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Southwest Mutual Aid Marks Two Year Anniversary

BY REGINA MAZUR

eeping our community safe has been a long-standing priority of Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid (SYC/W6MA). They have been putting a continuous effort into providing our neighbors with food and supplies throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Partnership between the Christ United Methodist Church and the Southwest Pod of SYC/W6MA, as well as their collective work with Black and Brown grassroots organizations, have proven to be an incredible contribution to this cause.

This month marks two years that the Southwest community has been coming together, providing invaluable support to each other with food, cleaning supplies, household items and clothing.



The Southwest Pod is incredibly grateful for the donations and support that they continue to receive. These supplies are critical to aiding our neighbors in need. It is a great accomplishment to unite as a community and support each other.

To mark the second anniversary, we would like to share a little bit of history of how it all got started. Since March 2020, SYC has served as the infrastructure hub for Ward 6 Mutual Aid, a partnership of more than three dozen organizations many of them hyper-local, Black- or Brown-led groups-that came together to share resources and save lives after the COVID-19 pandemic struck the district.

When the pandemic hit in March 2020, Maurice Cook's Serve Your City

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Sweeping Exhibit Spans Centuries of Afro-Atlantic Art

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

he exhibit *Afro-Atlantic* Histories, now open at the National Gallery of Art, flows over the limits of any museum's

With more than 130 paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, sculptures, time-based media art, documents and ephemera by artists from 24 countries, the exhibit explores the shared meaning of the impact and legacy of the African Diaspora from the 17th to 21st centuries.

The exhibit showcases the viewpoints of artists from across Africa, Europe, the Americas, and the Caribbean, spanning a time period slave trade and runs through present day activism.

The exhibit is curated around



Samuel Fosso's La Femme americaine liberee des annees 70 (Self-Portrait (as Liberated American Woman of the '70s)), 1997, printed 2003. Courtesy that starts with the beginning of the The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Museum purchase funded by Nina and Michael Zilkha, 2004.809 © 1997 Samuel Fosso, courtesy JM. Patras / Paris. © Samuel Fosso, courtesy Jean Marc Patras Galerie, Paris

four core themes, with each displaying works that cross centuries, mediums and perspectives to tell interconnected stories.

The section on Enslavements and Emancipations includes works like the British abolitionist illustration Description of a Slave Ship, a precisely detail of a slave ship's cargo hold from 1789 and twentieth century American artist Aaron Douglas's 1936 painting Into Bondage, a powerful portrayal of the moment when a group of Africans are taken to a slave ship bound for the Americas. Images of torturous practices like the 1863 published photograph The Scourged Back and American artist Kara Walker's powerful 2009 etching *Restraint*, of a silhouetted figure in an iron brindle, are shown side by side.

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Letters to the Editor

4th & M Development

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Southwest DC for a number of years, I have come to appreciate the community gatherings for the weekend farmers markets, night markets, and other events at the currently empty property at 4th and M Streets Southwest. It's an amazing community space that brings together all members of our community, whether to buy from the stalls or to sit and talk with friends, listen to music, and enjoy being outside. Not even our wonderful jazz and blues nights at Westminster Church come close to the camaraderie that occurs on this site.

I have followed the arguments and appeal regarding the building plans for 425 M Street SW (site of the current farmer's market) and 375 M Street SW (lot in front of Safeway), and want to voice my concerns of and objection to the proposed design. I completely agree that traffic is a problem and will only be exacerbated by developments on these sites. But of more concern to me is that our open space is disappearing quickly. Easily accessible outdoor space has become even more important after several years of living through a pandemic because it's obvious that the corona virus will wax and wane over the coming years. This means that adults and children will be best served by spending more time outdoors than indoors. Although the developers have offered an indoor community center with access to a courtyard, such an indoor center will never be used for spontaneous social gatherings and cannot replace current community use of the 425 M Street property.

The building design for 425 M Street could easily be modified to provide a usable portion of the property as a permanent outdoor space so that the farmers market and other activities can continue. It is, in part, what makes Southwest DC so special. Having lived in various parts of the District over the years, there are few areas that have the same sense of community that the Southwest has. Allocating a permanent, easily accessible, centrally located, outdoor space for the community would not limit the Developer's profits or result in a major redesign but would show goodwill to the community and would indicate that the City actually listens to resi-

Feelings about losing community use of this property run strong in the surrounding neighborhoods. More consideration should be given to maintaining it as a permanent feature of our ward.

> Denise Rennis Southwest Resident

SWDCCC

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Southwest DC Community Center (SWDCCC), I wanted to provide the community an update on the Southwest Community Center project. As has been the case with just about every aspect of our lives over the past couple of years, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted this project in multiple ways. An appeal of the Waterfront Station Stage 2 PUD at 4th and M Streets SW was filed a few years ago and a decision by the court was delayed for over a year due to a case backlog caused by the pandemic. This appeal put the Southwest Community Center project in limbo and made it difficult to do fundraising. The pandemic also resulted in an alteration of our community engagement strategy. Life has not yet returned to normal and many people still feel uncomfortable gathering in person, which was a large part of our community engagement strategy we developed just before the start of the pandemic.

Despite these challenges for a new organization such as ours, we have proceeded with planning for the Southwest Community Center. have a Board of Directors and have incorporated ourselves as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. We also recruited volunteers to serve on committees, including the Community Engagement & Communications and the Fundraising Committees. We

developed a community engagement plan and an asset map to determine what types of community enrichment resources are already available in the neighborhood. We developed a logo, website, and social media presence. We have a table at the Southwest Farmers' Market to gather feedback from the community on what is needed at the center. We have also held focus groups with community members and partner organizations. We had a successful crowdfunding campaign for our Civic Fellows initiative. While the pandemic curtailed the full implementation of the Civic Fellows initiative, we received valuable feedback from participants. As the pandemic, hopefully, starts to wane, we intend to have more community engagement activities planned for 2022, including our inaugural annual fundraising event, the Southwest Mutt Strutt.

We are pleased to report that the court recently ruled in favor of the mixed-use project at Waterfront Station to proceed, which includes the Southwest Community Center. We also recently learned that the site where the Southwest Community Center will be built is currently on the market. However, whoever ends up purchasing the land will still be required to include the Southwest Community Center in what is ultimately built, as mandated by the negotiated community benefits agreement by ANC 6D.

It will still be a few years before the Southwest Community Center is up and running. While we have been busy laying the foundation for what will eventually become the Southwest Community Center, a lot of work is left to be done. We are still actively recruiting for additional board members and volunteers to serve on the committees. If you are interested in either opportunity, please reach out to us at info@swdccc.org. We also invite you to join our mailing list by visiting our website at swdccc.org. Thank you for your continued support!

Will Rich SWDCCC Board of Directors Chair

New Program Aims to Increase Internet Access

BY JENELLE LEONARD

ongress created the Affordable Connectivity Program, a new long-term, \$14 billion program of the Federal Communications Commission to reduce internet costs for unserved families and underserved communities.

This investment in broadband affordability will help ensure low income households can afford the connections that link them to telehealth services, educational access, instruction and services, and 21st century telework employment opportunities. Gaps in access prevent opportunities to learn and work from home, remotely visit doctors, complete schoolwork, access health care, public and/or government agencies, entertainment, and stay connected to family and friends.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides up to a \$30 per month discount for internet service and a onetime discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

Households are eligible for the program if at least one member has an income that is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines; participates in one of several specific government assistance programs, receives free or reduced-price school meals, received a federal Pell Grant, or meets other criteria.

To learn more or apply for this benefit, visit the Affordable Connectivity Program website at www.ACPBenefits.org.





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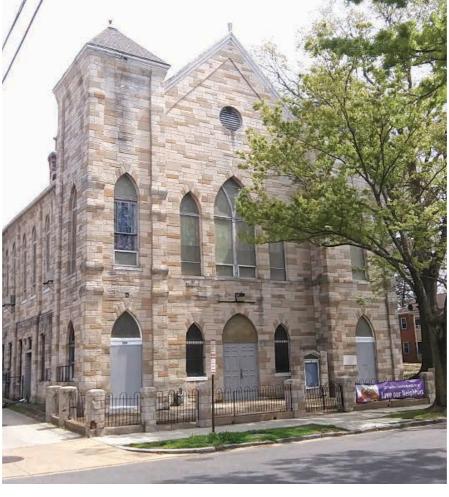
Historic Carron Baptist Church Rooted in Southwest Community

BY GEORGINE WALLACE

arron Baptist Church has been part of the Southwest faith community for over 50 years. The classic brick church at 1354 First Street SW is the congregation's fourth location since their inception in 1928. Reverend Peter Spann has served as the pastor of Carron Baptist since 2018. He is married with two children.

A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Reverend Spann arrived in Washington as a law student at American University. He worked with the Boys and Girls Club of Washington at Ballou High School during this time. Seeing the issues faced by the students inspired him to find ways to serve the community. He was called to the ministry in his third year of law school, graduating from Howard University with a Master of Divinity.

To Spann, having both a law degree and a Master of Divinity gives him a "unique perspective" on faith and social justice, as he knows the importance of faith in action and can take that message to public officials. Growing up, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King was a great influence. One of his guiding principles is a quote from Dr. King: "if you can't fly then run, if you can't



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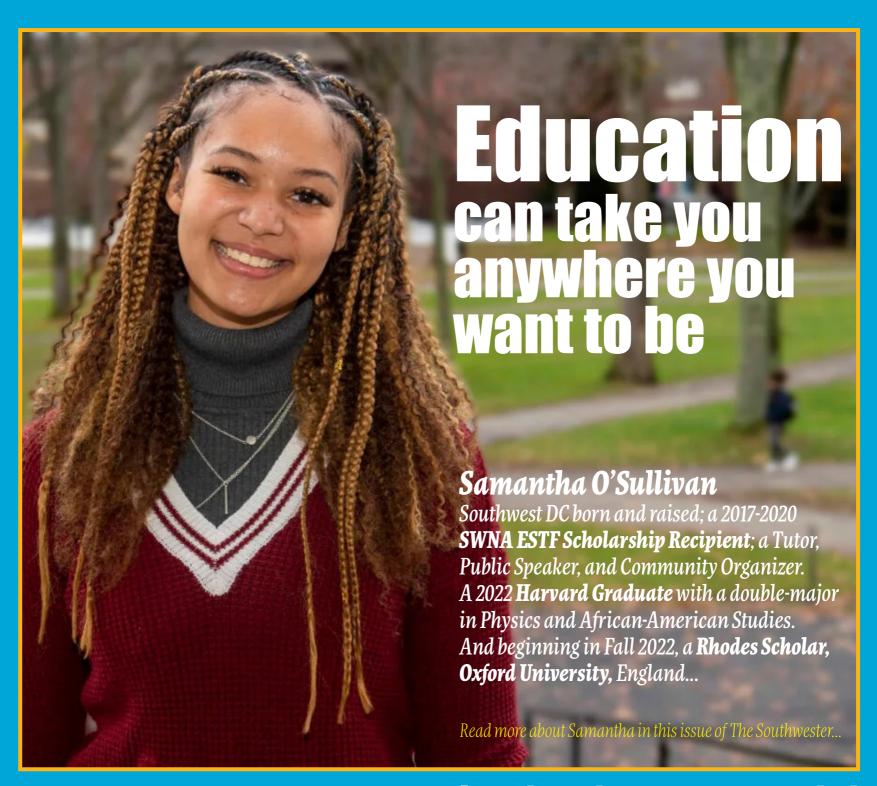
run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." This sense of purpose guides the church's outreach and community service initiatives.

At the end of summer, the church accepts donations of school supplies and backpacks to provide to area children. On Thanksgiving Day and the Saturday prior to Christmas, the church sponsors a special warm dinner for area residents. Last December, Carron collected winter coats and distributed them to residents a few days prior to Christmas. Monetary donations and offers of volunteer assistance are also welcome.

Services are held at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday in person and via Zoom, with a plan to offer the hybrid option for several more months. An hour prior to the service is the Carron Café, a light breakfast for attendees with a small lesson. Reverend Spann refers to it as "Christ, community, and coffee." Bible school is held via Facebook every Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending service, contributing to their outreach efforts, or just want additional information about this historic church, their web site is https://carronbc.org/.

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and other Black-led organizations in Ward 6 and beyond joined with Ward 6 residents in an effort to organize W6MA. SYC/W6MA partnered with Christ United Methodist Church at the beginning of April 2020 to provide a location to accept donations and organize supplies, and to ensure that the needs that are not being met in our community are addressed. From this idea, other initiatives started to develop, and in June of 2020, several

members suggested it would be great to organize a table at the Southwest Farmers' Market to see if the vendors and residents would donate fresh produce that could be given out along with canned and dry goods.

When the Aya short-term family shelter opened in Southwest, W6MA partnered with them to assist with the needs that were not being met. The main project has been providing families with housewarming boxes of basic supplies when they move from the shelter to an apartment.

This incredible effort that has been going on for two years and started with

only a few individuals has attracted over 125 people that have come to help, whether it is staffing the table at Farmers' Market, helping to sort supplies, creating flyers, transporting supplies, and many other tasks that need to get done. Currently, there are at least 50 people who are committed to regularly provide volunteer support and assistance. This effort has managed to create solidarity and unite people in the community on many levels.

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic served as a catalyst to put forth the increased effort in the Ward 6 community, this work began in Ward 6 long before the pandemic hit. Maurice Cook founded Serve Your City more than a decade ago as a way to continue and extend the mutual survival work that Black and Brown families in the District have been practicing for centuries.

We're here to stay. The work we do is determined by the needs of Black and Brown communities and we are here to ensure that our efforts continue long after the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

May Events and Opportunities with Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid

BY REGINA MAZUR

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Support Summer Youth Enrichment

Thinking ahead to summer? We are! Join Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid (SYC/W6MA) in providing Black and Brown DC youth with the chance to explore, enjoy, and play this summer. Your #solidarityNOTcharity will give every SYC/W6MA scholar across DC equitable summertime experiences that will last a lifetime: bit.ly/sycsummer.

Interested in ways to help?

SYC/W6MA continues to collect non-perishable foods, toiletries, and household cleaning items on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church's back courtyard gate (900 4th Street Southwest, entrance near library).

If you are interested in hosting a short- or long-term donation drive in your building or amongst friends, please contact us at swmutualaid@serveyourcitydc.org for more details.

This Month's Donation Needs:

• Food/beverage: soup, chips, salad dressing, condiments, graham



Photos courtesy of SYC/W6MA

Above: Christ United Methodist Church partners with the Southwest Pod of Serve Your City/ Ward 6 Mutual Aid, providing a location to accept donations and organize supplies.

Below: Members of Serve Your City/ Ward 6 Mutual Aid staff a table at the Southwest Farmers' Market to receive donations of fresh produce.



crackers, chicken, cold cereal, instant coffee

- Personal hygiene: deodorant, wipes, toothpaste, mouthwash
- Cleaning: spray disinfectant, laundry detergent, dish soap, garbage bags
- Other: large boxes, bags (paper, cloth, plastic), bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, bed sheets and blankets (in good condition and clean), plastic bowls, silverware, microwaves

You can find a SYC/W6MA table at the Southwest Farmers' Market on Saturdays (weather permitting). Donations of fresh produce, meat and dairy products are accepted and help to provide a healthy selection of food. Please stop by to say hi and donate.

Food Distributions

Starting in May, fresh produce will be given out every Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church. CUMC will continue to provide food and supplies on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. If you need to request support, please call the Mutual Aid Hotline at 202-683-9962 or email ward6mutualaid@gmail.com.

Information Table

The Southwest Pod recently launched an effort to provide residents with information on community and government resources that could have assistance to them. An information table will now be set up at food distribution events (times listed above) to ensure that resources and opportunities reach the Southwest community. The Southwest Pod welcomes those with experience or information on any available resources to stop by or contact us.

Want to Learn More or Get involved?

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A exhibit section on Everyday Lives presents perspectives on daily life in Black communities during and after slavery. The pastoral painting *Landscape with Anteater* (c. 1660), by Dutch artist Frans Post, pictures enslaved laborers and Indigenous peoples in a Brazilian landscape. Fast-forwarding several centuries, the monumental collage *Tomorrow I May Be Far Away* (1967) by the American artist Romare Bearden, presents a depiction of a sharecropper drawn from the rhythmic and improvised staccato of jazz and blues music.

Rites and Rhythms focuses on works showcasing African traditions recreated in the Americas and the Caribbean, including a widespread range of celebrations around Carnival and the historical Black presence in Christianity. Across the exhibition, portraits spotlight underrecognized leaders of the 18th and 19th century, like Dalton Paula's Zeferina (2018), which depicts the influential leader of a slave rebellion who was arrested and sentenced to death before she could be commemorated. Ordinary people, invented figures and the artists themselves are included, as in the unconventional Self-Portrait (as Liberated American Woman of the '70s) by Cameroonian photographer



Courtesy of Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, LLC, New York

Alma Thomas' March on Washington, 1964

Samuel Fosso.

A section on Resistances and Activisms features banners, flags, and textiles. Glenn Ligon's painting *Untitled* (*I Am a Man*) was inspired by signs carried in the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike protesting unsafe working conditions and low wages. In *March on Washington* (1964), Alma Thomas recalls her experience attending the historic demonstration.

The exhibit was initially presented as *Histórias Afro-Atlânticas* in 2018 by

the Museu de Arte de São Paulo and the Instituto Tomie Ohtake in Brazil. It will be on view at the National Gallery of Art through July 22.

A wide range of exhibits and programming have been designed to complement the exhibit, including a temporary installation in the National Gallery's Sculpture Garden of the work of renowned artist Kara Walker. The piece, *The Katastwóf Karavan*, incorporates a steam calliope, a musical instrument used in the 19th century

on steamboats and at carnivals. Walker originally created the sculpture as a temporary memorial at Algiers Point, a site along the Mississippi River in New Orleans that once served as a holding area for enslaved Africans. Enveloped in the artist's signature silhouettes made from cut steel and set in a parade wagon, the steam-whistle organ will be programmed with a new, automated playlist of songs of Black resistance and celebration that can be heard at regular intervals during the installation, which runs from May 12-19. Musician and artist Jason Moran will play the calliope live on May 14 from 3:30-4:00 p.m. and May 15 from 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Companion events include an extensive schedule of performances, films, lectures, concerts, and community programs centered on art of the African Diaspora. On May 14 at 11:00 a.m., an outdoor procession will walk to four historical sites of enslavement on or near the National Gallery campus. Ed Ingebretsen, professor of philosophy at University of Maryland, College Park, will talk about the city's relationship to slavery. Free registration is required at nga.gov/lectures.

A full schedule of events and free online registration is available at https://www.nga.gov/exhibitions/2022/afro-atlantic-histories.html.



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Op-Ed: The Wharf Phase 2 To Deliver New Housing, Jobs

BY ELINOR BACON, THE WHARF

t has been exciting for all of us to see the vision for Phase 2 of The Wharf becoming a reality. The individual elements of Phase 2 will be finished at different times during this year, and the project will be fully completed before the end of 2022

We want to share with the community preliminary information about the opportunities that will be coming in housing and jobs, and we will continue to provide updates in the coming months. Please periodically check our website for the latest information, www.wharfdc.com.

Phase 2 will include the Pendry hotel and Amaris condominium. Between them will be The Tides, a mixed-income residential rental building with units ranging from studios to two-bedroom apartments. It is projected to be ready for initial tenant move-in this summer.

The Tides will offer 255 rental units total, with 119 market rate units and 136 affordable and workforce units for households earning between 30% and 120% of the Median Family Income (MFI). A total of 36 units are designated for 30% MFI, 26 units for 60% MFI, 50 units for 100% MFI and 24 units for 120% MFI. The building has a unique design that steps forward and back, mimicking the motion of the tides, which inspired the name. The apartment residence will offer more than 6,000 square feet of interior and exterior amenity space, including a fitness center, a conference room, a residential clubhouse featur-



Courtesy of The Wharf

A rendering shows the completed Phase 2 of The Wharf in the evening.

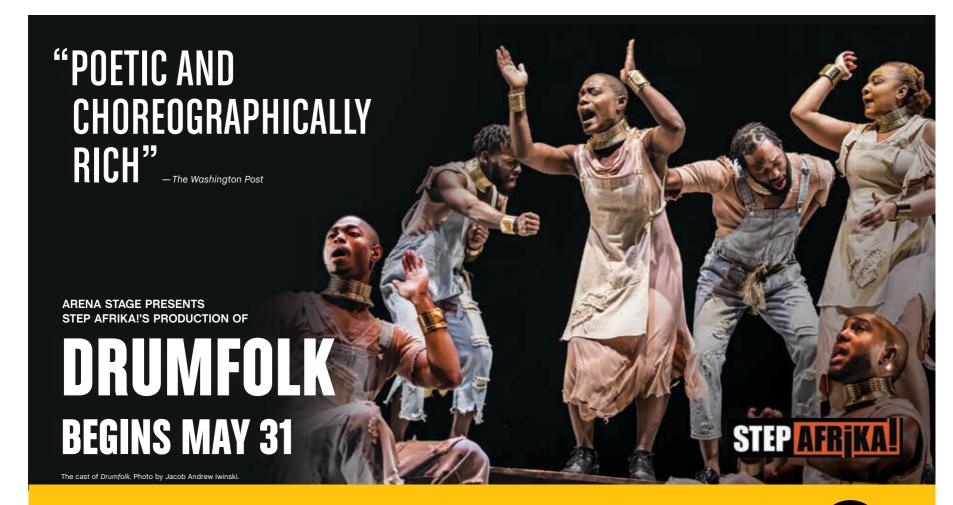
ing a double-sided fireplace, a wet bar and lounge seating that connects to an outdoor terrace with dining areas and grills, and bicycle storage in the garage. We are working in partnership with the DC Department of Housing and Community Development to finalize plans for affirmative marketing, outreach, lottery and lease-up of the affordable and workforce units. For more information, please register at www.TheTidesDC.

A significant number of jobs will be available with the opening of Phase 2, including at the Pendry Washington DC, a new luxury hospitality brand from Montage International, which will be located between the 670 Maine office building and The Tides apartments. It is projected to open in late summer, and the restaurants and retailers that will encircle all the Phase 2 buildings also will be hiring for a range of positions.

Hoffman-Madison Waterfront is working in collaboration with the DC Department of Employment Services, service providers, elected officials, the Southwest DC community and our

partners in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8, to maximize the outreach to all DC communities about these opportunities. Outreach will include at least one job fair to be held in the Southwest community later this spring.

Elinor Bacon has more than 40 years experience in housing, real estate development and community revitalization in both the public and private sectors. She established DC-based E.R. Bacon Development in 2002.



Half-Mile Move Improves Accessibility for Waterfront Village

Navigating Together

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

aterfront Village, a community of members, volunteers, and supporters

working together to help older adults in Southwest DC and Navy Yard live active and independent lives, will move office operations from Maine Avenue SW to 222 M Street SW to be accessible to a greater number of older adults.

Len Bechtel, Waterfront Village's executive director, announced that beginning May 1, 2022, the offices will share space within St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

"Our agreement for the Wharf office was up for a renewal, and we decided that moving the office gives us opportunities to improve service and program delivery while cutting costs," Bechtel said. "It was something we just could not pass down."

The half mile move will place the Village's office more centrally within its defined territory, which includes Navy Yard, Buzzard Point, and the longstanding residential sections of Southwest DC. With parking in the basement and Metro and bus stops within a block of the build-

> ing, the church offers better access for older adults who depend on public transportation, including those with mobility challenges.

> "The Village is happy to have this chance to be more

visible in the community and more accessible by all of our members," said Carroll Quinn, president of the Waterfront Village Board of Directors.

St. Matthew includes office space for other community organizations, including a not-for-profit preschool.

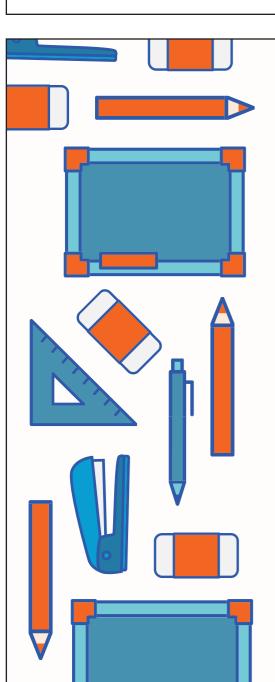
"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to partner with Water-front Village," said Jim Harle, Trustee of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. "Obviously, the church shares the Village's vision on building a local community that values and cares for our older residents. We couldn't think of a better organization to occupy our space."

Photo of the Month



Courtesy of Irene Allen

Cherry trees show signs of spring along Southwest's waterfront park.



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Americana Exhibit Examines History of Baseball Through Unique Lens

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

s baseball season once again kicks off at Nationals Park, the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum has mounted a special exhibit celebrating the 150th anniversary of professional baseball.

The exhibition, titled *Baseball: America's Home Run*, highlights connections between baseball and America's national history, offering visitors the chance to examine the "mythologies of the game of baseball and the

role postage stamps have played in creating and enforcing that mythology," according to Daniel Piazza, chief curator of the museum.

Of the more than 60 baseball stamps issued by the United States since 1939, the majority commemorate individual players. Many of these postal portraits feature specially commissioned artwork designed to mimic the look and feel of classic baseball cards and recall players whose achievements on and off the field made them household names.

The display of original stamp art and production material from the Postmaster General's Collec-

tion is paired with actual game-used artifacts as a powerful visual reminder that these players—whom most know of only from photographs and old footage—were once flesh and blood. The lives and careers of some of baseball's greatest players, including those from the Negro

Leagues, are examined through the postage stamps that tell their stories.

Uniforms and game-used bats of Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio and other legendary 20th century players will be on display along with the original artwork commissioned by the U.S. Postal Service, which pictures various players along with the actual uniform they wore in the artwork, such as Jackie Robinson's road uniform from the 1948 season.

These tributes are especially meaningful at the 75th anniversary of Robinson being called up to the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947 as Major League Baseball's first African American player and the 50th anniversary

of the death of Roberto Clemente, who was born in

Puerto Rico and played 18 seasons at right field for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In addition to looking at who has played the game of baseball over the years, the exhibit looks at where the nation's pas-

time has been played. In the early years, stadiums were generally built on undesirable land in the worst parts of town. One of Washington's earliest baseball grounds, Capitol Park, was located in an underdeveloped working-class Irish neighborhood dubbed Swampoodle for the tendency of its unpaved streets to flood. Coincidentally, this very plot of land is now the home of the National Postal Museum.

The exhibit is on display through January 5, 2025 at the National Postal Museum, located at 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Washington, DC, across from Union Station.





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Catch Season 2 of The Fina Mendoza Mysteries Podcast

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

ongtime Southwest resident Kitty Felde recently announced the debut of Season 2 of her popular podcast for kids: *The Fina Mendoza Mysteries*. The podcast is based on the book, *State of the Union*, in which a mysterious bird poops on the head of the president during the State of the Union address. Can Fina Mendoza, the 10-year-old daughter of a congressman, outsmart the Secret Service, the Capitol Police, and most of Capitol Hill and find that bird to learn its secret message?

Season 2 begins on May 3. The 18-episode podcast includes a massive snowstorm, a congressional battle over immigration reform, and a family battle when Fina's grandmother is nearly arrested at an immigration protest outside the U.S. Capitol. In addition, Ken Rudin, who is a National Public Radio (NPR) veteran political pundit and host of Ken Rudin's Political Junkie, plays himself in an episode of Season 2. Other notables who are included in the new season include actor Garrett Brown (Sisters), actress Christine Avila (Mayans and Pretty Little Liars), NPR reporter Steven Cuevas, and the House Chaplain



Courtesy of Kitty Felde

from the U.S. House of Representatives.

In addition, a 56-page teacher's guide is available for *State of the Union*. The books and podcast are designed to introduce civics education to elementary school students. The podcast is free and can be found wherever you listen to podcasts.

Felde is also the host of the free podcast, *Book Club for Kids*, which is a sponsor of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA). To learn more about that affiliation, or to donate to SWNA, visit https://www.mightycause.com/story/Cm09we.

Southwest Resident Takes On New Role Supporting People With Disabilities

The Christopher & Dana Reeve

DC resident Regina Blye as the

first Chief Program and Policy

Officer of its National Paralysis

Foundation announced the

appointment of Southwest

Resource Center.

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

he Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation recently announced the appointment of Southwest DC resident Regina Blye as the first Chief Program and Policy Officer of its National Paralysis Resource Center. In the new role, Blye will provide leadership and oversight programs that include outreach to local residents about resources, engagement opportunities,

and grants for organizations that work with individuals with paralysis.

Blye said that the new role is just another step on her "journey from a small country girl surviving a near life-ending event, to helping folks with disabilities across the country live independently in their community of choice."

Blye's work is focused on high system change to improve the quality of life for people living with disabilities, including fighting to remove the barriers to education, employment, healthcare, transportation, and housing to provide an equal opportunity for all.

Her work is drawn from personal experience. Blye was a 10-year old girl in Brownfield, Texas, with a passion for playing basketball, when she sustained a C6-C7 spinal cord injury following a shooting at an end-of-school-year slumber party.

"That turned my life upside down," she said.

At the time of her injury, the Americans with Disabilities Act had not become law, and there were few resources and little access to information for her mother, who became her caregiver.

Blye refused to give up, and early on, she denied school administrator's requests that she switch to homeschool rather than moving classes to the first floor classrooms she could access.

Blye credits her stepfather with telling her, "Kiddo, you're not going to be walking around, so you have to use your brains to be your arms and your legs. You've got to use your smarts."

Blye dove into honors classes and excelled, eventually enrolling at West Texas A&M University, where she connected with other students with disabilities and began to embrace

opportunities like singing in the choir and debating.

After graduating with a degree in communications, she landed a job as a morning news producer in Amarillo and became a D.J. at a local radio station, where she was known as "The Hostess with the Mostess."

"It allowed me to use my voice to elevate the person that I was and also give people the opportunity to see someone with a disability doing things they didn't expect,"

she says. "Everyone was always so surprised to know the woman they listened to on the radio used a wheel-chair."

In 2002, Blye competed in Ms. Wheelchair Texas and began a career focused on supporting individuals and families living with disabilities, with a strong focus on independent living. Her efforts were recognized by President Barack Obama in 2011, when she was appointed to the United States Access Board and served as Vice-Chair.

On her 45th birthday, Blye decided it was time to regain the competitive spirit and love for team sports she felt as a child. She joined a wheelchair rugby team as the only female member, and spent a season competing in the local league.

"I highly recommend pursuing something that makes you feel nervous and uncomfortable," she says. "It isn't about trying to make the Olympics. It's about accomplishing goals and doing things that challenge me."

Portions of this article originally appeared on the website of The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation. The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation is dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by funding innovative research and improving the quality of life for individuals and families impacted by paralysis. Through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living, the Reeve Foundation's National Paralysis Resource Center (NPRC) promotes the health, well-being, and independence of people living with paralysis, providing comprehensive information, resources, and referral services assisting over 100,000 individuals and families since its launch in 2002. For more information, please visit www.ChristopherReeve.org or call 800-225-0292.



RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Riverside Baptist Church is committed to serving the young people of the Church and the Southwest DC community. As part of that commitment Riverside Baptist has established a Scholarship Program to provide opportunities for qualified students pursuing an undergraduate degree. The application deadline is May 15th.

For more information visit https://riversidedc.org/ministries/scholarship/

The Pillowcase Project



Emergency Preparedness for 3rd to 6th graders

Wednesday, May 25 @ 4 pm

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Offered by the American Red Cross Preparedness Team, the Pillowcase Project is a free program to help increase awareness of natural hazards and encourage emergency preparedness actions.





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

Spot the difference!

Can you spot the differences in the two scenes below?



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Answers from April 2022 issue

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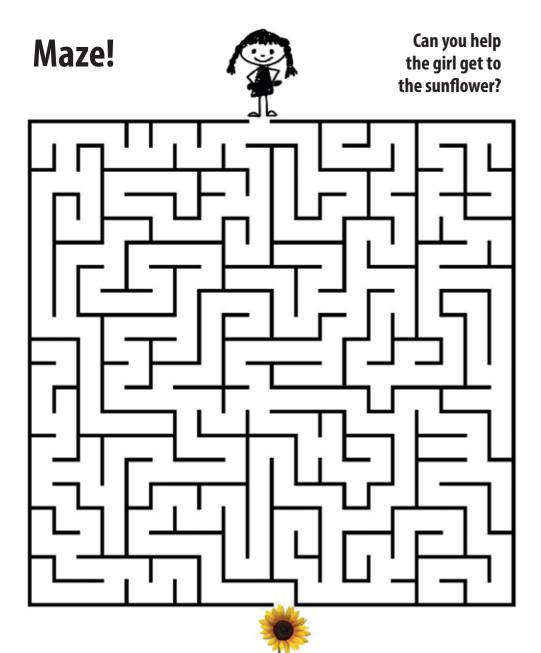
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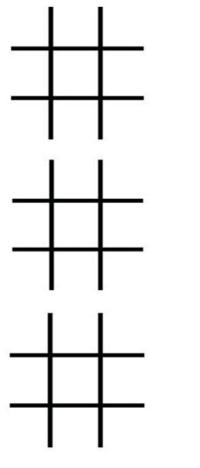


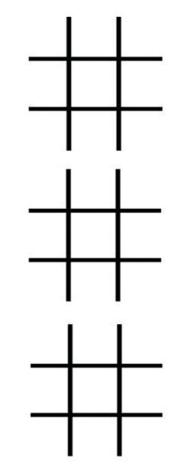
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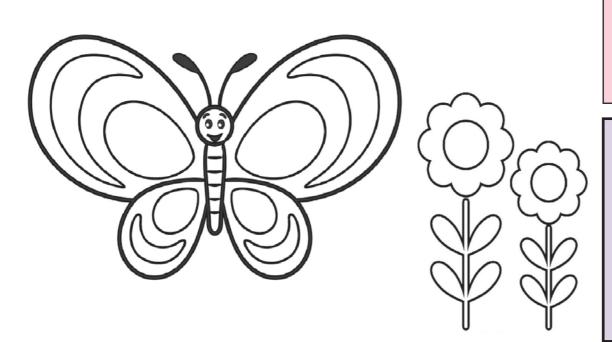


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Jokes!

What did the little corn say to the mama corn? Where is pop corn?

What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses? A coconut on vacation!

How do we know that

the ocean is friendly? It waves!

Would you like to submit a joke for Kid's Corner? Email it to editor@thesouthwester.com. Include your first name so we can tell other kids who sent it in!

Math Moment!

Can you complete these equations?

 $a. 4 \times 2 =$

e. 30 + 200 =

b. 99 - 80 =

f. 5 + 5 =

c. 322 + 30 =

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Peace Gardens Reopen for Season

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

n the sunny afternoon of April 22, the Southwest Peace Gardens officially reopened for the season. The event was marked by the Southwest Garden Fest, a neighborhood block party hosted by GOODProjects and the Southwest Business Improvement District (SWBID) that included food, music, guided meditations, community input for additional public art installations and more.

The Southwest Peace Gardens transform centrally located community spaces into flower and herb gardens with art and enhanced public amenities. The three gardens were created in response to neighborhood gun violence in order to give youth and seniors a safe outdoor space for meditation, reading, and recreational activities. Funding for the project

came from the Building Blocks DC grant program, a community-based approach to curbing violence by directing resources and services to the people most at risk of committing violence and the places most prone to violent occurrences.

Ahead of the reopening celebration, Project Glow (powered by Insomniac, Club Glow, and Live Nation) partnered with GOODProjects to create a week of impact, including recruiting volunteers to prepare the garden beds for planting, pick up litter, and write notes of encouragement and peace for the neighborhood.

Since 2016, GOODProjects has helped families in Southwest D.C. live fulfilling lives free from poverty and violence while promoting health and wellness within the same communities. To learn more, visit www.GOODProjects.org or follow @GOODProjectsDC on Twitter.

Riverside Baptist Church Announces Scholarship Program

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

iverside Baptist Church is one of the oldest churches in Southwest, tracing its roots back to the Island Baptist Church, founded in 1857. The church has been on the corner of 7th Street and Maine Avenue SW since the 1960's, and in 2019 moved into a new building. Today, Riverside prides itself on its openness and inclusivity. The church is committed to serving the Southwest DC community, and as part of that commitment, has announced a new scholarship program for qualified students pursuing an undergraduate degree.

Applicants must be a member, dependent or grandchild of a member, or a resident of Southwest DC. Applicants also must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher; have provided service to their congregation or community and need financial assistance. Further details on the scholarship program and application forms can be found at https://riversidedc.org/ ministries/scholarship/. Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2022. Please direct questions to ScholarshipCommittee@riversidedc.org.

Titanic Gala and Memorial

Friends of Titanic Memorial Park Commemorate 110th Anniversary of Maritime Disaster

rom April 14-16, the Friends of the Titanic Memorial Park on the Southwest waterfront commemorated the 110th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, with events at the memorial and a fundraising gala hosted by the Arena Stage.

At right: A quartet of Southwest residents performs at the Titanic Memorial on the 110th anniversary of the ship's sinking.





Courtesy of Perry Klein

Above: The Men's Titanic Society holds an annual ceremony at midnight on April 14/15, the anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.

Photos courtesy of Fredo Vasquez

Above: Guests at the Friends of the Titanic Memorial Park's fundraising gala pose with a replica of the ship. Right: Friends of the Titanic Memorial Park Board Chair Corinne Irwin poses with leaders from the National Park Service at a gala celebrating five years of partnership between the organizations.





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Due to COVID-19, there may be last-minute changes to these events. Be sure to check the web references or telephone numbers in the listings.

MON 2, 7-9 P.M. Democratic At-Large Primary. Hear from the candidates in the Democratic City Council At-Large Primary at Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE. Registration for in-person or virtual attendance at https://chrs.org/candidatesforum-democratic-at-large-primary/

THURS 5, 3-5 P.M. One-on-One Computer Help. Get help with computer basics such as setting up an email account, navigating the web, and general computer use. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/6474642. Conference Room 1 (2-8 Person Capacity)

SAT 7, 2-5 P.M. Running of the Chihuahuas. DC's funniest Cinco de Mayo celebration returns to The Wharf for a day of fun and festivities. Celebrate the 10th Annual Running of the Chihuahuas with us! The day will include cold Pacifico beer, live music, family fun, and of course, the races! The highlight of the afternoon, the races features over 90 Chihuahuas racing in groups of eight on a sixty foot "race track." Deadline to register dogs online is Friday, May 6th, walkups on race day accepted until all spots are full. \$30 per dog to race. This is a family and dog-friendly, admission-free event, but you must be 21+ to drink beer. Enter your dog to race on Eventbrite. https://www.wharfdc. com/upcoming-events/2022-05-07-running-ofthe-chihuahuas/. District Pier.

MON 9, 7-9 P.M. Democratic At-Large Primary. Hear from the candidates in the Democratic Attorney General Primary at Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE. Moderated by Sam Ford and covered by ABC7. Registration for in-person or virtual attendance at https://chrs.org/candidates-forum-democratic-attorney-general-primary/

FRI 13, 4-10 P.M. Market SW. Southwest DC's eclectic Friday night market returns with a diverse mix of art, crafts, handmade jewelry, accessories, bath and beauty goods, and vintage and antique furnishings. 4th St SW & M St SW.

SAT 14, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. Seasonal Craft. Stop by the children's room to do a seasonal craft or pick up a craft-to-go kit. *Last Stop on Market Street* craft (Beyond the Book program). Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SAT 14, 7 P.M. Faith & Film Zoom Presentation: Summer of Souls. In his acclaimed debut as a filmmaker, Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson presents a powerful and transporting documentary—part music film, part historical record created around an epic event that celebrated Black history, culture and fashion. After film discussion led by Rev Brian Hamilton. Contact the church office for Zoom link (202-484-7700/ wpcdcoffice@gmail.com.

MON 16, 7-9 P.M. Democratic Council Chair Primary. Hear from the candidates in the Democratic Council Chair Primary at Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE. Moderated by Tom Sherwood. Proof of vaccination required. Registration for in-person or virtual attendance at https://chrs.org/candidates-forum-democratic-chair-primary/

SAT 21, 10 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. YATF Carwash Fund-raiser. SWNA Scholarship Fundraiser. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

MON 23, 7-9 P.M. Democratic Mayoral Primary. Hear from the candidates in the Democratic Mayoral Primary at Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE. Moderated by Sam Ford. Proof of vaccination required. Registration for in-person or virtual attendance at https://chrs.org/candidates-forum-democratic-mayoral-primary/

WED 25, 4 P.M. Pillowcase Project: Emergency Preparedness for 3rd-6th graders. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

FRI 27, 4-10 P.M. Market SW. Southwest DC's eclectic Friday night market returns with a diverse mix of art, crafts, handmade jewelry, accessories, bath and beauty goods, and vintage and antique furnishings. 4th St SW & M St SW.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ALZHEIMER'S ASSN CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, 4th Thursdays of the month. 11 A.M. to 12 noon. Free and open to the Public. Are you caring for someone with dementia? Every 4th Thursday of the month at 11AM, nurses Vickie Henrikson and Carroll Quinn host a support group that's sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association which is designed to provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers of dementia patients. This group currently meets virtually via Zoom, but looks forward to returning to St Matthew's for in-person meetings soon! To receive the Zoom link or for any questions, please reach out to Vickie Henrikson (202) 251-7117 or Carroll Quinn (513) 673-9921.

ANC6D MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING, 2nd Mondays of the month (no meeting in August). 7 P.M. Online via Zoom. See https://www.anc6d.org/virtualmeeting/.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., resumed March 14. Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$10 cover and food for sale. Schedule at https://westminsterdc.org/jazz-%26-blues-1, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

BREAD FOR LIFE - BREAKFAST, Sundays, 8-8:45 A.M. Free Breakfast. The pandemic has forced us to change how we serve breakfast—but we still offer a free breakfast every week as a to-go bag with a breakfast sandwich, juice, fruit, and slice of cake. If you would like to volunteer with Bread for Life, please contact Virginia Mathis, lead organizer and kitchen manager for the program at vacooking1@hotmail.com. Contact: chee-cheemathis@staugustinesdc.org. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Community Room, 555 Water Street SW. www.staugustinesdc.org/

BREAD FOR LIFE - LUNCH, Saturdays, noon. Beginning in the spring of 2020, we launched an additional meal: we offer free lunches to students and other young folks every Saturday at the Greenleaf Recreation Center at 3rd & N streets SW. www.staugustinesdc.org/bread-for-life

CHESS CLUB, Thursdays, 6 P.M. Southwest Neighborhood Library. Chess boards and pieces provided, just bring yourself and a desire to learn and hone your chess skills!

CHURCH CLEANING, Saturdays after morning service, St. Dominic Church. www.stdominic-church.org/

DAKINI YOGA - HIGHEST YOGA, Tuesdays, 5 P.M. This session is open only to those who have received the Highest Yoga Tantra empowerments from the New Kadampa Tradition. If you have not received this empowerment please join us

for another puja, such as Heart Jewel and Wishfulfilling Jewel. Dakini Yoga is the tantric practice of Vajrayogini, a female enlightened being. This prayer session is open for in-person and online participation. To get the link for online participation please email epc@meditation-dc.org. Kadampa Meditation Center DC. https://meditation-dc.org/

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK-IN CLINIC, Wednesdays, 1-4 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church. In person clinics are unfortunately suspended until further notice due to COVID. Call (202) 425-7573 or visit http://www.dcvlp.org/ for more information

ENCORE ROCKS CHOIR REHEARSAL, Tuesdays, 6:30-8 P.M. Seated 90-minute rehearsals. Tuition-based and led by a professional choral conductor. For additional information, contact: https://encorecreativity.org/programs/encore-rocks

EVENING PRAYER, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. https://www.staugustinesdc.org/

FARMERS MARKET SW, Saturdays 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. 4th St SW & M St SW. Join us on Saturdays Morning at The LotSW to show from our farmers and food artisans selling local produce, sustainable meat & eggs, fresh baked breads, and hot cuisines from around the world. The market features live music and performances, community organizations, kids' activities, and special giveaways and promotions throughout the season, with support from our sponsors at the Southwest Business Improvement District and Waterfront Station.

FREE COVID SELF TEST, Saturdays, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. 48 hour results. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

HYBRID GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN, Sundays, 10 A.M. 4-12 years old. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

HYBRID WORSHIP SERVICE, Sundays, 11 A.M. All Welcome to share in inspiring worship! Westminster Presbyterian Church.

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, Fridays, 6-9 P.M., resumed March 11. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$10. Food for sale. Schedule at https://westminsterdc.org/jazz-night-in-dc-schedule. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

MONDAY NIGHT MEDITATION, Monday, 6 P.M. These classes include a guided meditation, short teaching, and beautiful chanted prayers for world peace. The focus is on solutions to problems in daily life, authentic optimism, and the development of altruistic love and compassion. Suitable for everyone. Each class is self-contained and can be joined on a drop-in basis. Everyone is welcome. Kadampa Meditation Center https://meditation-dc.org/

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (ZOOM), Wednesdays, 7-8 P.M. Contact: Linnaea Scavone. Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org/

RESISTANCE BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM), Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. Discuss timely issues on Jesus and social justice. Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org/

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CALENDAR

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REST AND REFLECT, Tuesdays, 6 P.M. To participate in-person for this chanted prayer session doors open 15 minutes before start time and lock promptly at start time. Kadampa Meditation Center. https://meditation-dc.org/

SENSORY PLAYTIME, Fridays, 10:30-11:30 A.M., Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers are invited to play and explore their senses in front of the library. Just bring your imagination; we'll supply the materials. Southwest Neighborhood Library. https://www.dclibrary.org/southwest

STORY TIME FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS, Wednesdays, 10:30-11 A.M. Come join us for stories and songs for your little ones! We will have fun and help babies and toddlers develop literacy skills. Southwest Neighborhood Library Large Meeting Room.

THEMATIC BIBLE STUDY (Virtual), Second Thursdays, 7 P.M., If you don't know our Zoom channel address, just email Rev. Scott at priest@ staugustinesdc.org and he will be happy to send you the

info! All are very welcome to join us. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. https://www.staugustinesdc.org/

YOGA WITH PAMELA WILSON, Mondays, 11 A.M. Restarted March 7th. Low impact stretches and mobility exercises performed under the direction of Pamela Wilson. Westminster Presbyterian Church. wilsonpj108@verizon. net; 202/746-6654.

20's AND 30'S HAPPY HOUR

 VIRTUAL, Second Thursdays, 6-7 P.M. The 20's & 30's group meets virtually every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 P.M. for Happy Hour, and you're invited! Here, you'll find young adults creating time and space for intentional community. All are welcome to this space. This Happy Hour is meeting VIRTUALLY via Google Meet. - https://meet. google.com/yny-tdqk-iir. For additional information or questions, please email Lori at Lopitts12@gmail.com.

VIEW OUR ON-LINE CALEN-DAR AT WWW.SWNA.ORG. Submit Calendar events to calendar@thesouthwester. com by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

Breast Cancer Support Group Celebrates 12th Anniversary

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

he Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund (TDJBCF) recently celebrated its 12th Anniversary of the TDJB-CF Support Group, and National Minority Health Month, via Zoom and Facebook live. Thought leaders in the cancer community joined to discuss the National Minority Health Month theme Give Your Community a Boost! The theme focuses on the continued importance of COVID-19 vaccinations, including boosters, as one of the strongest tools we can use to protect communities from Covid-19, which has disproportionately affected communities of color. Give Your Community a Boost! also supports the many other efforts happening in communities across the country to advance health equity. In addition, the theme supplements the CDC recommendations to prevent Covid-19 transmissions such as physical distancing, use of wellfitting masks, adequate ventilation, and avoidance of crowded indoor spaces. If you need help getting your vaccinations or boosters, please contact the TDJBCF at (202) 251-1639 or thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org.

Cheryl Shaw, two-time breast cancer survivor, advocate and philanthropist kicked off the celebration with sharing her years of involvement in the nonprofit sec-

tor, her survivorship story and her feeling grateful throughout her journey, followed by a thought-provoking question and answer session. Emcee TDJBCF Founder Thelma D. Jones then welcomed four of its partners and collaborators along with a recognition of special guest Warren M. Shadd. Shadd, a former 13-year SW resident and the first large-scale commercial African American piano manufacturer, briefly shared his new non-invasive invention in the fight against cancer, which is still in development. To hear more details on Shadd's invention and the speakers' presentations, please visit https://www. facebook.com/TDJBreastCancerFund.

Looking ahead to the May support group meeting, the TDJBCF welcomes guest speaker Dr. Julie E. Bauman, MD, MPH, Director, GW Cancer Center and renowned clinical researcher in both cancer prevention and treatment on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 pm via Zoom and the TDJBCF Facebook live. Dr. Bauman is the professor of medicine and former deputy director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Arizona. She will speak on the role and mission of the GW Cancer Center, including sharing her vision as the new director. For more information, please visit www.tdjbreastcancerfund.org or email thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org.



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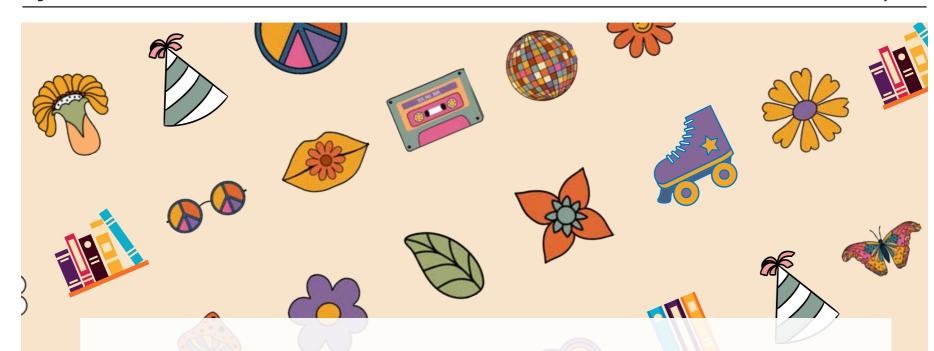
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May 19 | 4-6pm 3rd & I St. Park SW

DISCO AT THE **DUCK POND**

FRIDAY

May 20 | 6-8pm I St. SW & 6th St. SW LANSBURGH PARK **BLOCK PARTY**

SATURDAY

May 21 | 1-4pm I St. SW & Delaware Ave. SW



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MUSIC DANCING **DISCO FOOD**

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