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Rubell Museum Announces October Opening

Access to World-Class Contemporary Art Collection Free for DC Residents

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

n opening date of October 29, 2022 was announced this month for the Rubell Museum DC, currently under construction at 65 I Street SW. The museum will showcase contemporary art from the expansive collection of Don and Mera Rubell and admission will be free for DC residents.

The original Rubell Museum in Miami, Florida has hosted over 50 exhibitions since its opening in 1993, showcasing new and emerging artists along with well-known names such as Keith Haring and Yayoi Kusama. The Rubell Museum DC collection includes over 7,000 works by more than 1,000 artists, spanning the family's catalog of paintings, sculptures, photographs, videos, and site-specific





Rubell Museum DC Façade Rendering.

Courtesy of Buyer Blender Belle

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DC Budget Includes Highlights for Ward 6, Southwest Residents

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

n May 10, the DC Council approved a final budget for the coming year, allocating \$19.5 billion for needs across the city, ranging from public safety to education and beyond.

Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, who chairs the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, provided \$1.7 billion in budget recommendations for public safety, with a focus on both action and accountability when harm is committed and investments aiming to prevent, interrupt, and break cycles of violence.

The budget also includes Southwest-specific investments in public safety focused on improving tools for first responders in an emergency. The budget funds a new fireboat with improved speed and functionality as well as design and construction of a new Engine 7 Fire Station, currently located at 1101 Half Street, SW.

Other areas of the budget focused on school modernization, including \$50 million for renovations at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, with planning set to begin in Fiscal Year 2027, and supporting Southwest businesses and economic development, including funding to repair and stabilize the piers at The Wharf Fish Market.

Additional funding in this year's budget will allow the Southwest Business Improvement District (SWBID)

to expand south of M Street, bringing their Clean Team and other services, such as providing food, services, and emergency care, to a broader section of the community.

"I've been in ongoing conversations with the BID about how we can leverage their skillset to provide more services to neighborhoods south of M St who traditionally are near a lot of economic activity, but not always benefiting from it," Allen said in a newsletter to constituents. "This extension will allow for more than just regular cleaning and beautification, but a new type of investment in the neighborhoods south of M Street."

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Letters to the Editor



Development at 4th and M Threatens Communal Space, Affordable Housing

Dear Editor,

Last month's letters to the editor both referenced the development planned for 4th and M Streets SW. As Mr. Will Rich mentioned, the space in front of Safeway (375 M St SW) is being sold. Now, the 425 M St SW parcel ("the lot") is also being sold by Brookfield Properties, the main developer in Navy Yard, a company whose net income in 2021 was \$12.4 billion. Brookfield was not the original developer for this project, so I can only guess at their motives to sell, but clearly, they have never been truly invested in the project or Southwest, for that matter. They currently pay taxes of approximately \$600,000 on the land that amount to .005% of their yearly net income.

Like many residents, I'm concerned about the loss of communal space and truly affordable housing if luxury apartments are built. As a member of SW Action, I've been advocating for community-led development and collective ownership through community land trusts (CLTs) - a known pathway towards long-lasting affordable housing and retail. Black farmers started the first CLT in the U.S. in 1969 to keep their land. The loss of the farmer's market and Friday Night Markets not only impacts residents, but also vendors, who are predominantly people of color - more Black-owned businesses can be found at the markets than at The Wharf. The sale of the planned project at 4th and M provides an opportunity to keep those businesses and communal gathering space through the Douglass CLT.

At SW Action, we've started a petition to the mayor, relevant council members, and John Falchiccio, the Deputy Mayor of Planning and Economic Development, requesting that the DC government reclaim this once-public land and transfer ownership to the Douglass CLT. We believe this ask is just and reasonable. To sign on to our petition, visit bit.ly/save4thandMSW.

Learn more about the project at 4th and M at www.swdcaction.com/resources/4th-m

Learn more about Douglass CLT at www.douglassclt.org

Pamela McKinney Southwest Resident

National Native American Veterans Memorial to be Dedicated Nov. 11

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

¶his Veterans' Day, a new memorial to honor Native veterans will be dedicated on the grounds of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

The National Native American Veterans Memorial was commissioned by Congress to honor the service of Native Americans in every major military conflict in the U.S. since the Revolutionary War. This is the first national landmark to focus on the contributions of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served in

the military.

The memorial will be dedicated with three days of events from November 11-13, 2022, beginning with a Native veterans procession. Viewing areas along procession route will be available for supporters to gather to honor the participating veterans and watch the ceremony.

"The dedication of this memorial is an opportunity to gather and reflect on the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Native veterans and their families," said Cynthia Chavez Lamar (San Felipe Pueblo, Hopi, Tewa and Navajo), the museum's director in a



Photo by Alan Karchmer for the National Museum of the American Indian

The National Native American Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Designed by Harvey Pratt (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes).

hope everyone occasion, together we can offer them our thanks for their

contributions to our country."

The memorial was designed by Harvey Pratt (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma), a multimedia artist, retired forensic artist and Marine Corps Vietnam veteran. The design features an elevated stainless

news release. "I steel circle resting on a carved stone drum. It also incorporates water for will join us for ceremonies, benches for gatherings this momentous and four lances where veterans, family members, tribal leaders and others can tie cloths for prayers and healing.

> More information about the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial can be found by visiting https://americanindian. si.edu/visit/washington/nnavm. The website includes details on how to register to participate in the Native veterans procession.

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JUN 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesday at The Wharf Concerts
JUN 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sunset Cinema Movies
JUN 3-4 Queer Beer Festival
JUN 5, 12, 19, 26 Sunday Morning Yoga
JUN 7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesday Evening Yoga
JUN 10 Friday Night Dancing: Country Line Dancing
JUN 11 Pride on the Pier **

JUL 1-4 Fourth at The Wharf Weekend
JUL 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Sunday Morning Yoga
JUL 5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesday Evening Yoga
JUL 6, 13, 20, 27 Wednesday at The Wharf Concerts
JUL 7, 14, 21, 28 Sunset Cinema Movies
JUL 8 Friday Night Dancing: Swing Dancing
JUL 9-10 Roller Skating at The Wharf

JUN 11-12 Roller Skating at The Wharf

AUG 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesday Evening Yoga
AUG 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Wednesday at The Wharf Concerts
AUG 4 DC Burger Battle
AUG 7, 14, 21, 28 Sunday Morning Yoga
AUG 11, 18, 25 Sunset Cinema Movies
AUG 12 Friday Night Dancing: Salsa Dancing
AUG 13-14 Roller Skating at The Wharf

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Fall

SEP 3-4 DC JazzFest
SEPT 17 Fiesta DC
SEPT 22 Oyster Derby

SEP 30-OCT 2 Oktoberfest Weekend **OCT 10** Fall River Cleanup

OCT 12 Wharf It Up Community Celebration **OCT 23 Día de Los Muertos

NOV 11 Home for the Holidays with the USONOV 20 Southwest Skates: Ice Rink PreviewNOV 23 The Wharf Ice Rink Opens

Holiday

NOV 25 Light Up The Wharf

DEC 3 The District's Holiday Boat Parade **
DEC 17 Rudolph's Nog Fest
DEC 18 Lighting of the Menorah
DEC 26-JAN 1 Fireside Holiday Movies
DEC 31 Last Night at The Wharf **

Event features fireworks.

Calendar dates, times, and performances are subject to change.

Learn more at www.wharfdc.com/events



Faith Community

St. Dominic Parish a Southwest Stalwart for Nearly 150 Years

BY GEORGINE WALLACE

stablished in 1852, the parish of St. Dominic has graced ✓ its current location at 630 E Street SW since its opening on June 13, 1875. The church exterior resembled the present day, however, the original interior was destroyed by a fire in March 1885. Both Protestant and Catholic residents raised funds to create a new interior, exemplifying interfaith community spirit.

In 1905, the Dominican House of Studies, the Seminary for the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph (Eastern region) moved to Washington. The United States is broken into four Provinces in the Dominican Order: Eastern, Western, Central and



Courtesy of St. Dominic Catholic Church

Friar Jordan Turano



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Southern. New priests started to be ordained at the seminary on an annual basis in 1906.

Today, St. Dominic is led by Friar Jordan Turano, Father Turano arrived at St. Dominic in June 2020. He leads a team of 29 Dominican Friars, including eight Deacons scheduled for graduation at the end of May 2022. All live in the priory adjacent to the Church. Friar Turano and his Associate Pastor, Bede Shipps, hear confessions and celebrate Mass, and other priests living in the priory help when available.

In addition to being an education center, the church also works quietly to help the community. The congregation holds a monthly food drive, and the items are incorporated into the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Another fund gives rent or utility assistance to those in need in the Washington area. Working in conjunction with Catholic Charities, they helped dozens of residents during the pandemic. The church also holds Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings every weekday.

Over the holidays, they sponsor a coat drive with the Knights of Columbus and a Giving Tree in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police Department's First District.

The church is looking ahead to special events in the coming months, including a Veteran's Day Mass on November 11, 2022 where every branch of the military will be celebrated, with a short reception to follow. In early 2023, they hope to hold a recital celebrating the full restoration of their historic Roosevelt organ.

The church holds Mass Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m., Saturday at 9:00 a.m., and Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Confessions are held Monday through Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., Saturday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For information on their community service or to contribute, visit http://www.stdominicchurch. org/.

BUDGET

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Another area of focus for Allen this budget cycle was responding to the February fire at 301 G Street SW that claimed the lives of two Southwest residents. Allen and staff members Jeanne Mattison and Naomi Mitchell say they heard from residents that following the fire, particularly as residents were asked to move back into the building, there was a need for professional counseling support to process the trauma of the deadly fire.

Allen added to the budget a \$200,000 pilot program that would allow DC's Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to pay for multiple counseling sessions for residents in the aftermath of a "natural or manmade disaster." While many of the details of the program will be worked out by DBH's team directly, Allen said through a spokesman he hopes this pilot program can help DBH respond to traumatic experiences for residents and begin to understand how great the need might be for counseling following a serious incident.

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SAT, AUG. 20 . 7:30PM

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Arena Stage Announces New Season Lineup

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

rena Stage announced a lineup of new productions for the company's 73rd season, scheduled to kick off in July. The season will be Artistic Director Molly Smith's 25th in the role, and will feature musicals, comedies and dramas to showcase the broad range of American theater.

"Reflective of our shared experience, our 2022/23 Season is one of surviving and thriving," said Smith in a news release. "It's an affirmation of community bonds and identities, which keep us going, not just every day, but during the most complex of times.

Beginning July 15, the first show of the season is the world premiere of the musical American Prophet, which centers on the words of famed abolitionist and DC resident Fredrick Douglass. The script and score were created by Charles Randolph-Wright, a veteran of Arena Stage as well as Broadway's Motown the Musical, along with Grammy Award winner Marcus Hummon and Cornelius Smith, Jr., known for work on Scandal and All My Children.

The fall will feature additional performances, including the classic romantic comedy Holiday, depicted in a 1938 film starring Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn. The drama Sanctuary City takes on the issue of immigration in contemporary America, while The High Ground revisits Tulsa, Oklahoma's 1921 race massacre

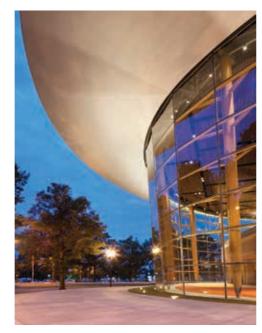


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Exterior of Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater.

with a focus on the importance of bearing witness.

The remainder of the season also includes stories of teenage Canadian choir singers and a quirky workplace comedy. Beginning in March 2023, Arena Stage will present Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning epic Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches.

For more information, please visit www. arenastage.org.

'Friends of Southwest' Create New Scholarship

As the 2022 graduation • season begins, Peter Eicher, who serves as President of the Board of the Friends of Southwest (FOSW,) has announced the creation of a graduate school scholarship named for the late Coralie Fairlee, who was one of the founders of FOSW. The first recipient of this scholarship will be announced on Sunday, August 7th at the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's (SWNA) Education and Scholarship Task Force (ESTF) awards ceremony. The two organizations are long-time partners, that have both provided scholarships to graduating high school students and college undergraduates for several decades.

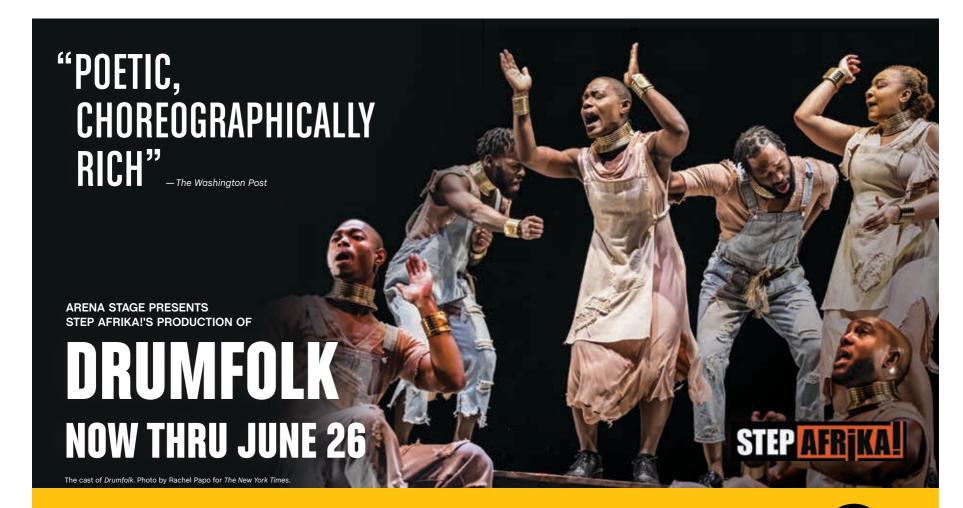
The Coralie Fairlee graduate school scholarship will be the first of its kind according to Vyllorya Evans, who serves as Chair of SWNA's Education & Scholarship Task Force:

"We have received many requests that scholarships be given to students who

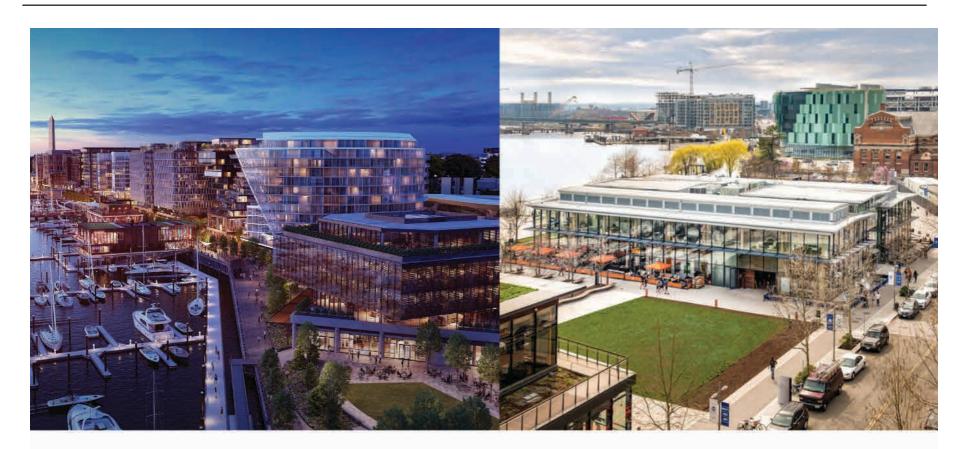
- wanted to continue their education after earning an undergraduate degree. ESTF
- is delighted to continue our partnership with FOSW as we offer this scholarship
- named after our dear friend Coralie Fairlee."

She was a self-starter who began delivering eggs to Manhattan restaurants from the family farm in Bridgewater, N.J.'s pick-up truck at the age of 14. At 17 she left home and worked her way through Rutgers University as she earned a bachelors, masters and Ph.D. studying health education, organizational change, medical information systems and sociology. Throughout her impressive career she was able to utilize her training in evaluating programs that trained educators to work with people who had developmental problems, create toxicology as a new occupational category at the Environmental

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Immersive Exhibit Transports Visitors to Southeast Asia

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

n archeological treasure set in a mountain cave above the Cambodian landscape can now be viewed up close and in person at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art's latest exhibit, Revealing Krishna: Journey to Cambodia's Sacred Mountain.

The exhibition showcases a monumental sculpture of the Hindu god Krishna lifting Mount Govardhan to protect his people from a torrential storm. For the first time, the sculpture is explored in the context of its original environment, as part of a multi-religious landscape and quite literally built into a mountain. This larger than life-size sculpture is one of eight monumental deity figures recovered from cave temples on the two-peaked mountain of Phnom Da near the ancient metropolis of Angkor Borei.

The exhibition tells the life story of this sculptural masterpiece—spanning 1,500 years and three continents—and unveils the newly restored Krishna in an exhibition that integrates art, immersive

video installations, and interactive designs.

The installations include floorto-ceiling projections of the canals of the Mekong River delta and Phnom Da filmed with a drone and a three-camera rig mounted on a boat. The sculpture is presented with an interactive, motionactivated projection that provides detailed views of the sculpture's unique iconography. These rarely seen views of the ancient sculpture are projected life-size through animations of high-resolution 3D models with a digital recreation of how the sculpture is believed to have appeared when installed in its cave sanctuary.

The exhibit also features the short documentary *Satook,* which examines how religious sites, objects and practices transform in response to generational, geographic and political change. Four survivors of the Khmer Rouge genocide share their personal experiences and memories of their parents and reflect on their communities and journeys of belief.

The exhibition is now on view and will close September 18, 2022.

Student Poetry from Richard Wright Public Charter School

BY ASIA THOMAS, 11TH GRADE MS. LINDSEY LASTER, MAT, INSTRUCTOR AND POETRY CLUB SPONSOR

Self-discovery noun

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- A cast-off of old behaviors and the old 'you' to experience a new self.
 In the blink of an eye
 Time tended to transformative thoughts
 A love so sweet

Too good to be true
Where shall we meet
In the middle of chaos
Lines may cross
Yet still I cry
A warming bliss
Confusing and timeless
Special places and people missed
Listening to you, so harmonious
Not a blur, yet I have still to catch on
to this

Thanks to patience
Discover self guidance
In the blink of an eye
Time tended to transformative
thoughts

Juried Exhibition Features 33 DC Artists Exploring Environmental Injustice

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

he first juried art exhibition initiated by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities is now on view at the organization's public gallery at 200 I Street SE, as well as online in an immersive virtual exhibition.

The exhibit, titled *Fragile Beauty*, includes works from 33 DC artists spanning a range of mediums, including painting, sculpture, prints, photography, and installations, all addressing the theme of environmen-

tal injustices.

"We thank these artists for their commitment to illuminating the importance of nurturing and protecting the fragile beauty of the place we all call home," said the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities in a news release.

The exhibition can be seen in person weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. through July 1. The exhibit can also be viewed online at https://publish.exhibbit.com/gallery/00074725/eye-gallery-27812/.





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Op-Ed: New Wharf Hotel to Join Local Businesses at Job Fair for DC Residents

BY ELINOR BACON

he Wharf is excited that Pendry Hotels & Resorts will be opening Pendry Washington D.C. this fall. Pendry Washington D.C. will feature 131 guestrooms and suites, three signature dining and bar concepts, Spa Pendry and 5,000 square feet of meeting and event space. As this will be Pendry's first hotel in Washington, most of the positions will be filled with new hires, adding to the hundreds of new jobs coming to The Wharf and the surrounding areas, including The Yards.

"Pendry Hotels will fill a void between the lifestyle and luxury hotel spaces," said Michael Fuerstman, Co-Founder & Creative Director, Pendry Hotels. "We're incredibly excited to bring this vision of hospitality to life."

"We are proud of the Pendry brand's strong commitments to hiring DC residents as have the majority of the retailers and other businesses at The Wharf including our three existing hotels," said Monty Hoffman, Chair of Hoffman & Associates, Managing Member of Hoffman Madison Waterfront and developer of The Wharf. "Since opening The Wharf in 2017, more than 1,500 DC residents have been hired at The



Courtesy of The Wharf

A rendering of the Pendry Washington D.C hotel, scheduled to open at The Wharf this fall.

Wharf in construction and operations, including hospitality roles."

Pendry, along with other businesses from The Wharf, The Yards and the Southwest and Capitol Riverfront communities, will participate in a job fair scheduled for June 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Arena Stage, at the corner of 6th Street and Maine Avenue SW. The job fair is sponsored by Councilmembers Charles Allen, (Ward 6)

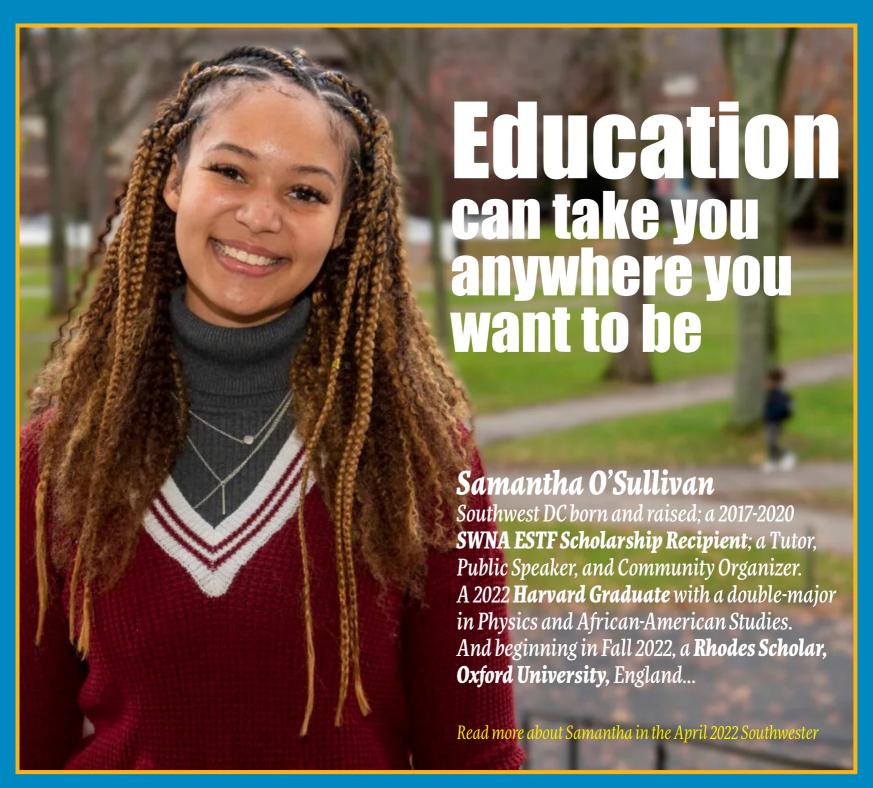
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Trayon White (Ward 8) and Elissa Silverman (At-Large) as well as the DC Department of Employment Services, ANC6D, the SWBID, the Capitol Riverfront BID and Arena Stage.

DC residents seeking employment will have the opportunity for face-toface meetings with Pendry representatives and representatives from a range of businesses. Training organizations will also participate to provide information for those seeking additional skills and expertise. To register, go to: https://bit.ly/3l4O3Jy

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.





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Serve Your City/ Ward 6 Mutual Aid Opportunities and Events

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. A 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 organiza-

tions have proven to be an incredible contribution to this cause.

For the past two years, 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 aid our neighbors in need. It is a great accomplishment to unite as a community and support each other.



Have or know a middle school student struggling with STEM learning? Let us make it a little easier. Sign up for free in-person tutoring support with Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid's Free School for Unlimited Youth! bit.ly/sycinpersontutoring

Have a commitment to educational equity? A love for working with students? Consider becoming an inperson tutor with Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid's Free School for Unlimited Youth! (Time commitment: 5 hours a week. Compensation: \$20/hour.) For more information and to apply, visit indeedhi.re/3vjDVm0 or email resumes to youthenrichment@



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Celebrate Juneteenth

"This Juneteenth we're not just celebrating those ancestors who finally received the news of our Black victory against the most challenging institutional battle for liberation, our enslavement. We're also celebrating the strength of those most precious ancestors who were stolen from Africa and survived the journey to this stolen land. We will celebrate their belief in us, their children, to keep pushing forward in our continued captivity. We have never cared about the dictates of our captors. Our ancestors passed their strength to us to teach our children the truth about the sacrifices that have been made to keep us alive. Without their strength, I would have never learned how to write this memoriam. Without their strength, many of you would have never learned how to read it. We are going to blow the roof off this Juneteenth!" - Maurice Cook, Executive Director of Serve Your City and Lead Organizer with Ward 6 Mutual Aid.

This Juneteenth let's celebrate and serve Washington, DC together! Help support our #solidarityNOTcharity work at bit.ly/sycw6majuneteenth

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 Saturdays 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church's back courtyard gate (900 4th Street Southwest: entrance near library).

This Month's Donation Needs:

- Food/beverage: tuna, chicken, kidney beans, vegetables, fruit (low sugar), oatmeal (instant packets), cold cereal, crackers, fruit cups, powdered drink mix
- Personal hygiene: deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion
- Cleaning: laundry detergent, dish
- Other: plates and bowls (lightweight or disposable), bath towels, hand towels, washcloths, bedsheets, and blankets (in good condition and clean)

You can find a SYC/W6MA table at the Southwest Farmers Market every Saturday of the month (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 Distribution: takes place at Christ United Methodist Church at 900 4th St SW. On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 2:30 CUMC gives out groceries, paper products, and cleaning supplies. SYC/W6MA gives out fresh produce, eggs, and bread every Saturday at the same time and location. If you need additional support with food and supplies, please call the Mutual Aid Hotline at 202-683-9962 or email ward6mutualaid@gmail.com

Want to Learn More or Get Involved?

We need more people to help with the food distribution on Saturdays please contact us for more information at swmutualaid@serveyourcity. org.



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Scholarship Opportunity for High School Students

Local company FiscalNote has partnered with Girls in Tech and the Wendy Martinez Legacy Project Foundation to provide a \$20,000 coding scholarship to a Washington, DC high school student identifying as female. The student can use the scholarship to attend an in-person or virtual STEM/coding camp. The deadline to submit an application is June 10.

To apply, please visit: https://scholarship.secure-platform.com/wendykmartinezmemorialscholarship

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Westminster Presbyterian Church Filled with Music and Joy at Mathes and Mitchell Nuptials

BY CHERYL KRAVITZ

t a wedding like no other, the sounds of The FAME Jazz Ensemble (high school musi-

cians from The Foundation for the Advancement of Music & Education) heralded the "jazzy" arrival of the Linda Mathes and Robert Mitchell wedding processional as they made their way down the aisle at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Southwest.

"Westminster's decision years ago to make our main gathering area into a non-traditional space that facilitates a wide range communitybuilding activities continues to be a great one. We are grateful that Linda and Bob found their way to us to celebrate their very elaborate wedding

with family, friends, and a host of supporters," said Reverend Brian Hamilton of Westminster.

The wedding definitely had a New Orleans vibe. Ring bearers Sadie Isquith, Lucas Slabach, flower girls Amara Isquith, Zaria Isquith, Lily Slabach, Kelsey Vaughn, and Amelia Whitney, and flower boys Milo Romano and Henry Stallings threw flower petals during the processional and gave guests multicolored beads after the ceremony. The ceremony was officiated by Linda's longtime friend Karla Finger and the maid of honor was Linda's cousin Nan Sprouse. Serving as best men were Bob's sons Nick Mitchell and Jake Mitchell. Linda noted that Cantor Michael Kravitz gave a blessing that filled all hearts with inspiration and hope and sang his toast with an unforgettable version of "To Life" from the musical Fiddler on the Roof.

A high point of the wedding was the number of musicians representing genres loved by the bride and groom. Most had performed over the years at Westminster's Friday night jazz or Monday night blues sessions. Performers included Jon Ozment, jazz pianist, The Gary Montanaro Trio, the Vaughn Ambrose Quartet and The Nighthawks, who got the crowd on the dance floor. Two surprise performers were Frederic Yonnet, urban jazz harmonicist, who made his way around the tables playing "It's A Wonderful World" and Chris Ulman, The Happy Whistler, who surprised Nan Sprouse with a whistled Happy Birth-



Courtesy of Lee Cowen

Linda Mathes and Robert Mitchell

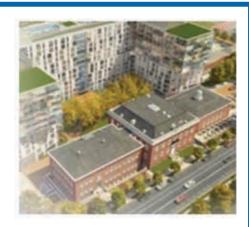
day song. Bob's longtime friend Lee Cowen served as emcee during the reception. The event was catered by Southwest Catering and the flowers were provided by DC florist Stacie Banks at Lee's Florist.

"We absolutely loved working with Debbie Jefferson and her Westminster Presbyterian Church team and Chef Mike DuBose and his Southwest Catering team," said Mathes and Mitchell. "They pitched in every step of the way with their beautiful spirit to make our vision for a celebration come true. Truly, we can't say enough positive things about the people we worked with at the Church. They helped create the atmosphere of spirit, joy, and love we wanted everyone to feel. We have amazing friends and family members and wanted them to feel our love and gratitude for each other and for them."

Guests were given umbrellas, another nod to Mardi Gras, although they actually turned out to be needed during the various drizzles during the day as guests made their way to a large tent on the church grounds for the reception before and after the ceremony. At the end of the evening, each guest was given a seeded bookmark, that once planted would bloom into flowers. The gift was in memory of their parents and deceased brothers and included instructions to "Let

Recruitment of Construction **Workers from** ANC 6D

Project: Museum Place **Developer:** Lowe **General Contractors: Balfour Beatty**



The project is a mixed-use redevelopment of a former school property. The former school property (Randall School) will be rehabilitated to a new contemporary art museum. A new multi-unit residential building with a two-level underground parking structure will be built on the north half of the property. A large ground level outdoor courtyard will connect the Randall School renovation and the residential building.

To view Construction Opportunities this quarter:

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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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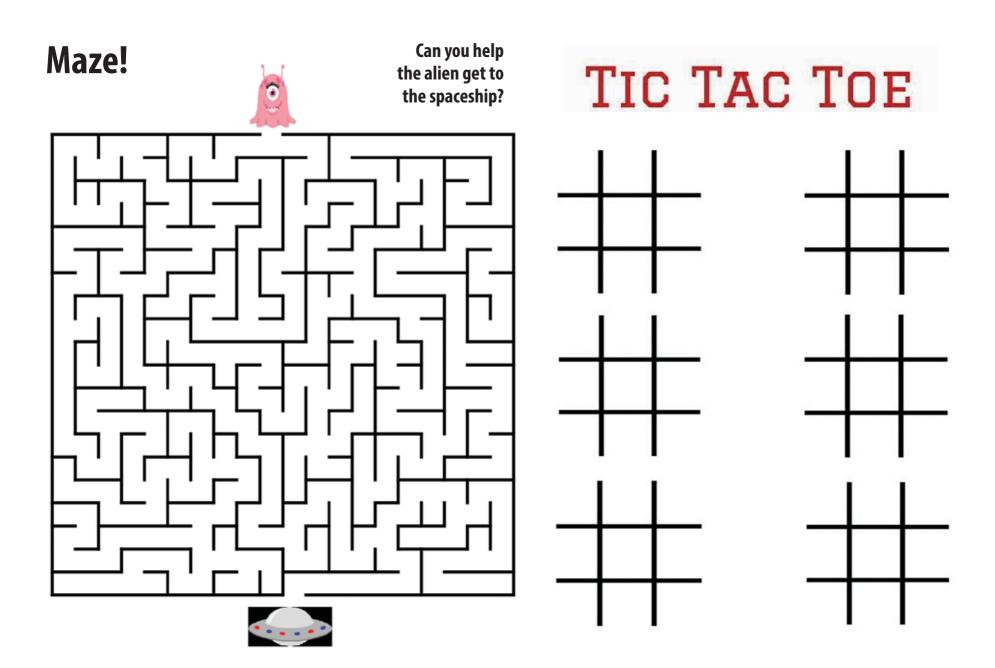


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Answers from May 2022 issue

Differences: The right picture has a flower on top of the heart; in the right picture, the girl on the right has a flower in her hair; the mom in the picture on the right has glasses; the balloons are different colors; in the picture in the right, there is a mom koala and her baby, instead of a mom kangaroo and her baby; the picture on the left has flowers under the heart; in the picture on the right, the mom on the left is wearing a hat.

Word Scramble: There are 277 words you can make from "Sunflower."



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New Mobility Innovation District Launched to Expand Access to Equitable Transportation in Southwest

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

n May 25, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development announced a multi-million dollar investment in the development of two innovation districts, including one in Southwest.

The Mobility Innovation District (MID) will be led by the Southwest Business Improvement District (BID). The city's first-ever innovation district focused on transportation and mobility will aim to improve equitable access for residents and visitors in Southwest and create a global innovation hub to show how mobility innovation can make a city more equitable, sustainable, safe, and prosperous.

Drawing on Southwest's established neighborhoods, new largescale mixed-use developments, regional attractions, and proximity to the National Mall, the Mobility Innovation District will aim to attract mobility companies that bring new technology to market and create jobs in DC. According to the mayor's office, it will also engage the Southwest community to improve neighborhood access and quality of life.

The announcement specified that the MID will implement a driver-operated shuttle to serve Southwest and increase access

within the neighborhood to Metro, including for residents, employees, and visitors, as well as an autonomous vehicle shuttle.

A pilot program called Mobility Wallet will provide a stipend to a group of residents to share data on their transportation patterns. Results will inform further development of the shuttle and complementary transit service. A \$3 million grant to the Southwest BID will support the development of the MID.

"The Mobility Innovation District isn't just about innovative modes of transportation," said Steve Moore, executive director of the Southwest BID in a press release. "It's about transforming the neighborhood economy and improving the experience of getting into and around Southwest for our neighbors. We're unleashing the next wave of innovation and entrepreneurship and linking equity with sustainability to empower the local community. Through this partnership with Mayor Bower's administration, we are elevating DC as the global leader in this movement."

The total investment of \$5 million will support Southwest's Mobility Innovation District as well as a Penn West Equity and Innovation District led by the Golden Triangle BID in partnership with George Washington University.

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work by American and international

"Creating a museum for sharing our collection with the people who live and work in our nation's capital and those who visit the city from across the U.S. and around the world Mera Rubell in a news release. "We are truly excited to be joining the community of outstanding museums in the city and adding a public resource that explores contemporary life, issues, and ideas."

The museum will occupy the renovated former home of Cardozo Elementary and Randall Junior High School, which were in operation from 1906 to 1978. The historically Black public school building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

In addition to exhibition galleries, the 32,000 square foot museum will feature a bookstore and a café with indoor and outdoor dining, as well as regular public programs. An adjacent 492-unit apartment building, Gallery 64, which shares a developer and design architect with the museum, will dedicate 20% of its units to affordable housing.

The Rubells' groundbreaking exhifulfills a longtime dream for us," said bition 30 Americans began its decadelong tour in Washington at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in 2011 and subsequently traveled to 20 museums across the United States. The family art collection began shortly after the Rubells' marriage in 1964, when Mera was a Head Start teacher and Don was in medical school. Multiple generations of their family now share their passion for collecting and supporting contemporary artists from around the

Photo of the Month



Courtesy of Irene Allen

Wood Phlox bloom in Eleanor Homes Norton Park.





Young Readers

Fan Fiction Gives Familiar Characters A Second Life

BY KITTY FELDE

ver wonder why networks keep rebooting old TV shows? ■ There's a special place in our hearts for characters we wish we could spend time with again and again. But what happens when we run out of episodes?

Fan fiction. These are original stories by writers who "borrow" the characters of books, movies, TV shows, graphic novels, etc. to create new stories. You might say it's where the geeks meet to find their own kind. It's particularly appropriate for teens. There are stories for fans of everything from The Baby-Sitters Club to Dr. Who to the most obscure manga imaginable.

It's not a new phenomenon. Fans of the Sherlock Holmes series were frustrated when Arthur Conan Doyle ran out of stories, so they wrote their

Cecilia Aragon, who heads the Human Centered Data Science Lab at the University of Washington, is a fan fiction fan - particularly for kids. "They're not only learning about writing," she writes in the MIT Technology Review, "they're finding community, establishing identity, and exploring new trends that have not yet found mainstream acceptance."

Stephanie Burt writes in The New Yorker that fan fiction lets readers "ask and answer speculative and reflective questions about our own lives, in a way that might get others to pay attention. What will college be like? What should summer camp have been like? How can an enemy become a friend?"

Fan fiction is a great way to get a

child reading - particularly the kid who wouldn't be caught dead with a book.

There are lots of places to find fan fiction. Archive of Our Own does a good job of categorizing the stories. Commaful has a wide variety of Star Wars, Percy Jackson, and superhero fanfic. Remember The Ghost and Mrs. Muir? You can find it, Lizzy McGuire, and Buffy the Vampire Slayer stories at FanFiction.

Fan fiction identifies that little niche of the universe that we are passionate about and lets us live there a little bit longer. Oh, and by the way, it gets kids reading.

Kitty Felde is host of the Book Club for Kids podcast and author of the children's mystery State of the Union and The Fina Mendoza Mysteries podcast.

Young Readers Event at Southwest Library

Kitty Felde will be at the Southwest Library on June 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m to discuss State of the Union, the second book in the Fina Mendoza Mystery series. A free copy will be given to the first 15 kids who attend. The event is sponsored by the Southwest Library and the Friends of the Southwest Library. Kitty will read from her book and autograph cop-

SWBID Welcomes Spring to Southwest with Weekend of Events



On Friday, May 20, the Southwest Business Improvement District (SWBID) hosted Disco at the Duck Pond as part of a threeday series of events designed to welcome neighbors back to community parks.



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Protection Agency (EPA) or her work as a policy analyst at the National Institutes of Health (NIH.)

When she moved to DC her life as a community activist became as full as her career, and included becoming a co-founder of FOSW where she was the "secret" donor who matched funds for college scholarships each year, conducted and transcribed oral histories for The Holocaust Museum, served as President of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and near the end of her life chaired the Alcohol Beverage Control Committee (ABC) for the ANC. She never lost her love for attending the theater, listening to live jazz and joining book clubs and discussion groups so she always had the opportunity to have her say. If you disagreed with her or tried to pull one over on her at the ABC or elsewhere, you would often feel the sting of her fervor.

Recently ESTF awarded a special scholarship named for Coralie. In the ensuing years, as we select the winner of the now permanent Coralie Fairlee Graduate Education Scholarship, we will keep all the traits uppermost in our minds that made her the uniquely talented, outspoken, ener getic person she was until she drew her last breath.

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Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Congratulates Scholarship Winners on College Graduation

BY UNA YARSKY, FORMER SWNA SCHOLAR

his year, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) congratulates five college graduates who received the SWNA scholarship award. This scholarship encourages Southwest students to reach their fullest potential during their time at university and will award scholarships throughout their years of study. The graduates for the 2022 school year are: Dainnelle Rayne Crutchfield, Ellen Guo, Grace Mitchell-Jenkins, Nicholas Moses, and Samantha O' Sullivan. Next year we will celebrate the 50th birthday of SWNA's Education & Scholarship Task Force (ESTF) and will aim to find and invite as many of the 239 total awardees as possible to be there as we celebrate the Class of 2023 and the 50th anniversary.

Samantha O'Sullivan appeared in the April edition of *The Southwester* celebrating her accomplishments as a Rhodes Scholar.

Dannielle Crutchfield graduated from University of Maryland Eastern Shore with a Bachelor's of Science in agriculture. She hopes to continue on to veterinary school and is currently working as a veterinary tech to diversify her experiences with veterinary medicine and animals. On campus, she was involved in several clubs, including the Pre-Veterinary Club and has also mentored students on the transition from high school to higher education. In 2021, she participated in Purdue University's Vet Up! College program, where she was able to develop her passion for veterinary medicine and connect with other students who have similar goals. Her best piece of advice is to remember that "You have your own individual journey. Your timing belongs to you and no one else." She also wants to encourage students currently in college to "make an effort to enjoy or celebrate even the simplest things." Dannielle hopes to be a source of support for younger generations seeking higher education. She feels that the experiences she has had in her community have shaped her strengths and ambitions and she wishes to have an impact on younger people with a similar upbringing.

Ellen Guo graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in computer engineering with a focus on machine learning and minors in art history and cybersecurity. At Virginia Tech, she has done community service with her Living Learning Community, or LLC, partnering with a middle school to "conduct STEM activities and lessons with their students" in order to develop students' interests in science. One of her most memorable experiences at school was working with a defense contracting company called ManTech, where she was introduced to new areas of computing and how these areas are applied to different fields. Growing up, Ellen was inspired to help protect this country from "ransomware attacks, hackings, [and] system compromises" after hearing countless news stories about the dangers of these types of attacks. Her biggest piece of advice for students is to attend office hours, even if they seem intimidating, as they are a significant resource and helped her become a better student. Additionally, Ellen encourages students to take advantage of every resource and opportunity offered to them, even if they appear intimidating or overwhelming. Ellen hopes to continue seeking out opportunities for community service and to share her experiences with underrepresented youth who have an interest in STEM fields.

Grace Mitchell-Jenkins graduated from Lackawanna College with a degree in baking and pastry. Her goal is to work in the food truck industry as a "bakery on wheels" where she can travel to a variety of events and celebrations. She currently works as a bakery assistant in DC and wants to expand her own business, Amazing-GraceCupcakery, which she launched in 2020. One of her biggest challenges during college was trying to earn a degree during the pandemic. She continued to push herself at school while also trying to stay safe and healthy. However, her determination helped her graduate on time and receive her degree despite the difficult situation. Grace states that the biggest lesson she learned during her time at Lackawanna College was that she did not have to rely solely on herself in order to succeed. She learned to connect with students who had similar goals and they helped each other to "reach the finish line." Grace encourages younger students entering college to try to connect with like minded people in order to thrive during their time at school.

Nicholas Moses graduated from Colorado Technical University with a degree in psychology. He hopes to continue on in the education field by starting his elementary education K-6 Master's degree at American University this fall. Nicholas hopes to become a special education teacher for 6th grade math. Nicholas' experiences

during his first year in the classroom helped him fully realize his passion for teaching and he has completed a variety of education-based community service projects at university. One of Nicholas' biggest challenges during his time at Colorado Tech was teaching virtually during the pandemic while simultaneously attending school. He struggled having to work on a computer screen for the majority of the day, but managed to overcome these difficulties by cutting out screen time whenever possible and taking breaks. Nicholas' biggest piece of advice for college students is to remember that "it's not always about how you start but how you finish."

Each of these graduates would like to thank SWNA and the greater Southwest community for offering support and encouragement during their time at school.

Graduating and succeeding in university is not an easy accomplishment, and SWNA celebrates each and every one of these students as they managed to complete university during a difficult time in this country's history. SWNA is currently accepting donations to help other students complete their college careers and thrive both during and after their education.

To support future SWNA graduates, you can make a tax-deductible donation by check to the SWNA scholarship fund, PO Box 70131, Washington, DC 20024. Please put "scholarship" in the subject line.

Are you a Southwest resident pursuing a college education? The SWNA scholarship is accepting applications until June 30th 2022. Apply online at https://swnascholarship.org

Southwest Moment



Courtesy of Fredo Vasquez.

The view from 4th and M Streets SW, with the Tiber Island towers in the background.

Southwest Moment



Courtesy of Daniella Frank

superstar and Grammy Award-winning artist J Balvin spoke in front of the Hirshhorn ahead of the museum's annual fund raising ball. Balvin recognized 2022 <u>Hirshhorn</u> **Ball artist**honoree Kwas, a multimedia artist working in mediums from graffiti to virtual reality.

Southwester Community Calendar | June 2022

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

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

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.

WED 1, 6:30-8 P.M. DC Stamp Club "Movie Night". "Movie Night" - a selection of videos of interest about stamps and stamp collecting. Christ United Methodist Church, Parish Hall.

WED 1, 7-9 P.M. Wednesday at The Wharf Concert featuring Collective Delusion. Summer never sounded better! Join us for free concerts on Transit Pier every Wednesday evening starting at 7 P.M. With R&B, Americana, Motown, Jazz, Reggae, and your favorite pop covers, there is something for everyone. Grab a snack and a Pacifico Beer and enjoy live music. Transit Pier.

FRI/SAT 3, 4, 5:30 P.M. (FRI) - 10 P.M. (SAT). Queer Beer Festival at The Wharf. The Wharf is excited to host the Queer Beer Festival, presented by Hop Culture x New Belgium. Join us on District Pier for a two-day craft beer festival celebrating the unique, vibrant voices of the queer community in the industry including queer owned and/or operated breweries. Unlimited craft beer samples, live music, and great food. District Pier.

TUES 7, 4-4:30 P.M. Kids' Graphic Novel Book Club (grades 4-6). Come and discuss your favorite comics with us and meet new friends! We want to know what you are reading. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WED 8, 7-9 P.M. Wednesday at The Wharf Concert featuring Pebble to Pearl. Summer never sounded better! Join us for free concerts on Transit Pier every Wednesday evening starting at 7 P.M. With R&B, Americana, Motown, Jazz, Reggae, and your favorite pop covers, there is something for everyone. Grab a snack and a Pacifico Beer and enjoy live music. Transit Pier.

FRI 10, 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/SUN 11, 10 A.M. (SAT) - 7 P.M. (SUN). Let's Skate DC at The Wharf: June Series. New to The Wharf this summer is a classic old-school favorite—roller skating! Join us at The Wharf Roller Rink, our free outdoor roller skating rink on Transit Pier, open the second weekend of June, July, and August. Transit Pier.

SAT 11, 10 A.M. - 5 P.M., Community Yard Sale. Hosted by the Channel Square Tenants' Association at 325 P Street, SW. Rain date is June 25, 2022. All are welcome to attend! For more information, email channelsquareta@gmail.com.

SAT 11, 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. *Father's Day Craft*. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SAT 11, 2-9 P.M. Pride on the Pier. Dress colorful and join us for Pride on the Pier! The Wharf is excited to host the 3rd annual Pride on their Pier festival in partnership with The Washington Blade and LURe DC. District Pier.

SAT 11, 7-9 P.M. Faith & Film Zoom Presentation. After film discussion led by Rev Brian Hamilton. Contact the church office for Zoom link (202-484-7700/ wpcdcoffice@gmail.com). Westminster Presbyterian Church.

WED 15, 6:30-8 P.M. DC Stamp Club "Capitalist Auction". Members bring in strange and wonderful philatelic items they hope will sell to attendees. Note that this is small time stuff - most lots go for \$5 and under. Christ United Methodist Church, Parish Hall.

WED 15, 7-9 P.M. Wednesday at The Wharf Concert featuring David Thong Band. Summer never sounded better! Join us for free concerts on Transit Pier every Wednesday evening starting at 7 P.M. Transit Pier.

WED 22, 7-9 P.M. Wednesday at The Wharf Concert featuring La Unica. Transit Pier.

FRI 24, 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 25, 7 P.M. Zoom Bookworms Meeting. The Love Songs of W. E. B. Du Bois. In Honorée Fanonne Jeffers' book, a young Black woman has to figure how to craft a life that is joyful and whole against the backdrop of the American South, where the land is a minefield of treasures and tragedy. For more information, contact: Westminster Church office at: wpcdcoffice@gmail.com

SUN 26, TIME TBD. SW/Buzzard Point Flood Resilience Strategy Launch Event. Join the District Department of Energy and Environment, District Agencies and the SW BID and community partners for the launch of the "SW/Buzzard Point Flood Resilience Strategy". Event details to come. Email andrea.limauro@dc.gov for more information on the project.

WED 29, 7-9 P.M. Wednesday at The Wharf Concert featuring Jimi Smooth. Transit Pier.

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 11A.M., 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 inperson 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/.

BABY LAP TIME, Thursdays, 1-1:30 P.M. Fun for non-walking children ages birth to 1 year only. Space is limited; admission is first-come, first-served. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M. 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. St. Augustine's offers 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

CHAIR YOGA, Mondays, 11 A.M. - Noon. Gentle movements to increase flexibility, strength, balance & endurance, adapted for all body types. Careful instruction promotes proper breathing, meditation, positive thinking, & deep relaxation. Westminster Presbyterian Church. Any Questions? Email instructor, Pamela Wilson, wilsonpj108@gmail.com

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.stdominicchurch.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/

IN PERSON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK-IN CLINIC, Wednesdays, 1-4 P.M. Call DC Volunteers Lawyer Project to make an appointment: 202-425-7573

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.

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Breast Cancer Support Group Hosts Guests from Local Universities

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

he May meeting of the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund (TDJBCF) Group Support welcomed Dr. Julie E. Bauman, newly appointed Director of the George Washington University Cancer Center, who spoke virtually from Arizona. Delivering a thought-provoking



Courtesy of the Aut

Dr. Carla D. Williams, Associate Professor of Medicine and Public Health and Interim Director, Howard University Cancer Center.



Courtesy of the Author

Cherie Spencer, MS, MCHES, Director of Community Engagement, Howard University Cancer Center.

presentation which included personal stories, Bauman acknowledged that her career was shaped by her parents who were proud and dedicated public health servants. In addition, she talked about her career work, the role and mission of the GW Cancer Center and her vision as the new director. Followed by a robust question and answer session, Dr. Bauman expressed an interest in returning and updating the group on the future work of the center.

In celebration of the TDJBCF's 10th Anniversary, Mandi Pratt-Chapman MA, PhD, the Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement at the GW Cancer Center, paid tribute to Thelma D. Jones, the founder of TDJBCF.

"She has been an advisor for numerous researchers at GW as we identify ways to address long-standing health inequities, particularly among white and Black breast cancer survivors. She is a strong dissemination champion to ensure that evidence-based information, events, and educational research opportunities are reached by her wide network of friends and colleagues," said Pratt Chapman. To view the full presentation, please visit https://www.face-book.com/TDJBreastCancerFund/.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 pm via Zoom and the TDJBCF Facebook Live. The meeting will celebrate the Howard University Cancer Center, (HUCC) Juneteenth, and the FDA Second Annual National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week. The TDJBCF Support Group meeting will feature former long-time Southwest resident Dr. Carla D. Williams, Associate Professor of Medicine and Public Health and Interim Director at the HUCC. Williams will discuss HUCC programs and the impact the center continues to have on the community.

In addition, Cherie Spencer, MS, MCHES, the Director of Community Outreach at the HUCC will provide an overview of upcoming activities for the FDA National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week. This includes highlighting HUCC's research, cancer screenings for breast, prostate and colon cancer for age-appropriate community members, and a storytelling event featuring cancer survivors bearing witness to stories of surviving, thriving, conquering, and more. The meeting will also feature the TDJBCF's national recognition during the FDA's First Annual National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week which can be viewed https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=PcjWPeAx1Rc&t=27s.

For more information on the celebration, which is also in recognition of the TDJBCF's 10th Anniversary, please visit www.tdjbreastcancerfund.org or email thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org.



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS Dr. Kimberly M. Martin Clinical psychologist Individual / Couples therapy and community engagement WWW.DRKIMBERLYM.COM Visit website to schedule an appointment 202-951-9942

Waterfront Academy Honored as Green Transportation Leader

BY KATE OCZYPOK

aterfront Academy was recently awarded the status of goDCgo Platinum Level School Ambassador. An initiative of the District Department of Transportation, goDCgo encourages the use of sustainable transportation and recognizes local organizations for their efforts as transportation leaders. Businesses who offer transportation benefits and creative program incentives are recognized for making DC a healthier, greener city. Platinum Ambassador is the highest award presented by the organization.

Waterfront Academy offers

transportation benefits to its teachers and earlier this year, welcomed Kids Ride Free to the school to promote their program. Kids Ride Free lets students ride for free on area Metrobuses, Metrorail or Circulators within DC. Students must be DC residents and age five through

Waterfront Academy is in good company—additional platinum level organizations include The Department of Homeland Security, Peace Corps, So Others Might Eat (SOME), Inc. and others.

For more information on Waterfront Academy, visit their website at www.waterfrontacademy.org.

CALENDAR

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

HYBRID GODLY PLAY FOR CHIL-DREN, 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. 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 Westminster Presbyterian Church for more information: wpcdcoffice@gmail.com

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

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 TOD-DLERS, 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/

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 CALENDAR AT WWW.SWNA.ORG

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

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GOT A TALENT TO SHARE?

COME EARLY TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OPEN MIC



OPEN MIC STARTS PROMTLY AT 5PM

ALL WELCOME

SIGN UP AT THE DUCK POND AT 4:30 FOR OPEN MIC PERFORMANCES. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.