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Circuit Rideshare Now In Southwest and Part of Navy Yard

BY BETH HALL

■ ight electric Circuit vehicles have quickly become a familiar sight The rideshare program is part of DC's first Mobility Innovation District (MID). Initiated in 2022, the MID is a multiyear, \$3 million project spearheaded by the Southwest Business Improvement District (SWBID) and the DC government, supported by Federal American Rescue Plan Act funding. Its purpose is to establish an innovation hub for mobility and the ultimate goal is to reduce congestion and its harmful effects by getting people out of their cars for short trips within Southwest.

The Circuit rideshare program operates on a mobile app, not unlike Uber and Lyft. The app identifies the pickup address, destination and the number of riders. Once the ride is requested, the vehicle should arrive within 10 minutes



See "Rideshare," page 4 The Circuit Rideshare has launched in Southwest, covering Buzzard Point and near Navy Yard.

Scholarship Task Force Celebrates 50 Years of Success, Honors Extraordinary Accomplishments of Southwest Scholars

BY WILMA GOLDSTEIN

t's scholarship time! This is when the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's (SWNA) Education and Scholarship Task Force (ESTF) and their partner, Friends of Southwest (FOS) award college scholarships to incoming freshman, sophomores, juniors, and senior classmates and now graduate students, all of whom either live or went to high school in DC's ZIP code 20024. This task force started in 1974, when several





Arnice Mack and Lisa Matthews will co-chair the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's (SWNA) Education and Scholarship Task Force awards night on August 6.

residents at the River Park Mutual Homes raised funds to provide scholarships to help three young people in the surrounding neighborhood go to college. The following year the program became part of SWNA, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, and a few years later took its present name, the Education and Scholarship Task Force.

Since that first year, ESTF has been able to give scholarships to all our eligible applicants, never missing

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DC STORM Visits Hampton Roads for Educational, College Tour

BY JAY SHORTER

n the weekend of June 23, the non-profit organization DC STORM, Inc (Students Taught Organization and Respect through Mentoring) took an educational/college tour to the Hampton Roads area in Virginia. The cultural event included 15 young men of DC STORM, Inc, plus mentors Jay Shorter, Ronald Hines, and Vaugh Meyers. The DC STORM, Inc. youth members attend Jefferson Academy Middle School and are 12-14 years of age. The event was made possible with funding assistance from the Friends of Southwest DC Organization.

The tour included a trip to the campus of Hampton University. After a short tour of the campus, the kids got a chance to climb and read about the Emancipation Oak Tree which is located on the campus of Hampton University. The Emancipation Oak Tree is designated one of the ten great trees of the world by the National Geographic Society and is part of the National Historic Landmark district of Hampton University. In 1863, this famous oak tree was where the Black people of the Hampton Roads area gathered to hear the first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The educational tour traveled to Fort Monroe where the DC STORM, Inc. group visited the Casemate Museum which covered the history of the defense of the southern part of the East Coast in the 1600's from the British Naval invasion and later held Jefferson Davis



Courtesy of the Author

Jefferson Middle School students read about the Emancipation Oak Tree on the campus of Hampton University while on a DC STORM college tour.

as a prisoner after the American Civil War. The kids really enjoyed the sight of the cannons, cannon balls, and other ammunition during those areas of history.

In Norfolk, Virginia DC STORM, Inc. entered the Nauticus Science Museum. In the museum there were a lot of handson exhibits. The museum offered stories of history, culture, science, and technology. The kids also enjoyed climbing an obstacle course which ended with a sliding board.

The USS Wisconsin Battleship was part of the Nauticus Museum. The ship was accessible and massive. The kids got a chance to see and experience the workstations, the cafeteria area, the long cannons, and the sleeping quarter of our service members when they were involved with their offshore duties. During the entire educational tour the view of the Atlantic Ocean was incredible.

The DC STORM, Inc. young men also had some fun things to do on the tour. They got to swim in the hotel swimming pool, play a little basketball and they spent time at a trampoline park. The funding support for this educational tour was made possible with the help of the Friends of Southwest DC. This event will be remembered by the young men of DC STORM, Inc. for a long time thanks to Friends of Southwest DC.

Beat the Heat and Stay Safe

BY SHERYL BEDNO, MD, DRPH

s we enter August, there are at least several more weeks of warm weather to come for the Washington, DC area. When hot temperatures hit, they can cause much more than discomfort - there can be negative effects to your health. By understanding the health implications of heat, you can better understand the urgency of being prepared for heat events. Even if you typically do okay in the heat, it is never too late to learn some preventive measures to protect yourself, friends, family, and neighbors against high temperatures

Those who are exposed to the heat, especially with humidity, are at risk of heat-related illness. Some individuals are at even higher risk, and they include infants and young children, older adults, individuals who take certain medications such as for depression or circulation issues, and those with certain serious medical conditions such as diabetes or heart disease.

Heat-related illnesses can range from the milder heat rash or heat cramps to heat exhaustion and the most severe - heat stroke. Symptoms of heat exhaustion, for example, can include dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and muscle cramps. Heat stroke, a life-threatening medical emergency, may also include confusion, loss of consciousness (passing out), and a body temperature of 103°F or more. If one suspects heat stroke, call 911 and until emergency assistance arrives, place the affected individual in a shaded or cooler area.

There are several things you can do to stay safer in the heat. Check the weather forecast regularly and pay close attention to the heat index and any heat advisories or warnings. For example, a temperature of 88°F with a high relative humidity of 80% has a heat index of 106 – and this is considered a dangerous level with a higher likelihood of heat-related illness. With high temperatures, try to spend as much time indoors or in shaded areas if possible. Keep hydrated, use sunscreen, and wear lightweight and

lightly colored clothing. Pets can also be affected by heat and hot pavement. Walk dogs in the morning or during the cooler parts of the day, preferably in grassy areas, and ensure they have enough water.

Cooling centers, places where people can go to cool down temporarily, are located throughout the DC area and often include public libraries. Individuals who depend on others for assistance in daily living, have mental health conditions, or who have limited mobility and access are especially at risk so neighbors, friends, and family members should regularly reach out when temperatures soar.

You can be better prepared and even prevent heat-related illness by educating yourself on extreme heat, heat-related illnesses, and the various resources available online or through your local library. For information on Washington, DC's cooling centers and other heat emergency plans go to heat.dc.gov, call 311, or text 311 to 32311.

Sheryl Bedno is a Southwest resident and public health physician.

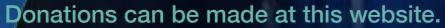


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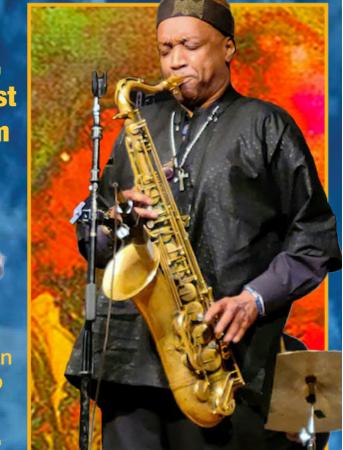
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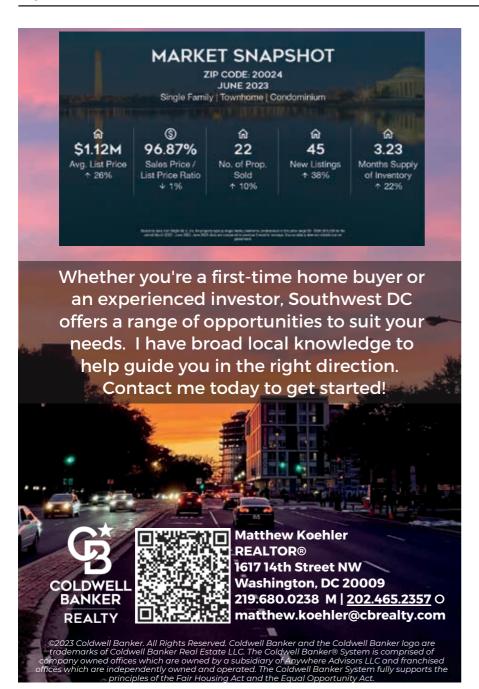


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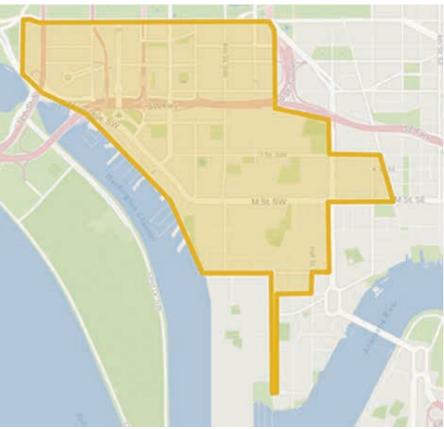
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RIDESHARE

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of the request. The app is available for download to a smartphone at dcmid. io/circuit. Service animals are allowed and riders have the ability to request a wheelchair-accessible vehicle. The vehicles are electric, made in China, and seat up to five passengers.

Waterfront Village has been offering support to its members to download and use the app. The Village is a community of members, volunteers, and supporters working together to help older adults in Southwest and the Navy Yard. The village also hosted Anthony Jackson, Manager of Operations for the Circuit at one of their monthly coffee hours. The Circuit provides rides to "places too far to walk to but too close to drive to," according to Jackson.

Waterfront Village Executive Director Len Bechtel said "I am really excited about this service. With the arrival of the Circuit, people who want to go to the Farmers' Market, the Wharf or Village events but find the walk is just a bit too far from home can now be out and engaged." For example, the Circuit provided transportation for several Village members so that they could easily attend the Village Art Exhibit in June.

Rides have been free in June and July and will be free until at least mid August while the app is being updated. Riders can also utilize the always-free Buzzard Point Circuit Fixed Route, supported by DC Central Kitchen, which loops between three stops in Southwest. The three stops are Southwest Waterfront Metro Station, P Street and 2nd Street SW and DC Central Kitchen headquarters at 2121 1st Street SW. Riders can hop on and off along the route from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The regular Circuit service vehicles are available Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday 7:00 a.m. to

10:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Rides to the ballpark and the soccer stadium are available by indicating nearby streets, i.e., M Street SE and Half Street SE for Nats Park, and 2nd St. SW and R St. SW for Audi Field. The Wharf is available anywhere along Maine Ave For example, the Fish Market is at 1150 Maine Ave SW.

The MID has also launched a new program, Circuit RideWell, to provide affordable, accessible and easy to use transportation to underserved communities. The program aims to provide greater access to employment opportunities, healthcare services and community resources. Residents who receive benefits from various DC and federal programs are eligible to ride the Circuit for free. More information and the process for determining eligibility can be found at https://dcmid. io/circuit or from the SWBID at (202) 618-3515.

The MID has been leading other transportation projects, including the Southwest Shuttle, a full bus service operated in partnership with The Wharf, to connect Southwest landmarks such as the National Mall, the Duck Pond, the Wharf and the Spy Museum. Coming up, the MID will be partnering with DC's Department of Energy and Environment and Dent House, a community center in Buzzard Point, to create the city's first e-bike and e-cargo bike library. They will also launch a project called Hello Lamp Post, a two-way communication platform that uses mobile phones and invites people to strike up conversations in environmentally-friendly locations such as bus stops, the Circuit, parks and more, while collecting data that helps to improve service.

While riding, ask the Ambassador (the driver) for a copy of The Southwester. They usually have them on hand for riders.

Summer Bounty of Fresh Produce Shared with Neighbors Through Mutual Aid

BY REGINA MAZUR

erve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid (SYC/W6MA) has been unwavering in its mission for over three years: to provide Black and Brown youth and families with resources that others in DC may already possess. Thanks to the relentless efforts of Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid, community residents now have access to the vital assistance and resources they require.

During the bustling summer season, the Southwest Farmers' Market participants, including both vendors and shoppers, are actively working together to ensure that our community has access to fresh produce. SYC/ W6MA Southwest Pod is dedicated to not only providing canned fruits, vegetables, and grocery items to families in need but also ensuring that they have the opportunity to enjoy fresh produce. The well-being of those in need is of utmost importance, especially considering the dietary restrictions many community members face, making fresh produce an ideal choice for them.

Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid welcomes donations of fresh produce, dairy products, and baked goods from both market shoppers and vendors. Ochoa Produce, Ashton Farms, Sandy Bottom Acres, and Panorama Baking Company have graciously contributed to this cause for the past three years, enabling SYC/ W6MA to provide fresh produce to 30-60 households in need each week.

If you happen to visit the market, we encourage you to stop by the SYC/ W6MA Farmers' Market table to greet our members and learn how you can contribute. Any form of assistance is highly appreciated, whether it involves purchasing an additional item from the vendors to donate or dropping off food and supply donations from your home. Your monetary donations also play a crucial role, as they allow us to obtain fresh produce from the vendors at a discounted price when the market concludes. Every contribution you make counts, and we are grateful for your support in any way you choose to help.

MORE WAYS TO HELP:

Back to School Bash: DC's kids deserve the equitable resources they need to be successful, joyful, and supported. That's what we're doing with our fourth annual #WeKeepUsSafe Back to School Bash, and your donations make it possible! We're aiming for an even greater impact than last year, and we know we can achieve it with your #solidarityNOTcharity! Donate at: serveyourcitydc.org/b2sb.

Current Donation Needs: As the



Southwest Farmers' Market vendors and shoppers work together to ensure that community members have access to fresh produce.

additional SNAP benefits come to an end and food costs continue to rise, the demand for food has surged, leaving our shelves nearly empty. We greatly appreciate any food donations that can help address this urgent need. Listed below are the items we require the most. You can drop off your donations at the Southwest Pod during its operat-

- Food: chicken, tuna, cold cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce, rice, box milk, powder drink mix
- Cleaning: dish soap, spray disinfectant, paper towels
- Personal Hygiene: feminine products, deodorant, razors
- Household: towels, bedding, microwave, toaster, silverware
- **Other:** plastic grocery bags that we can use to bag produce in (gently used, no holes)

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Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid and Christ United Methodist Church 5000 Food Pantry collaborate to distribute fresh produce. Additionally, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 2:00 p.m., we provide distributions of groceries, cleaning supplies, and personal care items. You can find us at 900 4th St SW.

If you need additional support with food and supplies, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Mutual Aid Hotline at 202-683-9962 or send an email to ward6mutualaid@gmail.com.

Interested in learning more or getting involved? We are actively seeking more volunteers to help with food distribution on Saturdays. For additional information, please contact us at swmutualaid@serveyourcitydc.org.



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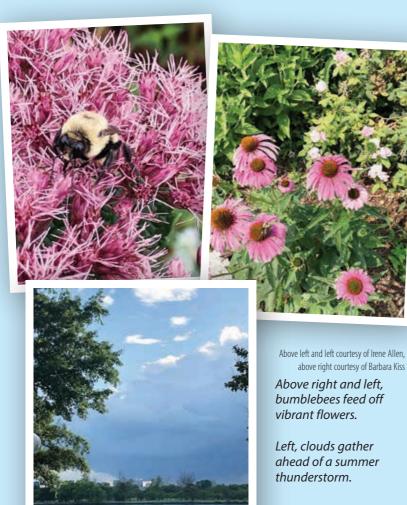
he Lot at 4th and M Streets SW was the site for July's Inspire Success Day, a community event dedicated to connecting neighbors with resources that contribute towards achieving success. Conversations, free food and connections brought together community members with sponsors from the SWBID, So Others Might Eat, the DC Department of Public Works, Metropolitan Police Department, Department of Behavioral Health, United Healthcare, Job Corps, SNAP and Circuit RideShare.







Summer Settles in Southwest



Southwest Moment



Courtesy of Fredo Vasquez

A double rainbow is seen over Tiber Island plaza after a July storm.

Photo of the Month



Fourth of July fireworks seen from the Southwest waterfront. Photo submitted by Christina Cerna

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



THEATER REVIEW

Arena Stage's *Cambodian Rock Band* Layers Humor, Heart on Dark History

BY MELISSA SILVERMAN

rollicking rock musical about a genocide might seem like a contradiction in terms, but over its two-and-a-half hour run time, Arena Stage's *Cambodian Rock Band* reveals itself to be a story of love and loyalty, secrets and hidden memories, and questions of whether we can ever really know our families – or ourselves. And what could be more rock-and-roll than that?

Written by Lauren Yee and directed by Chay Yew, the show jumps through time, fracturing chronology into a kaleidoscopic story centered on the Cambodian New Year at three essential moments in the country's history: April 2008, April 1978 and April 1975.

In the near-present storyline, Neary, an American-born human rights worker living in Cambodia, receives an unexpected visit from her Cambodian-born father, Chum. As she digs into a history her father would rather keep hidden, audiences are returned to the 1970's, when rock and roll ruled Phnom Penh. The familiar strivings of a teenage band



Courtesy of Margot Schulman

Joe Ngo, Abraham Kim, Brooke Ishibashi, Jane Lui and Tim Liu in Cambodian Rock Band.

with big dreams are intertwined with the rise of the Khmer Rouge and the resulting genocide that took the lives of approximately two million Cambodians - including ninety percent of the country's musicians. Against all odds, many of their recordings survived, a historical fact the production lifts into a symbol of the parts of the human spirit that can never be extinguished, even in the darkest of times.

The show's music, performed live by the multi-talented cast, merges traditional Cambodian rock classics with new songs written by real-life Cambodian rock band Dengue Fever, whose latest album in a 20-year career is named for a Ting Mong, a Cambodian cultural effigy of protection usually placed at the entrance of a home or village. Attempts to ward off evil may be a nearly universal cross-cultural tradition, but the

book and lyrics for *Cambodian Rock Band* instead choose to dive directly into its beating heart.

Narrated by a hilariously sinister rendering of Comrade Duch, the commander of the Khmer Rouge's notorious S-21 prison, the show takes audiences out of space and time, presenting alternate versions of memory and history and asking direct questions about who tells a story and what truth they choose to present. In his portrayal of Duch, actor Francis Jue layers the character's guilt over the torture and murder of thousands of people with the peppy persona of a cruise director and the stage presence of a late-night talk show host, bringing down the house with a fearless sense of comedic timing.

Reflecting the show's core message that each of us contain multitudes and are not defined by any one experience - the cast slips seamlessly in and out of multiple roles. Joe Ngo plays Chum at every stage of his life, from a young rocker who is quickly aged by his experiences under the Khmer Rouge to a middle-aged immigrant dad who mixes

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Soccer All-Stars Descend on Southwest, DC Landmarks

Ahead of the Major League Soccer All-Star Game, held at Southwest's Audi Field on July 19, stars both visiting and local took in the DC sights, including training on the National Mall and visiting the White House, where they were joined by President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden for a youth soccer clinic. The MLS All-Star Game, which featured the top players from the U.S. league in a matchup against the English Premier League's Arsenal FC, set a new attendance record at Audi Field, hosting 20,621 fans.





Courtesy of D.C. United

Above left and right: A record crowd of more than 20,000 packed Audi Field for the MLS All-Star Game.

Left: D.C. United Forward Christian Benteke captures the moment during the MLS All-Stars' visit to the White House.

ARENA STAGE

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up English phrases and pulls tour guides from his belted fanny pack.

Brooke Ishibashi plays his daughter Neary through her emotional discovery of her father's past, as well as Sothea, the lead vocalist for the 70's rock band Chum gave everything to support. Ishibashi's performance is inspired by a remarkably resonant personal story, as her maternal grandmother, Mary Kageyama Nomura, was known as "The Songbird of Manzanar" during her imprisonment in a California internment camp for Japanese-Americans during World War II, and her parents met as members of a 1970's R&B band. Actor Tim Liu embodies three wildly different characters - Neary's NGO-worker boyfriend in the 2008 storyline, the bassist for the rock band in 1975 and a deeply conflicted Khmer Rouge lieutenant in 1978.

The production weathered a series of twists and turns, including a cancellation in the tempestuous post-COVID era and a rebirth as a partnership of five individual theaters to bring it to the stage. The clever writing, rousing rock soundtrack and unbridled passion of its performers add up to a show that – much like the power of music itself - cannot be sidelined.

Cambodian Rock Band runs through August 27 at Arena Stage. On-stage portrayals of violence may be disturbing to some viewers. More information at www.arenastage.org.

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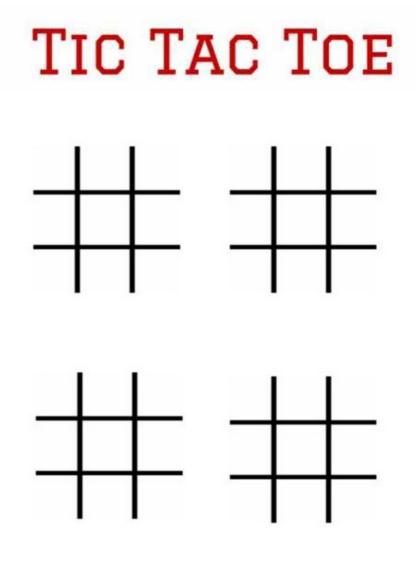
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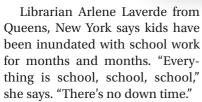


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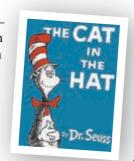
BY KITTY FELDE

just got back from the American Library Association annual conference in Chicago. It was the perfect place to ask the experts about how to get a kid to pick up a book.



But now it's summer. Time to breathe. Time to rest. But how do you get a kid to read? Laverde has one rule: Do. Not. Book Shame. "I don't care what they're reading. I don't care how old they are," she says. "If they want to read Dr. Seuss, great."

Some teachers say if you're not reading the classics, you're not really reading. "The classics are great," she says. "I guess. When they were written, they weren't classic. They were just books. We have books that are coming out right now that are going to be clas-



sics." Laverde admits that she doesn't gravitate toward the classics. Especially in summer. Especially on the

Summer is special. Summer is for doing the things that you enjoy even if it means mindless scrolling on your phone.

"However, reading should be enjoyable, too," she says.

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Kitty Felde is host and executive producer of the Book Club for Kids podcast. Her middle grade mystery set on Capitol Hill Welcome to Washington Fina Mendoza is now available in English and Spanish.

Book Review: Black Was The Ink

BY PAULA YOUNG SHELTON

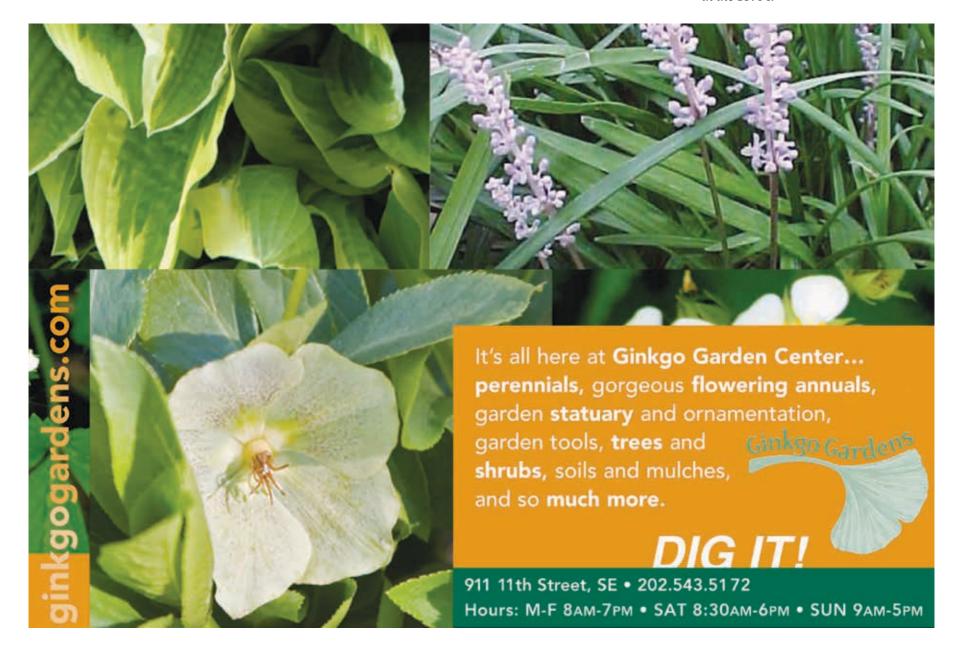
his historical fiction young adult novel takes the reader on an adventure through time and America's political history. Centered on a young African American teen from Washington, DC, Black Was The Ink leads Malcolm on an exploration of himself, his family, and the forgotten history of the Reconstruction Era. On a visit to his late father's childhood home, Malcolm discovers the journal of his ancestor, an aide to the first Black elected official in Congress. Magically, he is transported back to the 1870's to relive his greatgrandfather's experiences and witness the tragedies and triumphs of this critical time in American history.

Author Michelle Coles addresses a multitude of important issues in her debut novel, armed with a wealth of knowledge that she brings as a civil rights attorney. There are concerns about land ownership and farming, criminal justice issues, urban violence, racism, civil rights, Black economic independence, and Black political power, just to name a few. Coles guides the reader through the political landscape of modern-day Mississippi and Washington, DC during the Reconstruction era with an eloquent storytelling style.

Sadly, not many know the true history of Reconstruction, a time that is all but obliterated from American history books. Coles paints a vivid picture of this forgotten period with revealing details about the events and people involved. As Malcolm meets historical figures he is thrust into the role of helping them to put forth legislation and fight for the rights of the newly emancipated. It is fascinating to read about the accomplishments African Americans were able to achieve in the short period of time following slavery. It is heartbreaking to read how their efforts were dismantled and destroyed by racism.

Black Was The Ink is written with engaging language and features authentic characters with real issues to address and valuable lessons to learn. The reader will gain incredible insight into the era of Reconstruction as the main character struggles with problems in the present and the past. Despite the many challenges that Malcolm faces, there is a message of hope for the future with an emphasis on learning from the past. I enjoyed this book tremendously; It will take you on an adventure, educate your mind, and rejuvenate your spirit.

Paula Young Shelton is an author and educator who has been a resident of Southwest DC for more than 30 years. She previously lived in Southwest when her father, Andrew Young, served in Congress in the 1970's.



SCHOLARSHIP

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a year or an opportunity. From the \$1,650 in 1974 to the tens of thousands of dollars now raised annually, the SWNA ESTF has raised over \$588,000 (not counting this year), and thanks to our donors, given out 599 scholarships to 261 Southwest residents and students studying at Richard Wright, a partnership which represents the first new high school in 50 years. While the good-natured debate continues about which year was number one, SWNA ESTF will continue to move forward by celebrating and providing financial support in the 20024 ZIP code. This year is about those accomplishments and next year we will also announce our current accomplishments and celebrate.

We invited our 261 former scholars, our 2023 awardees and their families, and our donors to attend this year's awards ceremony with a celebration to follow. The event will take place on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M Street SW.

Community members are welcome to attend and asked to RSVP with the total number of family members and friends in your party at www. swnascholarship.org.

We hope many will come and meet our wonderful scholars to see how our donor's contributions have impacted the students over the years. The recent series "Where Are They Now?" has showcased the amazing accomplishments of some of the former scholars. We can't help but think

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Supporting SWNA's Education and Scholarship Fund is like throwing a pebble into a lake; the expansive ripples created are significant and help change and interpret the world.

Helen Compton-Harris,
 Outreach Director, Richard
 Wright Public Charter School

donors will feel their dollars were well invested in the students' futures.

Dr. Shantella Y. Sherman, (1992-93-94) one of the former scholars, will be our guest speaker at the awards ceremony. Dr. Sherman presently divides her time between the U.S. and Europe, where she writes and lectures on several of her fields of study, including Women and Gender, African-American studies, Black British culture, the American Eugenics movement, and pop culture. She was featured in the March 2023 edition of The Southwester and recommended by our good friend, Helen Compton-Harris, who serves as Outreach Director at Richard Wright Public Charter School for Journalism and Media Arts. Compton-Harris noted in her recommendation: "I wonder if she ever contemplated that her college ventures, partly supported by ESTF, would have her teaching and spreading knowledge around the world."

Task Force co-chairs Vyllorya Evans and Eric Smith, have been hard at work to bring you this year's awards program and celebration, as have Rick Bardach and Delmar Weathers, cochairs of the Scholarship Committee, whose ongoing activities determine our deserving applicants each year. Peter Eicher and Friends of Southwest, our partners in the Task Force, select from among the undergraduates, and provide the unique FOS award that will once again honor a scholar who is going on to graduate school through an award created by FOS' founder, the late Dr. Coralie Farlee. There will also be an exciting announcement about additional scholarships for graduate students.

SWNA's Youth Activities Task Force's (YATF) Thelma D. Jones will serve as chair of the awards ceremony, and has invited two former ESTF scholars, Arnice Mack (1991-92-93) and Lisa Matthews (1986-87] to join her as co-chairs for the celebration.

Arnice Mack is a life-long resident of Southwest, where she continues to live and is a homeowner. She went to elementary school at Bowen (now Amidon-Bowen) then on to Jefferson Middle School. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences followed by a Masters in Biochemistry at DC's Howard University. Today, Mack is a practicing forensic toxicologist and since 2002 has worked for the Federal Government Pre-Trial Agency representing DC as a toxicologist and chemist. She also works as a clinical laboratory scientist at Washington Hospital Center. As a member of several professional organizations, she has addressed and trained on a variety of matters ranging from health issue investigations to criminal behavior and has received many awards and honors for her work and her scholarship.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Mack has volunteered at Southwest Family Day for several years, served food to the "Cease Fire and Don't Smoke Brothers and Sisters," participated in the Breast Cancer Walk for her best friend, volunteered for Music in the Courtyard

at St. James Mutual Homes, works weekly with special needs adults at the Chateaux Remix Hand Dancing Club, is a Board member and Treasurer at her condominium and a bone marrow donor for an acute Myeloid Leukemia survivor. She served as Miss Southwest in 1988.

Speaking about her role as a cochair of the 2023 ESTF Scholarship Awards, Mack said, "I thought it would be a good time to show my appreciation to SWNA for the support they gave me with my education."

The event's second co-chair, Lisa Matthews, grew up in Southwest DC. She attended Van Ness Elementary School in Southeast DC, after which she went to Jefferson Middle School in Southwest. Matthews worked at the Fortune 500 company General Electric Company (GE) while she was in high school and on college summer breaks, then was invited by management to join GE's Information Management Leadership Program at their GE Motors office in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The program offered career experience and an opportunity to learn about GE's management structure, budgeting and finance, manufacturing, call center operations and how these business components impact information technology. After leaving GE, Matthews then went on to work at several more of America's highest ranked companies, where she led information technology (IT) teams to help her clients analyze, streamline, integrate and build information technology solutions addressing their challenging business problems. While working for these companies she traveled to most U.S. states and abroad offering IT solutions.

She has also been a community activist, working with Willie Borden at the Boys and Girls Club, serving as President of the Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA) and with SWNA's YATF. When asked about chairing the awards ceremony, Matthews shared her excitement and her "itch" to give back.

The SWNA ESTF 50 Years of Giving Celebration will be followed by a reception, with dessert provided by 2021 ESTF Scholar Grace Jenkins, who went to culinary school to become a baker and now has her own company, AmazingGraceCupcakery.

We are heading for another recordbreaking number of scholars this year and we will use your contributions to enlarge our scholarship amounts. In spite of the difficult years we have had, many colleges and universities have raised their tuition, some rather significantly. So, if you have given, thank you; if you have not, please do so now. And, if you can, give again.

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Southwest Chamber Players Offer 193rd Classical Concert

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

he Southwest Chamber Players will offer their 193rd concert on Friday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. in St.Augustine's Episcopal Church at Maine Avenue and Sixth Street SW.

The program, called Haydn' Nothin, will feature a solo rendition of Joseph Haydn's Piano Sonata in D Major, Hob.XVI:24 performed by Mayron Tsong, a magnificently credentialed pianist with a forthcoming album featuring Haydn, Mozart, Berg, and Prokofiev.

Hadyn, an Austrian composer of the Classical period, is considered the father of the classical symphony and string quartet and an innovator in the composition of piano sonatas and

The August program from the Southwest Chamber Players will also include additional samples of the legendary composer's work rendered by Mark Furth, violin; Julia Goudimova, cello; Perry Klein, trumpet; Marje Palmieri, soprano; and Stephen Brown and David Ehrlich, piano.

There will be a second major focus of the program: the chamber music workshop at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, of which Donald Oehler and Rachel Smith, clarinet, will add to the performance.

A Steinway artist, Mayron Tsong has performed in nearly every state in the continental United States, as well as Canada, Russia, Sweden, Italy, Taiwan, Hong Kong and China. After her solo recital debut at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Harris Goldsmith of The New York Concert Review praised it as "an enlivening, truly outstanding recital." Fanfare Magazine called her "a genius, pure and simple... perhaps, a wizard."

Holding graduate degrees in both piano performance and music theory from Rice University, Tsong is a distinguished pedagogue, having appeared around the world as a master class clinician, lecturer, judge and visiting professor. She was also artistic director of the first William Kapell Young Artist Piano Competition at the University of Maryland in 2012.

Currently an associate professor



Courtesy of Mayron Tsong

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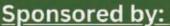
and co-coordinator of the piano division at the University of Maryland, she previously served as head of keyboard studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Commenting on her choice of Haydn's music, Tsong noted, "while much has been said already about Haydn's humor and wit, still more could be said about his mischievous temperament, especially enjoyed in his finales, and the understated passion of his slow movements which can move the heart like a Chopin nocturne."

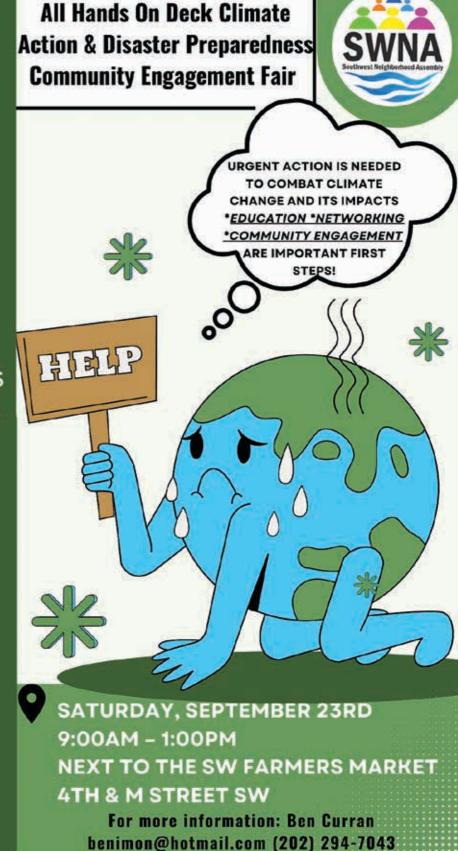


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Please check links or telephone numbers in the listings for details.

WED 2, 7-9 P.M. Rock the Dock at The Wharf featuring Driven to Clarity. 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. https://www.wharfdc.com/upcoming-events/

THURS 3, 8 A.M. Community Tables | Breakfast at the Duck Pond. Formerly Sunday Suppers, the SWBID is still focused on connecting all neighbors through delicious foods and fun activities while broadening times to include all community members. All events will be first come, first served. More to come, and in the meantime, save the date and see you there! https://www.swbid.org/calendar

THURS 3, 7:00 P.M. Sunset Cinema on the Wharf: A Dog's Purpose. All summer long, come to The Wharf for free movies on Transit Pier presented by Pacifico on Thursday evenings. With action movies, rom-coms, blockbusters, and classics, there is something for everyone. Grab a snack and a Pacifico Beer and enjoy the show. https://www.wharfdc.com/upcoming-events/

THURS 3, 5:30-7:00 P.M. Let's Play Spades. SPADES is a trick-taking partnership game where players bid the number of tricks each expects to take. Games are played to 500 points and the team with the highest score wins. Southwest Library Meeting Room 1. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/8655220

SAT 5, 2-4 P.M. Long Story Short: A Short Story Book Club. We know you love a good story but you just don't have time to read a whole book. Join this bi-monthly book club as we read-a-loud and discuss short stories. We are reading American Classic short stories, all are available to read online. A link to each story is listed below. This program is for adults. Southwest Library Large Meeting Room. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/8832829 August 5th- Willie Bea and Jaybird by Tina McElroy Ansa August 19 - Red Headed Baby by Langston Hughes

SUN 6, 1-2 P.M. Sit and Stitch. Stitchers of all forms and skill levels (including first-timers) bring your own materials and join us to knit, crochet, embroider, cross-stitch, or make however makes your heart sing for the hour. Basic beginner instruction available for the listed crafts available. Adults of all ages welcome. Southwest Library https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/8816507

MON 7, 8:30 A.M. Pastries with the Principal at Jefferson Middle School Academy. Meet the new principal at Jefferson Middle School Academy, Allecyn A.G. Howard. 801 7th St SW, Washington, DC 20024

TUES 8, 10:45 A.M. - 6 P.M. Babysitting 101. Calling all wanna-be and current babysitters ages 13 to 17! Join Southwest Library for a free, all-day training to sharpen your skills on childcare and your babysitting business. This program is conducted by HeartsCPR, LLC, partner of American Red Cross. Slots are limited! Registration required at https://tinyurl.com/zs24j43s. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/8718646

WED 9, 7-9 P.M. Rock the Dock at The Wharf featuring Nkula. 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. https://www.wharfdc.com/upcoming-events/

THURS 10, 7:00 P.M. Sunset Cinema on the Wharf: The Sandlot. All summer long, come to The Wharf for free movies on Transit Pier presented by Pacifico on Thursday evenings. With action movies, rom-coms, blockbusters, and classics, there is something for everyone. Grab a snack and a Pacifico Beer and enjoy the show. https://www.wharfdc.com/upcoming-events/

FRI 11, 4-10 P.M. Market SW. Southwest DC's eclectic

The Southwester volunteer team would like to acknowledge and express our gratitude to Jein Park for compiling the Community Calendar each month over the past year. Jein will be studying for her Master's degree in Urban Planning at Harvard, and we wish her our best!

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

FRI 11, 7 P.M. Friday Night Dancing: Salsa Dance at the Wharf. We're combining the two best Friday night activities this summer: going dancing and enjoying cocktails al fresco. Join us for free themed dance nights with live music on Transit Pier on the second Friday in June, July, and August. Each night will feature a different style of music and dancing. https://www.wharfdc.com/upcoming-events/

SAT 12, 7 P.M. Faith & Film Zoom presentation of "CHIRAQ." Release: 2015 Genre: Musical Satire Runtime: 2 hr. 7 min. Rating: R "Chi-Raq" is a modern-day musical satire by Spike Lee about violence and guns, men and women, and sex and power. The title "Chi-Raq" is a slang term coined by residents of Chicago's violence-plagued South side, empowered by statistics showing that more Americans have died from gunshots in the last twelve years than soldiers involved in the American occupation of Iraq. After-film discussion led by Pastor Brian Hamilton. For Zoom link, email the Office at wpcdcoffice@gmail. com. All Invited.

SUN 13, 4 P.M. Community Tables (formerly "Sunday Supper") at the Duck Pond. The SWBID is still focused on connecting all neighbors through delicious foods and fun activities while broadening times to include all community members. All events will be first come, first served. More to come, and in the meantime, save the date and see you there!

TUES 15, 7 P.M. Toni Morrison Fiction Book Club. We will read and discuss one of Nobel Laureate and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Toni Morrison's 11 fiction novels on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. So whether you are a well-read fan of Morrison or have never read her work, all are welcome! The August book is LOVE. Southwest Library.

WED 16, Time TBD. Popsicles with the Principal at Jefferson Middle School Academy. Meet the new principal at Jefferson Middle School Academy, Allecyn A.G. Howard. 801 7th St SW, Washington, DC 20024

WED 16, 7-9 P.M. Rock the Dock at The Wharf featuring David Thong Band. 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.

THURS 17, 1 P.M. Coffee & Conversation. Customers are invited to join a casual conversation with other library customers and individuals from the neighborhood. Coffee and Tea provided. Southwest Neighborhood Library - Large Meeting Room.

THURS 17, 5 P.M. Community Tables | Ice Cream Social at the Duck Pond. Formerly Sunday Suppers, the SWBID is still focused on connecting all neighbors through delicious foods and fun activities while broadening times to include all community members. All events will be first come, first served. More to come, and in the meantime, save the date and see you there!

THURS 17, 7:00 P.M. Sunset Cinema on the Wharf: Ratatouille. All summer long, come to The Wharf for free movies on Transit Pier presented by Pacifico on Thursday evenings. With action movies, rom-coms, blockbusters, and classics, there is something for everyone. Grab a

snack and a Pacifico Beer and enjoy the show.

SAT 19, Seasonal Day Craft. Join us in the Children's Room for a seasonal or book-themed craft. Children ages 3-12 can drop by the children's room for a fun craft based on starfish and seashells! Southwest Library.

SAT 19, 2-4 P.M. Long Story Short: A Short Story Book Club. Southwest Library. (See Aug. 5 listing) August 19 - Red Headed Baby by Langston Hughes

WED 23, 7-9 P.M. Rock the Dock at The Wharf featuring Jimi Smooth & Hit Time. 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.

THURS 24, 7:00 P.M. Sunset Cinema on the Wharf: School of Rock. All summer long, come to The Wharf for free movies on Transit Pier presented by Pacifico on Thursday evenings. With action movies, rom-coms, blockbusters, and classics, there is something for everyone. Grab a snack and a Pacifico Beer and enjoy the show.

FRI 25, 1:30 P.M. Pre-School Ready Party. Heading to pre-school this fall? Stop by for our fun Pre-School Ready Party, explore different learning and creativity stations, and celebrate how much we'e learned together. We'll make sure you're all set with a library card of your own and a fun book to read. This is a family event geared towards 3 and 4 year-olds and their families. Southwest Library.

FRI 25, 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 26, 1 P.M. Thinking About Jazz. Louis Armstrong: Jazz Ambassador Ricky Riccardi, Director of Research Collections for the Louis Armstrong House Museum, presenting. Fifty-two years after his death, Louis Armstrong remains one of the 20th century's most iconic figures. Popular fans still appreciate his later hits such as "Hello, Dolly!" and "What a Wonderful World," while in the jazz community, he remains venerated for his ground-breaking innovations in the 1920s. The achievements of Armstrong's middle years, however, possess some of the trumpeter's most scintillating and career-defining stories. Join us for this riveting zoom presentation. For zoom link, contact the Westminster Presbyterian Church office at 202-484-7700. All Invited.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Mondays-Fridays at Noon (St. Dominic's Catholic Church) or Wednesday evenings (St. Augustine's Episcopal Church). Post-pandemic we have resumed live meetings. This fellowship is open to all men and women who desire to recover from alcoholism. You will be welcome; for more information, contact Josie at 202-880-6971. https://aa-dc.org/meetings/t-g-i-f

BABY LAP TIME (ONLY AUGUST 17, 24 & 31), Thursdays, 1-1:45 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,

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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 thor081828@hotmail.com. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Community Room, 555 Water Street 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, 2nd Saturdays of the month, 9:35 A.M. St. Dominic Church. www.stdominicchurch.org/

COLOR MY WORLD, Thursdays, 4:30 P.M. Children of all ages are invited to join us for a Thursday afternoon coloring club, where we'll brighten up the world together. Coloring pages, designs, crayons, and coloring pencils will be provided. Southwest Library.

CREATOR'S CORNERS, Every other Saturdays, All Day. Every other Saturday we'll offer a unique chance to get creative! All supplies will be provided—just bring your imagination! This program is best for children up to 12 and their caregivers. Southwest Library.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PERSON WALK-IN CLINIC, Wednesdays, 1-4 P.M. Call DC Volunteers Lawyer Project to make an appointment: 202-425-7573. www.dcvlp. org/clinic/ Westminster Presbyterian Church.

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ (ONLY AUGUST 21 & 28), Mondays, 5-6 P.M. Come enjoy some good old-fashioned reading together! Bring a book, or pick up one of ours, and let's kick back and relax together. We'll meet on the 1st floor patio, weather permitting. All ages welcome. All participants under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver over 13 at all times. Feel free to partner read, read quietly to yourself, to listen to an audiobook in your headphones. Southwest Library.

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

FAMILY GAME DAY, Sundays, All Day. (**ONLY AUGUST 20 & 27**). How fast can you beat your sister at Uno? Itching to play Candyland or Jumbo Connect 4? Children and their families are invited to visit the Southwest Library on Sunday afternoons to play a selection of games that will be made available. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/8520163

FAMILY STORY TIME (ONLY AUGUST 21 & 28), Mondays, 10:30 A.M. Fun for the entire family, these 30-40 minute story times are packed full of books and activities designed to be enjoyed by all ages. Promoting language and literacy skills, these story times are a great way to further your child's lifelong love of reading and learning. Southwest Library.

FARMERS MARKET SW, Saturdays 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. 4th St SW & M St SW. Join us at The LotSW to show support for 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.

FILM DISCUSSION CLUB, Tuesdays, 12 P.M. If you enjoy a good conversation and meeting new people, join this weekly film discussion club. View an independent, thought-provoking, short-film and engage in an informal discussion with others. Southwest Neighborhood Library - Large Meeting Room.

HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS, Thursdays, 7 P.M. St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church. https://www.stdominicchurch.org/

HYBRID GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN, Sundays, 10 A.M. 4-12 years old. Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org/

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

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.

JOB SEEKERS, Mondays, 1-3 P.M. Stop by Southwest Library for this drop-in clinic where we answer your questions and provide guidance and assistance to job seekers in their search. Southwest Library, Conference Room 1.

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, First Saturdays of the month, 10:30 A.M. - 12 P.M. Southwest's Komen Toastmasters, a public speaking and leadership club, continues to meet on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10:30 am until noon, as it has for over 20 years. Komen Toastmasters offers a friendly and safe space for you to strengthen your public speaking and storytelling skills. Meetings are held online at https://us02web.zoom. us/j/2123493184. https://8714.toastmastersclubs.org/

LET'S PLAY SPADES, Thursdays, 5:30 P.M. SPADES is a trick-taking partnership game where players bid the number of tricks each expects to take. Games are played to 500 points and the team with the highest score wins. Southwest Library.

MAKE IT! (ONLY AUGUST 22 & 29) Tuesdays, 4-5 P.M. Come make something awesome at the Southwest Library! Every Tuesday after school we'll make something—a craft, STEM project, experiment, or design. All materials provided—just bring your imagination! Southwest Neighborhood Library.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (ZOOM), Wednesdays, 7-8 P.M. Contact Westminster Presbyterian Church for more information at wpcdcoffice@gmail.com www.narcotics.com/na-meetings/washington-dc/

OUTDOOR EXPLORATIONS (ONLY AUGUST 17 & 24), Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:15 P.M. Participate in weekly activities throughout Discover Summer including bark rubbings, scavenger hunts, etc. We will meet on the benches outside the library and stay in the grassy area outside the library. All participants under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver over 13 at all times. In case of rain or thunder, we will meet inside the Southwest Library.

PARENTS' TAX CLINIC WITH MOTHER'S OUTREACH NETWORK (FREE), Wednesdays, 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. Have you received your Child Tax Credit? Your Earned Income Tax Credit? Every Stimulus payment? If not, or if you have questions, stop by Southwest Library on Wednesday between 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. At no charge, we will consult with you about how to get your government refund, if eligible. This event is hosted by Mother's Outreach Network. Southwest Library. https://mothersoutreachnetwork.org/parentstaxclinic/

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 inperson for this chanted prayer session doors open 15 minutes before start time and lock promptly at start time. Kadampa Meditation Center. www.meditation-dc.org/

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH PROTEIN PANTRY, 2nd Sundays, 11:30 A.M. All are welcome! For more details contact rsbc@riverside.org. Riverside Baptist Church, 699 Maine Ave SW, https://riversidedc.org/

SEATED YOGA (In Person), Mondays & Fridays, 11 A.M. - 12 P.M. Low impact stretches and mobility exercises performed under the direction of Pamela Wilson. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SENSORY PLAYTIME (ONLY AUGUST 18 & 25), 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. www.dclibrary.org/southwest

SUNDAY MORNING MEDITATION, Sundays, 10 A.M. December Topic - How to Solve Our Human Problems. Suitable for everyone, these meditation classes offer practical methods to improve the quality of our lives through meditation and Buddhist teachings. Each class is available by drop-in and you can come to either the entire series for the month or by individual class. Each class is self-contained. Kadampa Meditation Center, 1200 Canal St SW. More at https://meditation-dc.org/sundaymornings/.

SUNDAY SERIES: HOLY COUPLES & MARRIED SAINTS, Sundays, 9:15 A.M. A series of talks on modern-day married saints, lead by Fr. Kevin Kraft, O.P. Sunday, April 16 through Sunday, August 27, 2023, 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Dominic Church. https://www.stdominicchurch.org/

SUNDAY UNWIND THE MIND MEDITATION, Sundays, 6:45 - 7:30 P.M. Suitable for everyone, these meditation classes offer practical methods to improve the quality of our lives through meditation and Buddhist teachings. Each class is available by drop in and you can come to either the entire series for the month or by individual class. Each class is self contained. Everyone is welcome. Kadampa Meditation Center, 1200 Canal St SW, www. meditation-dc.org/

SW ACTION MEETING, Sundays, 1:30 P.M. For people interested in advocating for affordable housing in Southwest, we meet every 1st Sunday of the month at the Southwest Library in Meeting Room 1. https://www.swdcaction.com/

TECH HELP, Wednesdays, 2 P.M. Need help navigating a new device, setting up an email account, connecting with friends on social media, or something else techrelated? Drop by Tech Help, a one-hour technology assistance clinic for guidance from library staff. Come prepared with any necessary log-in information and your charged device. Be ready to learn new skills and get comfortable in the digital environment while accomplishing the tech tasks you need done. Southwest Library.

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/

THURSDAY EVENING MEDITATION, Thursdays, 7:15 - 8:30 P.M. Suitable for everyone, these meditation classes offer practical methods to improve the quality of our lives through meditation and Buddhist teachings. Each class is available by drop in and you can come to either the entire series for the month or by individual class. Each class is self contained. Everyone is welcome. For support with our online classes, prayers & events: support@meditation-dc.org Kadampa Meditation Center www.meditation-dc.org/

WASHINGTON STAMPS COLLECTORS CLUB (WSCC), First and Third Wednesdays, 7 P.M. Visitors are always welcome to take part in our meetings. Ring the church's doorbell at the Eye St entrance to enter the meeting. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th Street, SW. https://www.dcstampclub.org/

YOGA AT THE LIBRARY, Saturdays, 11 A.M. Join us for weekly yoga classes. Chair Yoga 11:00-11:30 A.M., Mat Yoga 11:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. Please come in comfortable clothes to move in and bring your own mat for mat yoga. Southwest Library, Large Meeting Room. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/8833520

ZENTANGLES, Mondays, 6 P.M. Find your calm and your creativity. Try your hand at the slow-work art of pattern doodling called Zentangles! Southwest Library, Conference Room 1. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/8543652

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

