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### Friends of Southwest DC Celebrate 25 Years of Impact

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

riends of Southwest DC is celebrating its 25th anniversary, marking a quarter century of supporting neighbors, awarding small grants to Southwest organizations, and making Southwest a better place to live.

When Coralie Farlee and a few neighbors at River Park sat down in 1998 to discuss how they could give back to their community, little did they imagine the impact they would have. They founded River Park Friends, which in 2010 changed its name to Friends of Southwest DC. Since its modest start 25 years ago, Friends of Southwest has awarded hundreds of small grants, totaling over \$450,000.

"Over the years, we've provided funding to support almost 50 different nonprofits working in Southwest," said Peter

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Members of the Friends of Southwest DC board meeting at the Southwest Library, left to right: Ellen Spencer, Carolyn Harvin, Regina Harrison, Russell McIntyre, Peter Eicher, and Peri Hamlin. Absent: Cheryl Parham, Eric Smith, Gabriele Strauch

### New Initiative Improves Access to Breast Cancer Services with Eye Toward Equity

BY SUZANNE C. O'NEILL

s a result of effective screening and treatment, outcomes for women diagnosed with breast cancer have improved significantly over the past 25 years. However, these improvements have not been seen equally across all members of our community. To improve these outcomes, researchers from Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Comprehensive Center (GLCCC) partnered with the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund (TDJBCF) led by Thelma D. Jones, the African Women's Cancer Awareness Association (AWCAA) led by Ify Nwabukwu and the American Cancer Society on a research initiative to address breast cancer disparities in the District of Columbia metropolitan area through



Vanessa B. Sheppard, PhD, Massey Cancer Center, Virginia Commonwealth University.

an expansion of offered services.

This initiative, the Achieving Cancer Equity through Identification, Testing, and Screening (ACE-ITS) program, used a community-engaged approach to improve access to many breast cancer services. This included encouraging women who have had mammograms through the breast cancer screening navigation program at the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Prevention at Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center in the past to continue to have regular mammograms and community outreach to identify those in need of screening. Efforts also included identifying women who would be eligible for genetic counseling and testing and making sure that eligible women receive this important care. Care delivery was supported by patient

navigation and automated text message reminders and community education events increased awareness of

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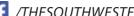
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Donations support outreach and education strategies for young girls and link low-income, uninsured and underinsured women and men with information, screening diagnostic services and counseling. Donate online at www. tdjbreastcancerfund.org.

The Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund is an all-volunteer award-winning grassroots organization whose mission is to advocate and improve the overall health and wellness for women and men through outreach, education, and prevention. We promote early detection strategies for breast health and access to the best biomedical and evidence-based complementary therapies to reduce the incidences and mortality rates of breast cancer. Our vision is to save lives, embrace and achieve a world community free of breast cancer.

When donating by mail, please make check or money order payable to the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund and mail to:

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### August, September Meetings of Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund Support Group Spotlight Black Philanthropy and Pioneering Research

BY PAULA YOUNG SHELTON

**¬** or this year's August meeting, the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund Support Group celebrated Black Philanthropy Month with a dynamic speaker. Reggie Van Lee, Partner and Chief Transformation Officer of The Carlyle Group, delivered a motivating and informative address based on his lifelong commitment to philanthropic endeavors. Van Lee exemplifies the theme of the celebration: "Love in Action," which was taken from the teachings of the late scholar-activist bell hooks who wrote about love as a necessary foundation for true social change.

Van Lee's impressive resume includes Senior Partner and Executive Vice President at Booz Allen, research engineer at Exxon, numerous board memberships and awards, a Master's Degree from MIT and an MBA from Harvard. However, despite his many accolades, it is Van Lee's philanthropic work that really sets him apart from so many other highly accomplished individuals. Following the example of his parents, Van Lee began charity work as a child, which grew into a deep devotion to philanthropy. Van Lee recalled his journey that began with donating clothes at church and moving on to contributing his talents to various organizations. As his career progressed, Van Lee parlayed his developing skills to the causes that he cared about. Even when he had little disposable income, he always made it a point to give to others, recognizing that there were always others in greater need. Van Lee encouraged the audience to seek out those organizations and causes that they believe in, "start with your passion," and volunteer your time



and talents by translating your skill and experiences into service. He also urged, "when you give, give until it hurts a little bit" to maximize your philanthropy.

The Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund (TDJBCF) is one of the many worthy causes to which Van Lee has offered his strong support. Motivated by the loss of his older sister to breast cancer, Van Lee became active with TDJBCF and serves as an honorary board member. He also established a scholarship at Howard University in memory of his sister. One more example of how Van Lee has integrated philanthropy into his life as a demonstration of "Love in Action."

The event also featured the superb vocal stylings of former Southwest resident Cecily who stunned the audience with her incredible range and original songs entitled, "Acceptance" and "Set Myself Free." As another demonstration of "Love in Action," TDJBCF showcased other community

organizations with presentations from Dana McDaniel of GOODProjects and Paul Taylor, Executive Director of Comm-Unity Forum. The event was sponsored by CSG Urban Partners.

In September, the monthly meeting marked special moments, including TDJBCF's 11th anniversary and the 71st birthday of TDJBCF Founder Thelma D. Jones. The guest speaker was Dr. Vanessa B. Sheppard of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Dr. Sheppard received the American Cancer Society's 2022 Researcher of the Year Award for her remarkable advances in cancer research. The award recognizes an investigator who, in addition to their innovative, impactful research, has benefitted from an American Cancer Society (ACS) extramural grant. ACS awarded \$1.5 million to Dr. Sheppard, one of the largest investigator grants given in Virginia. To see the TDJBCF virtual September celebration, please visit https://fb.watch/ncgPdXm2qg/.

The next TDJBCF support group meeting is scheduled to be in person on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For questions about the meeting or the TDJBCF, please email thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org, call (202) 251-1639 or visit www.tdjbreastcancerfund.org.

The TDJBCF, founded by breast cancer survivor and Southwest DC philanthropist Thelma D. Jones, is a nonprofit grassroots organization whose mission is to advocate and improve the overall health and wellness of women and men through outreach, education, prevention and advocacy.

Paula Young Shelton is an educator and author. She lives in Southwest DC with her husband.

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the importance of cancer screening and genetic testing.

The ACE-ITS program implementation resulted in 22 educational sessions and the navigation of 585 women to mammography screening over the 2020-2021 calendar years. In the year 2021, 292 women received a genetic risk assessment, with seven women receiving genetic counseling and testing.

The results of the ACE-ITS program were recently published in *Cancer*,

the journal of the American Cancer Society, in a special issue devoted to breast health equity. Thelma D. Jones, AAS, and Ify Nwabukwu, BSN, as well as Jacqueline Beale, MA, serve as coauthors on this work, representing the significant contributions made to the program conceptualization and completion.

In addition to this recent collaboration, TDJBCF has served as an essential partner to researchers and clinicians at GLCCC since 2015. Recent examples of this include work with Dr. Alejandra Hurtado de Mendoza on the impact of Covid-19 on Latina and Black/African American

breast cancer survivors and Drs. Judy Wang and Kristi Graves in testing the use of acupressure as an approach to improve quality of life for breast cancer survivors.

If you need cancer screening, please contact Thelma D. Jones at (202)251-1639 or <a href="mailto:thelma@tdjbreast-cancerfund.org">thelma@tdjbreast-cancerfund.org</a> or the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Prevention at Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center at (202) 687-5367.

Suzanne C. O'Neill, Ph.D. is a Professor at Georgetown University Medical Center and the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.

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## Washington Commanders Bring Back to School Fun to Southwest

n early September, Washington Commanders quarterback Jacoby Brisset hosted a community event at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center in Southwest, designed to break down barriers between law enforcement and at-risk communities and to celebrate "safety, neighborhood unity, foot-

ball, and the back-to-school season."

The event, sponsored by DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, the National Football League Players Association, DC Department of Parks and Recreation, and Metropolitan Police Department, included 50 brand-new bikes for lucky Southwest residents and a Start the Cycle five mile bike ride led by Brisset. The event wrapped up with a post-ride finish festival featuring Commanders representatives, food, fun and sports.

ARTECHOUSE Exhibit Brings NASA's Space Images to Life

eyond the Light," now on view at ARTECHOUSE located at 1238 Maryland Ave, at the Portals in Southwest DC, integrates technology, cinematic visuals and an original music score to illuminate NASA's remarkable discoveries.

Developed in collaboration with NASA, the exhibit is a sciencebased artistic exploration of images from the Hubble Space Telescope and James Webb Space Telescope, which are rendered on ARTECHOUSE's 270-degree, 100 million pixels projection canvas. The exhibit will run through fall 2023. www.artechouse. com/dc/







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### Amidon-Bowen Elementary School

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly in collaboration with Community Scholar is recruiting volunteer tutors for the upcoming school year to help the students at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School in SW, Washington, DC.

If you can tutor an elementary school student in math or English,

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### Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid Fall Food Drive Kicks off October 14

BY REGINA MAZUR

Aid (SYC/W6MA) embodies its mission, not just in name but in unwavering action. Over the years, SYC/W6MA has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to serving our neighbors and providing crucial support to Black and Brown residents throughout DC. The organization actively drives a multitude of initiatives, ranging from supplying essential items to community members and providing tutoring and after-



Courtesy of Karen McManus

Volunteers stock the Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid food pantry at Christ United Methodist Church.



**MUTUAL AID** 

school programs for K-12 youth to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

The strong partnership between the Southwest Pod of SYC/W6MA and Christ United Methodist Church, along with the collaborative efforts of numerous grassroots organizations serving Black and Brown communities, significantly contribute to this work.

Throughout the year, SYC/W6MA

hosts various campaigns that adapt with the changing seasons but consistently offer invaluable assistance year-round. Whether it's organizing food and clothing drives, distributing produce, or collaborating with the Southwest Farmers Market, all of SYC/W6MA's endeavors are geared towards uplifting the community.

Join Serve Your City/Ward 6
Mutual Aid's Southwest DC Fall

### Food Drive October 14 to November 18

We need your help to stock up on our food pantries for the coming winter months. With the increase in food costs and the reduction of SNAP benefits, many families in our community are in need of food and supplies. The requests for assistance have increased, and our shelves are getting bare. Support us by seeing that every-

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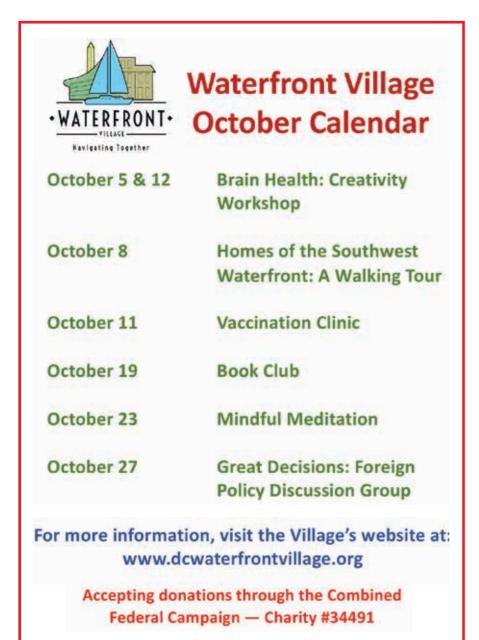
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Eicher, president of the organization. "We're proud of all that's been accomplished: food banks, summer camp, school supplies, youth and PTA programs, senior programs, art programs, gardens, tree-planting, Girl Scouts, neighborhood events, Christmas toys, and so much more. It's been wonderful to be a part of helping the community in so many ways."

The grants have meant a great deal to Southwest residents. "We couldn't have done it without you," said Jay Shorter, leader of DC STORM, which mentors Southwest youth and takes a group each year to Hampton, Virginia, to visit historic sites and HBCUs. "These grants from Friends of Southwest opened entirely new windows for Jefferson Middle School students. They've returned wiser, more respectful, and with a positive outlook on education. It's a life-changing experience for them."

The EmmaUS Learning Center was awarded several grants from Friends to take elementary schoolers on field trips, including to Turkey Hill Dairy, where some saw cows for the first time and experienced the joy of learning how ice cream is made. On a trip to the historic Harriet Tubman home in Maryland, the kids were thrilled to meet some of Tubman's descendants. One young participant, Janelle, wrote after the visit how grateful she was that "I could learn more about my history. This was a great way to celebrate Harriet Tubman."

Barbara Ehrlich, a former president of Waterfront Village, recalls that "a grant from Friends of Southwest DC seven years ago was instrumental in establishing the Village, which has since grown to serve over 200 senior citizens in Southwest. We're



Southwest students meet descendants of Harriet Tubman on a Friends of Southwest DC-funded field trip.

so grateful for this support and for later grants from Friends, which were really crucial in setting up the Village and putting it on a sound footing." Friends of Southwest DC earned the Waterfront Village Champion's Award in recognition of its civic leadership.

When COVID struck in 2020, Friends of Southwest DC reached out to organizations helping the neediest in our neighborhood, initiating grants to a newly established food bank, a hot meals program, a community garden providing fresh vegetables to Southwesters, and a Thanksgiving meals program, as well as contributing to a job-training program for Southwest residents who lost jobs due to COVID shutdowns. These grants helped hundreds of our neighbors weather the worst of the pandemic.

Friends of Southwest DC has also been a leading supporter of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, providing funding over the years for dozens of SWNA's projects, from computers for kids to the Southwest History Trail to the SWNA website. Friends of Southwest DC is a recipient of SWNA's Community Spirit Star Award. (*Editor's note: SWNA* 

is the publisher of The Southwester.)

The jewel among Friends of Southwest DC's many grants has been college scholarships. For each of its 25 years, Friends has contributed to the SWNA scholarship program, becoming one of its largest donors. Through the years, Friends has funded dozens of scholarships, most recently four undergraduate scholarships in 2023. In 2022, in partnership with SWNA, Friends established the annual Coralie Farlee Graduate Scholarship for a Southwest student, which Friends has funded each year at the level of \$5,000.

Joyce Bouvier, who served many years on the board of directors of Friends of Southwest DC, recalls the early days of the organization. "We were always on the lookout for new ways to help," she said, "especially with youth programs. We made grants for programs at Randall Recreation Center, for summer camp scholarships for Southwest kids at DC Sail when it still operated in Southwest, and to support a local Girl Scout troop. And, of course, we always supported Camp Arena Stage and Arena's 'Voices of Now' program for the Jefferson Middle School ensemble." As early as 2002 the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club cited Friends of Southwest DC for its "outstanding service to the youth of Southwest Washington."

In 2022, Friends of Southwest DC achieved new milestones, awarding a record 19 grants totaling almost \$60,000. Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen presented the organization his annual "Brickie Award" for outstanding service to Ward 6 by a community organization.

Friends of Southwest DC has continued to award grants in 2023, including to several new organizations. But it's never easy. "This year has been tough for us," said Peter Eicher, the organization's president. "We rely

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entirely on donations from members of the community to be able to make grants. They've been so generous over the years. But this year, for reasons that aren't clear to us, the number of donations has dropped dramatically. We've had to turn down worthy grant applications and reduce the size of others. It's heart-wrenching to say 'no' to organizations working to improve our neighborhood, especially when parts of the community are booming."

To support Friends and all it does for our Southwest community, donations can be made to Friends of Southwest DC, P.O. Box 44434, Washington DC 20026, or online at FriendsofSWDC.org/donate.

### Photo of the Month



Courtesy of Fredo Vasquez

Commuters catch the beat at the Waterfront metro station in Southwest.

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

### Arena Stage Announces Cast for Shipwreck Musical Scored by Grammynominated Avett Brothers

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

rena Stage will wrap up the calendar year 2023 with a production of *Swept Away*, a musical about a quartet of shipwreck survivors set in the whaling community of New England in the late 1800's. Music and lyrics for the show were written by the Grammy-nominated roots and folk band The Avett Brothers.

The show's writer, John Logan, previously earned a Tony Award for *Red*, while the director, Michael Mayer, and star, John Gallagher, Jr., are Tony Award winners for *Spring Awakening*.

"The true genius of *Swept Away* lies in how The Avett Brothers peel back the layers of uncertainty, vulnerability, hope, and self-discovery to reveal our fundamental humanity in this exquisite musical," said Arena Stage

Artistic Director Hana S. Sharif.

Gallagher will be joined by castmates Stark Sands, Adrian Blake Enscoe and Wayne Duvall to portray the four shipwrecked sailors – a young man in search of adventure, his big brother who has sworn to protect him, a captain at the end of a long career at sea, and a worldly first mate who has fallen from grace.

"We're thankful to the many talented artists who've been a part of this show's life since our world premiere at Berkeley Rep," said **Scott Avett** of The Avett Brothers, "and we're thrilled to welcome new shipmates for the D.C. leg of our voyage."

The production will run from November 25 - December 30, 2023 in Arena Stage's Kreeger Theater. Southwest Night is Tuesday, Nov. 28.





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

### **Spot the difference!**

Can you spot the differences in the two scenes below?



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### Answers from September 2023 issue

Differences: The birds on the left tree are different; in the right picture, the boy is wearing a hat; in the right picture, there is a bunny; the clock is different; the right picture has a monkey; and should we say "Back to School," or "Back to Cool?"

#### **WORD SEARCH: HALLOWEEN!**

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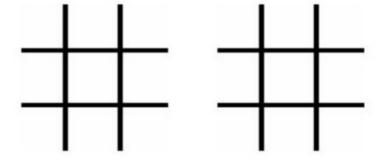
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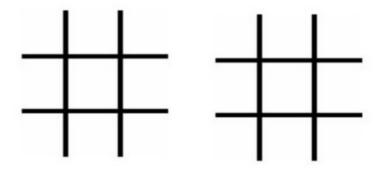
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### **Young Readers**

### Finding a Perfect (Book) Match

BY KITTY FELDE

It's early in the school year, but maybe you've already heard the complaint: "But I don't like reading."

The real complaint is that your child doesn't like reading **that** particular book and can't find the one he or she will fall in love with. If only there was some kind of electronic matchmaker for books.

There is!

It's called NoveList, an online database available at most public libraries – including DCPL, Arlington, and Fairfax County. All you need is a library card.

John Graham is with the Kenton Public Library in Northern Kentucky. He says NoveList is a great place for readers of all ages to find their next great read. There's a section for kids books, grades K through 8 that allows you to search for specific interest categories. "So if your kid likes to read things about dragons or vampires or race car drivers," says Graham, "you can find books in that category."

There are lots of ways to search. For example, you can look for fiction

that's fast-paced, or set in the south of France, or featuring zombies, or based on a video game. You can search for books that are part of a series. You can also search for books by reading level, or Lexiles as the professionals call it. You can even read book reviews on the site.

It's like having your own book concierge.

If you need help getting started, there are YouTube tutorials to help navigate the site. And of course, your local librarian will be happy to walk you through the process.

So no excuses about hating to read. There's a book out there waiting for your child (or you) to discover. Let NoveList help you find it.

Kitty Felde is executive producer and host of the Book Club for Kids podcast. The show is currently booking tapings for new episodes at schools and libraries. If you have a young reader in grades 5-7, contact the show at bookclubforkidspodcast@gmail.com

### Circuit Making Many Trips

he Circuit is a ride-sharing service in Southwest and a small area in nearby Navy Yard. The 9 electronic vehicles have been quite busy since the initiation of the service in June by the Southwest BID and DC Central Kitchen. Demand is highest in the evening with popular destinations including Safeway, the Wharf and L'Enfant Plaza station. Game days also see an increase in use.

Fares are now anticipated to be implemented in mid October. Rides will be \$ 2. There is a Ridewell program for those receiving local and federal assistance. If qualified, rides will continue to be free.

The Circuit vehicle trip numbers have been increasing every month. The service started in June. In July, they made 4,607 rides carrying 6,128 passengers. That increased in August to 5,155 rides with 6,167 passengers. At press time in September (9/27), they had made 5,478 rides with 7,004 passengers and expect to exceed 8,200 passengers. These include calls made from the app and rides where the buggy was hailed. There is a phone number that can be used to request rides but, to date, that has been infrequently used.

The Circuit intends to continue operating through the winter although inclement weather will affect service. They pause during heavy rain and battery life is negatively affected by cold weather. Wait times will probably increase.



Picture taken by Anthony Jacksor

Lead Driver Ambassador Kevin Hall

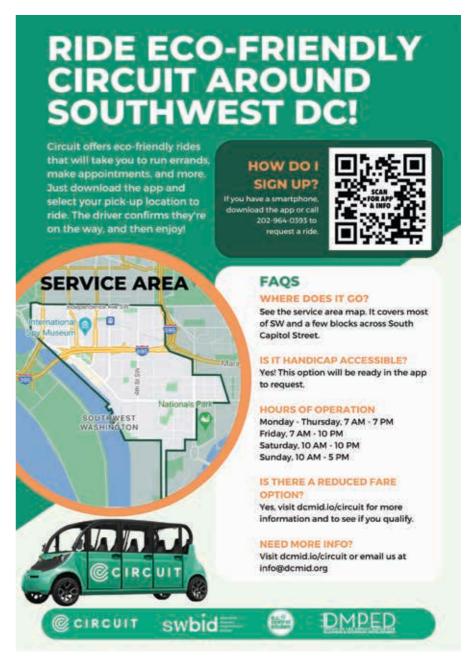
The circuit is now operating with a full complement of drivers. 21 drivers are on board. 20 of these drivers are DC residents and several live here in SW. Each receives 4 days of training.

Complaints to date have been infrequent but present. Frustration with the uncertainty of the wait time has been frequently cited (riders should expect to wait at least 10 minutes). Users must share rides which increases wait and trip time. Children have also been an issue. Riders under 18 must be with an adult and rider-provided car seats are required for children under six.

According to Anthony Jackson, Market Manager for the Circuit company, people can come to 800 Maine Ave Ave,  $2^{\rm nd}$  Floor and ask for him to communicate concerns, make comments and also get help installing or using the app.

All in all, the Circuit is fulfilling its purpose of providing an alternative to driving and parking here in SW.





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one in our community has access to basic food.

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- Christ United Methodist Church (900 4th Street SW, back entrance of the pathway to the Southwest Public Library), on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.
- SW Farmers Market (425 M Street SW) at the Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid booth, on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.
- Check your building or church to see if they are hosting a donation how

We are seeking donations of:

- Non-perishable foods, such as canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, canned fruit, boxed milk, peanut butter, jelly, cooking oil, condiments, hot & and cold cereal, Ensure, tea, coffee.
- Toiletries, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, deodorant, and feminine products, Depends.
- Monetary Donations: Donate online at bit.ly/falldrive-sycw6ma.

#### Interested in More Ways to Help?

Volunteer as a Virtual Tutor for DC K-12 Students: Serve Your City/ Ward 6 Mutual Aid's Free School for Unlimited Youth program provides life-changing educational experiences and opportunities for Black and Brown youth in Washington, DC, including free virtual tutoring for K-12 students throughout the city. We are always looking for additional, dedicated tutors to help support even more DC K-12 students. If you're a college student, graduate student, or professional interested in volunteering for virtual tutoring sessions in any subject, please visit bit.ly/sycvolunteertutor to learn more and join our network. Have any questions? Please feel free to email Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid's Free School for Unlimited Youth program at youthenrichment@ serveyourcitydc.org.

Join us every Saturday at 2:00 p.m. for our food distribution: SYC/ W6MA teams up with Christ United Methodist Church 5000 Food Pantry to provide fresh produce. Additionally, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, also at 2:00 p.m., we broaden our selection to include groceries, cleaning supplies, and personal care items. You can find our distribution location at 900 4th Street SW. If you require further assistance with food and supplies, please don't hesitate to reach out to SYC/W6MA's Mutual Aid Hotline at 202-683-9962 or send an email to ward6mutualaid@gmail.com.

Want to Learn More? For additional information, please contact us at: swmutualaid@serveyourcitydc.org.

### Preparedness and Climate Change Fair Rescheduled for October 14

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

he Emergency Preparedness Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, (SWNA) known as SW Strong! is hosting "All Hands on Deck - A Climate Action & Disaster Prevention Festival." Although previously scheduled for September, the event was postponed due to Tropical Storm Ophelia and will now take place October 14 adjacent to the Southwest

Farmer's Market.

The fair receives generous support from Friends of Southwest, as well as other organizations such as Serve DC, the SW BID, Ward 7 Resilience Hub, HealthBest Services, Inc., DC Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, and We the People Community Health Workers Corps.

The fair will feature over 30 organizations and

include booths and a program of speakers. For instance, the Matriarch of the Piscataway-Conoy Indian Nation will do the Land Acknowledgment at 9:00 a.m.

The full program and list of participants is at https://swna.org/swna/task-forces/emergency-preparedness/.

For more information, contact Ben Curran at benimon@hotmail. com and Beth Hall at hall.beth@ gmail.com.







### Southwester Community Calendar | October 2023

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

**SUN 1, All Day-Family Game Day.** How fast can you beat your sister at Uno? Itching to play Candyland or Jumbo Connect4? Children and their families are invited to visit the children's on Sunday afternoon to play a selection of games that will be made available. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

MON 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 5 P.M. Space Week at the Southwest Library. You're invited to an OUT OF THIS WORLD week at the Southwest Library, celebrating Space Week. Each day we'll have activities and crafts as well as books to check out! Monday, October 2nd @ 5PM: Middle-Grade Book Club, Lion of Mars by Jennifer L. Holm. Tuesday, October 3rd @ 4PM: A Special Space Week-themed Make It! Wednesday, October 4th @ 6PM: A Space Week Movie Night. Thursday, October 5th @ 4PM: An interactive NASA-themed activity.

**WED 4, TECH HELP 2-3 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 Neighborhood Library.

**THURS 5, 5:30 P.M., Conference Room–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 Neighborhood Library.

FRI 6, 2-5 P.M. Healing Power of Taking & Giving: Beginner's Meditation Retreat - Kadampa Meditation Center, 1200 Canal St. SW (meditation-dc.org)

FRI 6, 7-8:15 P.M. Tune into the Healing Power of the Mind a Lecture. Kadampa Meditation Center, 1200 Canal Street S.W. (meditation-dc.org)

**SUN 8, 1:00 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 is available for the listed crafts available. Adults of all ages welcome. Southwest Library.

**WED 11, TECH HELP 2-3 P.M.** Need help navigating a new device, setting up an email account, connecting with friends on social media, or something else tech-related? 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 Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 14, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.** Help Maintain our Center at our Beautification Day. Kadampa Meditation Center, 1200 Canal Street S.W. (meditation-dc.org)

**SAT 14, 7 P.M. Faith & Film Zoom** presentation of "Belfast." Release: 11/21 Genre: Drama

Runtime: 1hr 38m Rating: PG. Belfast is a 2021 British coming-of-age film chronicling the life of a working-class Ulster Protestant family from the perspective of their nine-year-old son Buddy during The Troubles in Belfast, Northern Ireland. After film discussion led by Rev. Brian Hamilton. For Zoom link, email the Westminster office at wpcdcoffice@gmail.com. All Invited.

**SUN 15, 2-5 P.M. Baby-Sitters Club Read-Athon.** The new Baby-Sitters Club graphic novel just came out! Celebrate with a special BSC read-a-thon at the Southwest Library. Bring your own copy or read one of ours. Thank you to the generous support of our Friends group for making this event possible. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

MON 16, 4:30 P.M. After School Movies. Kids aged 5-12 are invited to join us for an After School Movie, where we'll have a chance to unwind and relax after school. Caregivers over the age of 13 must join any participants under the age of 9. We'll meet in the large meeting room on the first floor. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

TUES 17, 7:00 P.M.-Toni Morrison Book Club. Join the Southwest Library's Morrison Year 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 October book is HOME. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WED 18, 12 Noon-2:00 P.M. The Southwest Water-front AARP Chapter's October Community Luncheon Meeting. Keynote Speaker: Charles Allen, Ward 6 Council Member will join us for a Community Conversation. Everyone is welcome. Please come out and join friends, neighbors, meet new people and have a dialogue with Council member Charles Allen about Important Community Matters. Location: River Park Mutual Homes' South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. Street parking is available and the Waterfront Metro, (Green Line) is two blocks away. Bus 74 stops in front of the River Park Delaware Avenue Gate. Ride the Circuit to the meeting. LUNCH AVAILABLE-COST: \$5.00.

**THURS 19, 5:30 P.M., Conference Room–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 Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 21, All Day–Seasonal 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. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SAT 21, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.: We Have Always Lived in the Castle. Immerse yourself in the perfectly eerie novel by Shirley Jackson, We Have Always Lived in the Castle, with a book discussion, screening of the movie, and cemeterrarium craft! Come and go as you like with the screening at 2:00, discussion beginning at 3:45, and crafting throughout while supplies last. Grab a copy of the book at the library or check out an e-copy. Teens and adults welcome. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

**SUN 22, 1 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, crossstitch, 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 Neighborhood Library.

**SUN 22, 7 P.M. Solemn Vespers** in the church with reception immediately following in the parish meeting room. St. Dominics. www.stdominicchurch.org/

WED 25, 11 A.M. -2 P.M.: The Basics of Email for Seniors. Gain a better understanding of electronic

email. Learn email etiquette. Learn how to stay safe online. And register for a free email address. It's never too late! Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SAT 28, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.: Drug Take Back Day. Do you have old prescriptions you need to safely dispose of? Bring them to the DEA Annual Drug Take Back Day. Southwest is a host site this year. Staff from the Department of Behavioral Health will be on hand to facilitate. The drug overdose epidemic in the United States is a clear and present public health, public safety, and national security threat. DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day reflects DEA's commitment to Americans' safety and health, encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 28,** Thinking About Jazz Zoom presentation of Bud Powell: A New Piano Voice. Presenter: Allyn Johnson. Earl Rudolph "Bud" Powell was an American jazz pianist and composer. Along with Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk, Kenny Clarke and Dizzy Gillespie, Powell was a leading figure in the development of modern jazz. His virtuosity led many to call him the Charlie Parker of the piano. Join us on Zoom. Contact Westminster church office for Zoom Link: wpcdcoffice@gmail.com/202-484-7700

**SAT 28, 10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.** We're delighted to announce the addition of a monthly Meditation for Kids and Families Class, designed for children ages 5 and up and their parents. Buddhist Teacher Jamie Sonnenberg. Kadampa Meditation Center, 1200 Canal Street S.W. www.meditation-dc.org

**SUN 29, 6:30 P.M. Religious Movie** Seminar in the parish meeting room. St. Dominics. www.stdominic-church.org/

**SUN 29, 7:30 P.M. Southwest Night at Arena Stage.** "POTUS". (Also Fri., Nov. 10 at 8:00 P.M.)

**SUN 29, All Day—Family Game Day.** 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 Sunday afternoon to play a selection of games that will be made available. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

MON 30, 5 P.M. Middle Grade Scary Story Club. Celebrate Halloween by reading a spooky story with us! Come by the library to pick up a copy of our spooky short story anytime beginning October 20th, and join us on October 30th as we read the story aloud together and discuss it! This activity is best suited for children aged 8 and up and their caregivers. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

#### **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,** Thursdays, 1:15-2:15 P.M. Fun for non-walking children ages birth to 1 year only. Space is limited; admission is first-come, first-served. South-

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west Neighborhood Library. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/9001616

**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 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. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/events

**CREATOR'S CORNERS, 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. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/events

#### 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.

**ENCORE CREATIVITY FOR OLDER ADULTS** - DC Rocks Rehearsals. Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm For more information, contact: https://encorecreativity.org Begins 9/12

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

**FAMILY GAME DAY,** Sundays, All Day. 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,** Mondays, 10:30 A.M. It's great way to further your child's lifelong love of reading and learning! Join us for 45 minutes of stories and songs. Southwest Library. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/8520163

**FARMERS MARKET SW,** Saturdays 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. The Lot, 4th & M St, SW. Join us to show support for our farmers and food artisans selling local produce, sustainable meat & eggs, freshly 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. http://marketswdc.com/

**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. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/events

**GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN, Sundays 11 A.M-12 P.M.** ages 4-12. Fun sessions including videos and interactive activities about the life and teachings of Jesus. Westminster Church. https://westminsterdc.org/

**HYBRID WORSHIP SERVICE,** Sundays, 11 A.M.-12 P.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

**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/

**MAKE IT!,** Tuesdays, 4-5 P.M. Explore science, technology, arts and crafts, math, music and more with a project ideal for ages 5 through 12. Southwest Neighborhood Library. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event

**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/

**NEW HYBRID ADULT EDUCATION CLASS Sundays 10-11 A.M.** Led by Rev. Dr. Alice Bellis (Howard University) and Jeff Nicoll (author of Strange and Gaudy Fruit: Toxic Theology). Westminster church. To Register, contact: wpcdcoffice@gmail.com. Begins 9/10. FREE. https://westminsterdc.org/

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/parent-staxclinic/

**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. 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. https://westminsterdc.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. www.dclibrary.org/southwest

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, 2-3 P.M. Need help navigating a new device, setting up an email account, connecting with friends on social media, or something else tech-related? 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. https://dclibrary.libnet.info/events

**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/

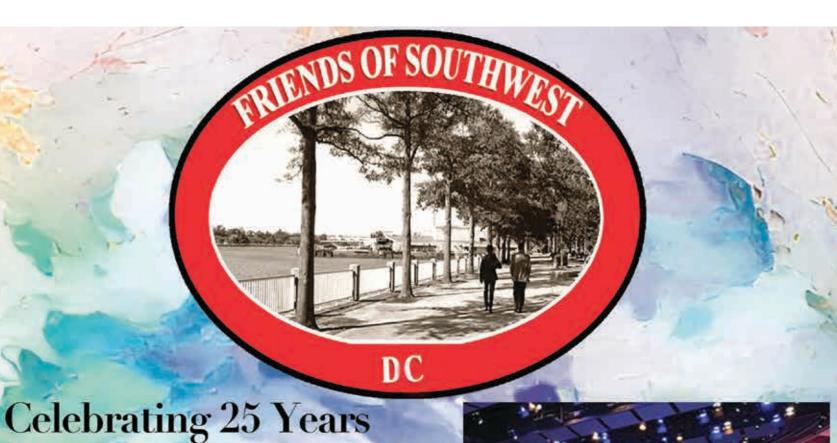
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**THE WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB (WSCC)** meets at 7 p.m. on the First and Third Wednesdays of every month at Christ United Methodist Church, 300 Eye Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. Visitors are always welcome to take part in our meetings. Ring the church's doorbell at the Eye St. entrance to enter the meeting. https://www.dcstampclub.org/

YOGA AT THE LIBRARY, Saturdays, 11 A.M.-12:45 P.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/8833525

#### VIEW OUR ONLINE CALENDAR AT WWW.SWNA. ORG

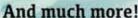
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- Scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students
- Scholarships for youth theater camp
- Educational and cultural trips for young students
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- Physical and mental health programs
- Supplies for community gardens and parks





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