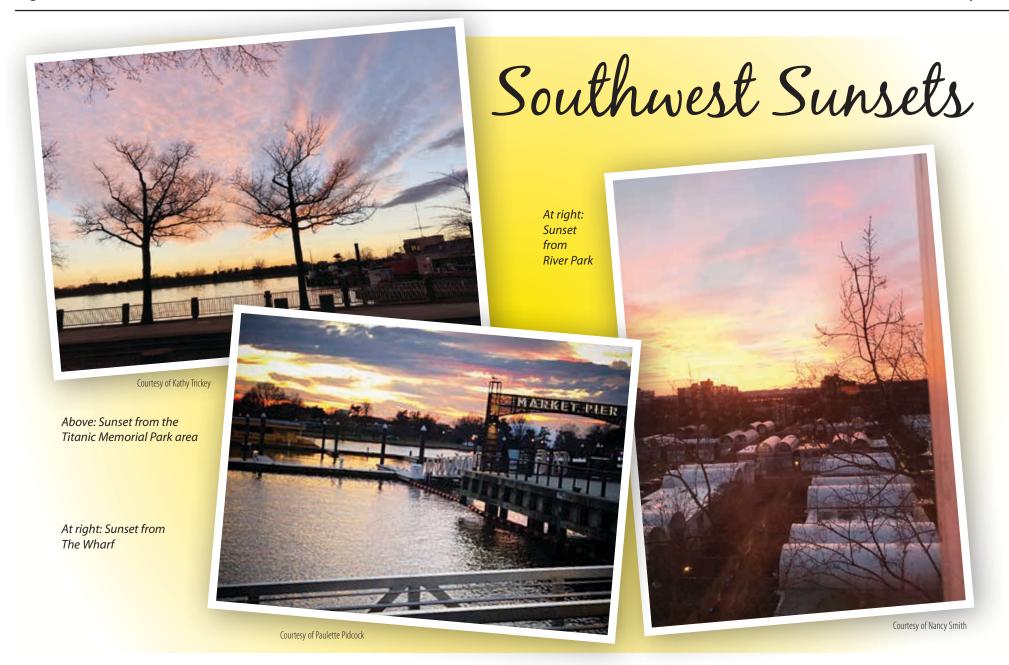
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Southwest Comm-Unity Forum's Annual Toys for Tots a Huge Success

BY PAUL TAYLOR

he Southwest Comm-Unity Forum annual Christmas Toys for Tots was another huge success. The Forum was held on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC). We could not have wished for a more beautiful Saturday with children laughing, music pumped up, and volunteers sharing Christmas treats with the hundreds of families lining the perimeter of WPC and stretching almost to Arena Stage.

Over 2,500 bags of toys were joyfully distributed to needy families from Wards 6 and 7. A special thanks to WPC's Copastors, Revs. Brian and Ruth Hamilton, for hosting this year's event. Dedicated volunteers made sure that masks were worn and everyone remained socially distant, including volunteers from the DC Department of Corrections (College and Career Readiness Division), DC Department of Parks and Recreation, Southwest Business Improvement District (SWBID), church members and friends.

Southwest teens especially thank the community churches, including Christ United Methodist, Riverside Baptist, Second Union Baptist, and St. Augustine's Episcopal, for their generous donation of purchasing \$25 gift cards for over 100 teens, and the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force for the purchase of 15 SW sweat hoods for



Courtesy of Author

Volunteers for the Southwest Comm-Unity Forum's Annual Toys for Tots drive pause for a picture

the youngsters.

Also, a special thanks to the Friends of Southwest DC and The District Wharf for their generous donations, which helped to purchase toys, baby pacifiers, bottles, onesies, blankets, socks, long johns, hats, scarfs, and gloves for area families with infants, as well as the 60 families residing at the AYA Shelter, located at the old SW Clinic, who expressed their gratitude as well.

Paul Taylor, a long-time former SW resident, is the founder and executive director of the Southwest Comm-Unity. Prior to COVID-19, and under Taylor's leadership, the Southwest Comm-Unity held a well-attended annual community-wide gathering of individuals and families representing old and new SW residents.

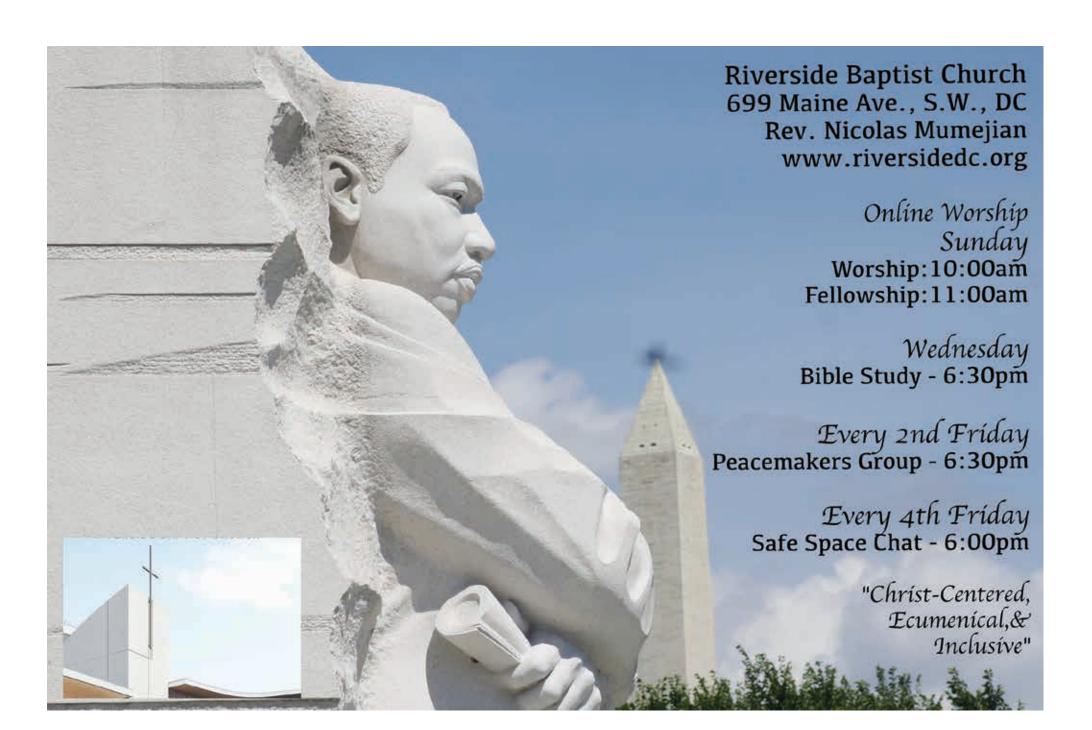
Ward 6 Youth Meal Sites

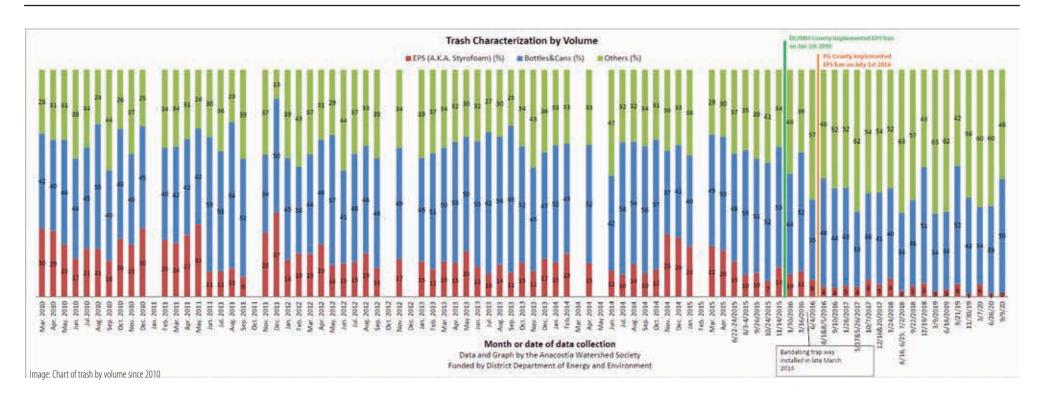
Per updated USDA guidelines, all DC youth ages 18 and younger may receive free grab-and go meals at DCPS and DPR meal site locations through **June 30**th, **2021**. Please note that during this period, DC youth are not required to be enrolled DC Public Schools students to receive meals. Youth and or parents/guardians on their behalf may receive up to 3 breakfast and 3 lunch meals daily.

(Effective January 4, 2021)

Meals Sites and Grocery Distribution Sites for DC youth age 18 and younger

School Name	Address	Ward	Meal Distribution Hours (Monday - Friday)	Grocery Distribution (while groceries last)
Amidon-Bowen Elementary School	401 Street SW	6	10 am – 2 pm	
Arthur Capper Recreation Center	1000 5 th Street SE		10 am – 2 pm	
Brent Elementary School	301 North Carolina Avenue SE		10 am – 2 pm	
Eastern High School	1700 East Capitol Street NE	6	10 am – 2 pm	
Miner Elementary School	601 15th Street NE	6	10 am – 2 pm	
Payne Elementary School	1445 C Street SE	6	10 am – 2 pm	
Rosedale Recreation Center	1701 Gales St NE	6	10 am – 2 pm	
Seaton Elementary School	1503 10th Street NW	6	10 am – 2 pm	
Tyler Elementary School	1001 G Street SE	6	10 am – 2 pm	
Walker-Jones Education Campus	1125 New Jersey Avenue NW	6	10 am – 2 pm	Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm





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a tributary called Nash Run. Before the installation we hired contractors, Jim and Cynthia Collier, to walk along streams in DC and find the highest number of trash pieces per linear length of a stream in Nash Run. We installed a netting type trap there first, then replaced it with the current screen

Photos courtesy of Anacostia Watershed Society

Above: Volunteers from Accenture Federal services helped sort trash on March 7, 2020 At left: Broken down pieces of ESP (Styrofoam) trapped with River Terrace trash trap on November 5, 2017

At right: Fractions of EPS (AKA Styrofoam) deposited on the shore of the Anacostia River near the Watts Branch

passed a similar law shortly after. An image of the amount of non-recyclable straws in our trash trap helped raise awareness about this pollutant, leading to the plastic straw ban in DC. Most recently, our trash trap work was used to pass the EPS ban in all three jurisdictions that contain the entire Anacostia watershed. And, now we have seen a significant reduction of

The reduction is largely thanks to the foam ban implemented on Jan. 1, 2016, in DC and Montgomery County. Prince's George's County then followed up with a similar ban in July of the same year. The ban now covered the entire Anacostia watershed.

A proprietary trap called a Bandalong was installed upstream of our trap in March 2016, which contributed to this reduction, too. Bandalongs are floating traps that capture trash as it floats on the water. This type of trap misses non buoyant trash, which is caught by the AWS Trash Trap at Nash Run.

foam/EPS, bottles and cans, and other trash like chip bags and miscellaneous plastic. Watch these numbers come to life in the

Looking at the graph of Trash Character-

ization by volume, you can see where the

trash is sorted into three categories: styro-



we wonder if stores and retail establishments worked swiftly to rid themselves of their stock?

The decline in foam pollution is a huge boon for the Anacostia River. Because it breaks down into ever smaller floatable pieces, it becomes harder to remove from the river. Our screen-type trap at Nash Run is unique in that it is designed to catch

animated gif at the top of AWS blog site:

https://www.anacostiaws.org/blog/watch-

the-foam-go-down.html! One thing we find

curious in the graph is the spike in foam

pollution in November 2014. The foam ban

legislation passed in June 2014 in DC, and

Thanks to the regional foam bans in watershed counties and the tireless efforts of river advocates who helped put them in place, we can celebrate this huge milestone. With the statewide foam ban in Maryland that took effect back on Oct. 1, 2020, we are hoping that cleaning out foam trash from our traps will be a thing of the past. Next up: Bottles and Cans!

both floatable and non-floatable trash, but it

doesn't work on the miniscule pieces.

type trap – a more effective design that can capture more trash, whether it floats on the water or not. However, we realized that the trap is laborious, and it is not feasible to install devices to capture all the pieces of trash throughout the Anacostia watershed. So, we started to accumulate reliable trash data and images. We used this information to educate the general public and advocate for solutions to trash pollution in the Anacostia River.

This approach worked very well, and with our partners we rallied the community to help pass the Bag Fee Law in DC. We saw a ripple effect in which Montgomery County



Group photo after trash sorting by staff and a Master Naturalist, Maria Spottswood, on Sep. 9, 2020 during the coronavirus pandemic. Notice the small amount of EPS (Styrofoam).

Arena Stage 2021 Winter-Spring Programming

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

rena Stage's line up of virtual classes for winter has something for everyone. Families, theater lovers, students, adults, and emerging theater artists have a wide choice of events to choose from. Any one of these offerings would make the perfect gift to share with family and friends, or yourself, in 2021!

Family Creativity Workshops use theater games, visual art and imagination for family members to build connections while they explore what makes their family unique. Arena's Director of Education Ashley Forman leads these workshops which are open to participants ages 5 and up. Family members should be in the same physical space. Classes will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20 and March 13, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Each class is \$30 per family and \$25 for members and Southwest neighbor discounts. To register and learn more, visit https://www.arenastage.org/ education/202021-family-workshops/.

Classes for Theater Lovers:

Insider Lecture Series is for everyone but is designed specifically for theatergoers that are interested in learning more about the process of making theater. Each class is \$30/\$25 member and Southwest neighbor discounts. To register and learn more, visit https://www.arenastage.org/education/202021- theater-lovers/. Feb. 6, from 10:30 a.m.-Noon

Bit by Bit, Putting Steps Together: Inside the Choreographer's Process with Parker Esse is an indepth look at the collaboration between director, music director, costume designer, set designer, lighting and sound designer, and the role they play in shaping a choreography for a production, spanning from the first creative team production meeting to the opening night performance. Feb. 20, from 10:30 a.m.-Noon

Prop Culture: The Oddities and Adventures Backstage with Jenn Sheetz features the extraordinary skills the prop shop brings to each project by highlighting specific props, showing their first concept from the script, describing how they are found or built, and ending with their final design onstage. Stories about a dead goat (Sylvia), a tiger sofa that breathes, gutting a large fish, kitchen destruction, blood rig hidden in a chair, rolling cigars, real animals, and many more! March 6, from 10:30 a.m.-Noon

Dressing to Impress: Costuming the Leading Ladies of Arena Stage with Joseph Salasovich features the process of bringing the garments to life on the stage and celebrate the fantastic designers and skilled artisans in the costume shops.

Drama Book Club: Reading and Watching Contemporary Plays with Naysan Mojgani and Rebecca Campana features four contemporary American plays. Participants will explore the context of the play on the page and in performance, analyzing artistic choices, themes and characters, and discussing their discoveries. A list of plays will be provided in January 2021. Participants will furnish their own copies of the plays and pay any associated streaming fees.

Classes run from Feb. 4-March 25, 2021, and meet every Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. The 8-week class is \$250/\$200 member and Southwest neighbor discounts. To register and learn more, visit https:// www.arenastage.org/education/202021theater-lovers/.

Masterclass Workshops for adults (ages 18 and up) are interactive opportunities to learn more about an aspect of theater and participate in related activities. Each class will meet twice for two-hour sessions on Wednesday and Friday via Zoom in an intimate setting of 10-16 people per class. Each class is \$70/\$60 member and Southwest neighbor discounts. To register and learn more, visit https://www.arenastage. org/education/202021-winter masterclasses/.

Feb. 3 and 5, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. Choreography with Parker Esse

Note: Participants will have an opportunity to create choreography and should be dressed to move.

Feb. 10 and 12, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. Directing Snapshot: The Heiress with Seema Sueko

Feb. 17 and 19, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. Acting: Audition Preparation with Franchelle Stew-

Note: 20 seconds! The decision to hire is generally made within the first 20 seconds. Make the most of that time in an audition setting. In preparation, bring a favorite or new audition piece, no longer than 2 minutes and age appropriate.

Feb. 24 and 26, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. Playwriting: Writing Dialogue with Eduardo Mach-

March 3 and 5, 2021, from 5-7 p.m.

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March 10 and 12, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. Lighting: The Heart, The Mind and Lighting Design with Xavier Pierce

March 17 and 19, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. Playwriting: How to Write a Monologue with Jacqueline E. Lawton

Note: Read Elinor Fuchs' A Visit to a Small Planet, Suzan-Lori Parks' Advice to Young Playwrights, and José Rivera's 36 Assumptions about Playwriting. These documents will be emailed to participants prior to the workshop.

March 24 and 26, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. Acting: Script Analysis for Scene Work with Nehal

Note: Participants who want to perform need to prepare a monologue or song no more than 3 minutes long. Memorization is preferred. Performers should have read and be familiar with the play or musical their piece is from.

Virtual Winter Classes for Youth are one hour and meet once a week for eight weeks via Zoom. Classes range from \$120-\$145. Zoom links are emailed to registered participants. To register and learn more, visit https://www.arenastage.org/ education/202021-winter-classes/.

Mondays: Feb. 1-March 26, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Acting for the Camera for with Mauricio Pita Grades 6-8

*Note: No class on Monday, Feb. 15 (Presidents Day)

Final class on Friday, March 26 (in lieu of Presidents Day)

Stage Management: Solving Puzzles with Christi Tuesdays: Feb. 2-March 23, 2021, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

> **Hip-Hop Dance with Brandon Glass** Grades 4-5

Wednesdays: Feb. 3-March 24, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Fashion Design with Jamila Madyun

Grades 4-5

Thursdays: Feb. 4-March 25, from 3:30-

Mini Musical with Wes Braver and Rebecca Campana Grades 5-8

Fridays: Feb. 5-March 26, from 3:30-4:30

Sign and Song with Brandon Glass Grades 6-8

Voices of Now Mead Ensemble is for dedicated young artists, performers, writers and activists in grades 7-11. The ensemble will provide a fun and engaging environment in which to write, perform, and share stories. For the 2020/21 season, the Mead Ensemble will train via Zoom in the Voices of Now devising process and will be introduced to the work and techniques of other notable companies that devise original theater and film.

The Mead Ensemble will perform in and contribute to an original, autobiographical feature film that will be presented globally via our Arena Stage website, as well as international film festivals in June of 2021. The film will be the combined work of 10 ensembles. Space is limited. Previous performance experience is not required. Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., starting Feb. 6 and ending May 22, 2021. To register and learn more, visit https://www.arenastage.org/education/ voicesofnow/mead-ensemble/.





Wednesday, February 10, 2021 NOON

Chapter Meeting by phone

Guest Speaker

Rachelle DeAnne O'Neil

Director of External Affairs for the late Congressman John Lewis

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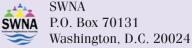
WE NEED YOUR HELP

PLEASE TAKE OUT YOUR CHECKBOOKS AND DIG AS DEEP AS YOU CAN THIS IS A THROW DOWN!!!

There are two ways to contribute

Online: Go to https://swnascholarship.org Hit donate and follow instructions.

By mail: Send a check payable to SWNA; note "Scholarship Fund."



Kenny, all of us at SWNA's ESTF, our students and their families thank you.

Mutual Aid February Dates and Donation Needs

BY CARLEE BROWN AND MAX GROSSMAN

ard 6 Mutual Aid (W6MA) is a grassroots group working with Black and Brown grassroots organizations to help keep our communities safe. The Southwest Pod of W6MA is partnering with Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) on a community food and supply drive to serve our neighbors in response to COVID-19.

Interested in ways to help? There are several ways to show your support:

- Donate groceries and supplies.
 Donations of groceries, cleaning supplies, toiletries, and clothing can be brought to the courtyard entrance of CUMC at 900 4th St., SW on Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

 This months' particular needs include:
 - Non-perishable foods (tuna, chicken, cereal, and snack food) and microwavable meals.
 - Men's, women's, and children's winter clothing, and bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters, and towels) that are recently laundered and in good condition.
 - Diapers and pull-ups (sizes 5-6)
 - Kitchenware like pots, pans, utensils, dishes, and small appliances.
- Help make sure every student can

access the online classroom. Alongside partner organization Serve Your City, W6MA is working to bridge the **digital divide** by providing laptops and tablets to students. Please fill out the form at https://bit.ly/w6ma_laptops if you have a device to donate.

- Tutor local students online. W6MA's tutoring program is looking for college students, grad students, and professionals who want to lead virtual tutoring sessions in any subject. If you are interested, please contact syctutoringmutualaid@gmail.com
- Give online at https://www.serveyourcitydc.org/donate

W6MA and CUMC have a number of ways you can get the support you need:

- If you or someone you know has a critical need, call the W6MA Hotline at 202-683-9962. You can request food, masks, cleaning supplies, and other goods for delivery.
- Obtain fresh produce from W6MA's community drive on 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. at CUMC (900 4th St., SW; use the courtyard entrance near the library).
- Obtain groceries from the CUMC's 5000 Ministry Food Pantry on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 1 p.m. (courtyard entrance). If you can not come to the church due to health or mobility issues, call 202-554-9117 to request a delivery.

CARRUTHERS

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sional and academic organizations for his achievements. In 1972, he received the Exceptional Achievement Scientific Award Medal from NASA. Then in 2003, Carruthers was inducted into the National Inventor Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio. A year later, he was selected as one of the "50 Most Important Blacks in Research Science." In addition, he was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Engineering from Michigan Technological University, and in 2011 he was selected as a recipient of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, which was presented to him by President Barack Obama in 2013.

Carruthers retired from the NRL in 2002; but remained active there and at Howard University until 2009, when his

wife Sandra, a Grenadian national, passed away. He married Deborah Thomas in 2012, who was also active in community outreach in the DC area. When he moved to DC in the 1960s, Carruthers lived in the Congress Heights neighborhood in SE, before moving to River Park Mutual Homes in 1976, one of the area's first integrated cooperative housing complexes, located between N and O Streets, SW.

Dr. David DeVorkin is the senior curator, history of astronomy and the space sciences at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. In the 1990s he curated a display of Dr. Carruthers' lunar camera, which will still be on display in the "Destination Moon" gallery when it reopens in 2022. DeVorkin is also preparing a biography for Dr. Carruthers and would welcome any insights from readers of this newspaper.

PLANS

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ents during the first week of January. This will give families at least three weeks to prepare and plan for Term 3.

Nothing is codified yet, and parents can still make their thoughts and priorities known by completing the survey and/ or reaching out to Ms. Sykes via phone: (202) 724-4867, or email: tamikka.sykes@k12.dc.gov.

There will be another Term 3 orientation meeting for each grade level on Wednesday, Jan. 6, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Parentes will receive new classroom schedules for Term 3 and learn more about the changes and shifts in the instructional model. Finally, during the week of Jan. 11, IPL seat offers will be extended and parents will have two days to decline or accept the offer.

SWNA to Honor Media Arts and Scholarship at Annual Black History Program

BY THELMA D. JONES

he Southwest Neighborhood Assembly History Task Force (SWNA HTF) cordially invites you to our 2021 Virtual Annual Black History Program on Monday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. The 2021 Black History theme is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity."

Established by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, an organization founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, this year Black History Month returns to its roots with a new focus on Black family ties and explores the wide-ranging diversity of Black family life – from single to two-parent households to nuclear, extended and, more recently, bi-racial.

Emceed by SW resident Kenneth Ward, executive director of College Bound, Inc., the program will welcome and introduce the Richard Wright Public Charter School for Journalism and Media Arts, the first and only public charter high school in SW which is now located on School Street. Guest Speaker Dr. Marco Clark, founder and CEO Richard Wright PCS, will speak to this year's theme while simultaneously sharing about the various programs



Kenneth Ward, Executive Director, College Bound, Inc.

offered at the school.

The mission of Richard Wright PCS for Journalism and Media Arts is to transform students in grades 8-12 into well-versed media contributors by providing a student-centered environment that connects them to the classics and modern languages, and a curriculum focused on strong writing skills and vocabulary. In addition, Richard Wright Student Ambassador Skye-Ali Johnson will present her segments on the importance and signifi-



Dr. Marco Clark, Founder and CEO of Richard Wright Public Charter School for Journalism and Media Arts

cance of the newly refurbished Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, which was recently featured on ABC 7 News WJLA. To round out the program, SWNA education and scholarship Task Force (ESTF) recipient Benjamin C. Sands, Jr. will perform a musical rendition.

Founded by SWNA HTF Subcommittee Chair on Black History Thelma D. Jones in 1985, SWNA has held a Black History Program almost annually since its inception, including being the founder and inspiration for the creation of the Black History Program hosted by the World Bank Group-IMF Staff African American Association. Both SWNA and the World Bank programs feature local students, especially from Southwest.

For information on the program, please email thelma@swna.org or call (202) 251-1639. Program coordination is also assisted by SWNA ESTF Chair Vyllorya Evans.

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You Can Bet On It: Sportsbook Coming to Nationals Park

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

In January, the Washington Nationals announced a multi-year, exclusive partnership with BetMGM, a leading sports betting and digital gaming company. The partnership will include the opening of a BetMGM Sportsbook connected to Nationals Park, as well as the launch of a mobile app within the permitted area around the Park.

"The Nationals are thrilled to expand our strong partnership with MGM Resorts into the sports betting realm," said Alan Gottlieb, Chief Operating Officer of Lerner Sports Group. "As our Official Sports Betting Partner, BetMGM will further enhance the greatest in-venue fan experience in Washington, D.C. through its state-of-the-art entertainment products and services. The BetMGM mobile app will enable our fans to engage with the game in new and exciting ways, while the BetMGM Sportsbook connected to Nationals Park will provide Nationals fans and the D.C. community with a first-class gathering place to celebrate their passion for sports together."

The BetMGM Sportsbook will provide a luxury viewing and sports betting experience that complements the existing experience at the MGM National Har-



bor Dugout Club, an eight-seat premier luxury sports box located on the field adjacent to the team dugout. The newly created Sportsbook will be located in the space currently serving as Center Field Social, across Center Field Plaza from the Nationals Team Store. It will not be accessible by fans while they are in attendance at a Nationals game, but fans will be able to place bets via BetMGM's mobile app.

Matt Prevost, Chief Revenue Officer, BetMGM, said, "This new partnership with the Nationals is our most in-depth partnership with a team and showcases the multitude of ways we're able to engage fans in and out of stadiums. We're extremely excited to work together to create unique experiences for Nationals fans and the broader D.C. metro area during and after games."

BetMGM is live in 11 states and is hoping to launch its mobile sportsbook in Virginia in the near future, pending regulatory approval.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SWNA's Education & Scholarship Fund Task Force (ESTF) is looking for more volunteers to help with our strategic plan and recruit more scholarship recipients. Now that we have a high school in our area, The Richard Wright School, and an ongoing need to help our young scholars advance their education, we would be happy to welcome you as part of our Task Force.

Please send us a resume and a short note telling us of your interest to: swnascholarship@gmail.com or vylloryaevans@gmail.com.

Look forward to hearing from you.

ESTF MARKETING and PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR

SWNA Task Force, The Education & Scholarship Fund is looking for a volunteer to serve as its Marketing and Promotions Coordinator. The Task Force has three goals. 1) Raise visibility; 2) Establish and maintain ListServs to engage in regular routine communication with all its stakeholders; and 3) Expand it's network of corporate sponsors/donors. A background in any or all of the following disciplines would be useful: Direct Marketing; Market Research; Project Management; Fund-Raising or Strategic Planning.

Please send a resume and accompanying letter of interest to:

SWNA

P.O. Box 70131
Washington, DC 20024
For more information about our Task Force go to: https://www.swnascholarship.org

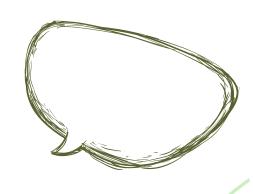


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Last month, we collected ideas from neighbors on ways to make a positive impact in Southwest. Now, it's time to hear from our top five microgrant submissions, ask questions, and cast your vote for what you want to see happen in your community.

Join us online! Tuesday, February 23 6:00-7:30 pm



for more information: www.swbid.org/pocket-change

