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## Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival Returns

By: Nora Stumpf

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is the nation's greatest springtime celebration. The 2016 festival, March 20 – April 17, includes three spectacular weeks and four weekends of events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit.

On Saturday, April 9, enjoy the Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival, presented by Harris Teeter, along Water St. SW between 600 Water St. SW to the Titanic Memorial Park from 1 to 9 p.m. Celebrate spring with the Southwest Waterfront community, home of the cherry blossoms, with eight hours of free entertainment. Enjoy live music at two performance stages, water-related activities, food trucks, a beer garden, lighted boats and lanterns, family activities, a Harris Teeter sample marketplace and green

screen photo experience, and more. The event concludes with the spectacular Fireworks Show at 8:30 p.m. over the historic Washington Channel. The event is rain or shine.

The Southwest Waterfront is easily accessible by Metro's orange, blue, yellow, silver and green lines to Waterfront, Federal Center SW, and L'Enfant Plaza. The event is also an easy ride on Metrobus, and bicycle parking will be available on-site. Attendees are encouraged to view the fireworks display along the waterfront closest to the Titanic Memorial or at Hains Point.

The Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival is presented by Harris Teeter and supported by The Wharf: Hoffman-Madison Waterfront, Odyssey and Spirit Cruises, Hair Cattery, Dunkin' Donuts, Kirin Brewery, Strongbow, and media partners BIG 100.3 and HOT 99.5.

Visit [nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org) for more information, and look on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

## Nats Opening Day Festivities: April 7



Seen from atop the new Hampton Inn, Nats Park will come alive April 7th.  
Photo Credit: James Carroll

As we awaken from our winter slumber, baseball is right around the corner with Opening Day baseball back in the nation's capital. The Washington Nationals look to exceed expectations this year and it all kicks off on April 7 against the Miami Marlins at 4:05 p.m. Just as the stadium will be rocking, so will the neighborhood. Here is a list of opening day events around the neighborhood:

**TITLE:** 106.7 THE FAN'S OPENING DAY FESTIVAL

**TIME:** 1 - 4 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Canal Park

**DESCRIPTION:** In honor of warmer weather and the first home game of 2016, Nationals baseball season, 106.7 The Fan is throwing a pregame party in the Capitol Riverfront on Thursday, April 7. The festivities take place at Canal Park, located at 2nd and M Streets, SE from 1 to 4

p.m. with live music from "For the Win," as well as food trucks, craft beer, 106.7 The Fan's live pregame show, and plenty more.

**COST:** Free and Open to the Public

**TITLE:** BLUEJACKET OPENING DAY FEST

**TIME:** Noon - 4 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Boilermaker Shops

**DESCRIPTION:** Opening Day Fest returns to Bluejacket for the Nationals home season opener, and this year it's a block party with Hugh & Crye! Expect corn hole, a photobooth, music, plenty of picnic fare, and a mix of classic Bluejacket brews, as well as newer releases perfect for springtime over at Hugh & Crye. On the Bluejacket patio, beer will be flowing and the grill will be fired up for Red Apron sausages, grilled 38° North Oysters, burgers, wings, and ribs. Attendees can also look forward to a special performance from Bluejacket brewers in the bar

See "Opening Day," page 7

## The Mayor's Closing of DC General and Southwest's Future

By: Anonymous

On Feb. 11, 2016, I attended Mayor Bowser's community meeting for Southwest regarding her decision to close DC General and build short-term housing in each of the city's eight wards. The location for one of those shelters is proposed to be located behind the Blind Whino Arts Center near the old Randall school. Every seat in the multipurpose room at the Friendship Baptist Church was taken and the event became standing room only for those who came late. The meeting became contentious as residents openly expressed concerns about the strain on already limited local resources within SW, such as schools, transportation, and public safety—specifically on the potential for increased crime, assaults, robberies, burglaries, etc.

The mayor spoke briefly about the need for the temporary shelters, in that homeless persons deserve to live in a clean and safe place while in search for a permanent home. Residents were extremely frustrated that they were not included in the mayor's shelter location plan. Some accused the

mayor of conducting back-door deals and not caring about this neighborhood. This sentiment led to someone inquiring about the DC Housing Authority (DCHA) and their role in this, to which the mayor responded by saying that the DCHA is working to help locate permanent housing for those who are currently homeless.

The mayor and her representatives explained that there will be social services available on-site to assist families in improving their lives. That led to people saying there are enough public housing spaces in the community that are not receiving such an outpouring of services and asked her what she is going to do about that. Her response was that the DCHA has jurisdiction for addressing that concern and that unfortunately, there was not a DCHA representative in the audience to speak further on the subject.

Only a few attendees expressed support for the mayor's plan, specifically representatives from the Interfaith Housing Coalition and maybe two others, but others expressed the feeling that, yes, we understand short-term housing for the homeless is needed, but NIMBY (not in my backyard).





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# Community Rallies to Honor Black History

The community united to honor black history at the Amidon-Bowen Black History Month Celebration on Feb. 25, 2016.

Joined by American civil rights activist and freedom rider, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, nearly 200 guests wrapped arms and sang *We Shall Overcome*. The choir, led by Para Perry, also performed the Black National Anthem *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, *If You Miss Me at the Back of the Bus*, and *Keep Your Eyes on the Prize*. Kindergarten students performed *All Night All Day* and Amidon-Bowen cheerleaders rallied the crowd.

Bowen Off Broadway, an Amidon-Bowen group of student actors, performed *A Doughnut and Coffee, With Cream on the Side*, a theatrical performance about the powerful peaceful protests at the Greensboro, North Carolina Woolworth's lunch counter in 1960, which marked the beginning in a series of influential moments that defined the struggle for racial equality in America.

Ward 1 Early Childhood Education Policy Council Representative Alexandra Simbana attended the event and celebrated in the occasion: "The school performance was a great collection of student talent. The kids did a great job acting, cheering, and singing—what a great showcase of what is possible when schools and parents work together to showcase a school."

The parent committee, which organized the event in collaboration with Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, was thrilled at the community's generosity. The committee would like to thank its community sponsors, which included local restaurants Table ([www.table.com](http://www.table.com)); Bar Pilar ([www.barpilar.com](http://www.barpilar.com)), which donated chef-made doughnuts; and Rise Up Coffee ([www.riseupcoffee.com](http://www.riseupcoffee.com)), who donated locally roasted, organic coffee. Finally, the committee would like to thank Harris Teeter, which donated supplies and light hors d'oeuvres. Their contributions were significant to the success of this event, but the reward is mutual.

"Rise Up Coffee is honored to have supported such a beautiful celebration of diversity. We applaud the effort, enthusiasm, and pride displayed by these immensely talented students," said Tim Cureton, owner of Rise Up Coffee.

"We organized the event in effort to bridge the gap between the school and local community members, to promote the school's progress and empower our local students to showcase their talents to a broader audience—building opportunity, confidence, and artistry," said parent organizer Kathryn Wardenski.

Wardenski continued, "The event was an opportunity to honor the contributions that African-Americans have made to American history and deepen our understanding of our nation's struggle for equality. In the changing landscape of Washington, DC, it is imperative to bridge the gap of cultural divide, work together to better our community and families, eliminate injustice, eradicate the divide of hatred, and learn from the past to better the future—for everyone."

The event was concluded with a professional performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by the Shakespeare Theatre Company (STC).

"We were honored to be part of the Black History Month Celebration. I love intro-



Photos courtesy of Martin Welles, Amidon-Bowen PTA President.



Shakespeare Theatre actors Renea Brown is Queen Titania and Brent Stansell is King Oberon in a scene from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

ducing ourselves to schools through theater education, but that night was incredibly special. I'm very proud of the performance we brought to the program, but the real highlight was the inspiring energy and engagement showcased by parents, teachers, students, and administration. Given the positive response from Principal Miller, we hope it points to future opportunities for STC to support the Amidon Bowen community," said an STC

representative.

Additional event photos and information can be found at [www.bowenoffbroadway.com](http://www.bowenoffbroadway.com).

Wardenski is Ward 6 representative on the policy council for early childhood education & a real estate consultant for Christie's International Real Estate, Long and Foster



## Teacher Openings at Amidon-Bowen

Amidon-Bowen is looking to hire for the 2016-17 academic year. We are looking for great people to fill the following full-time openings: special education teacher, Spanish teacher, STEM/science teacher, general elementary education teacher, and social worker. There is also an opening for a part-time dean of students. If interested, please contact the principal, Izabela Miller, at [izabela.miller@dc.gov](mailto:izabela.miller@dc.gov). Also, know anyone great? Please help get the word out by forwarding to educators.

## Southwesters Enjoy Playing in Unique Band

Have you ever thought about playing in a band? Several retirees here in Southwest are having a great time playing their chosen instruments in the New Horizons Band, a unique organization that provides an entry point to music-making for adults, including those with no musical experience at all and those who were active in school music programs but have been inactive for a long time. Most, but certainly not all, of the band members are senior citizens and most have recently come back to playing after many years dedicated to careers and family.

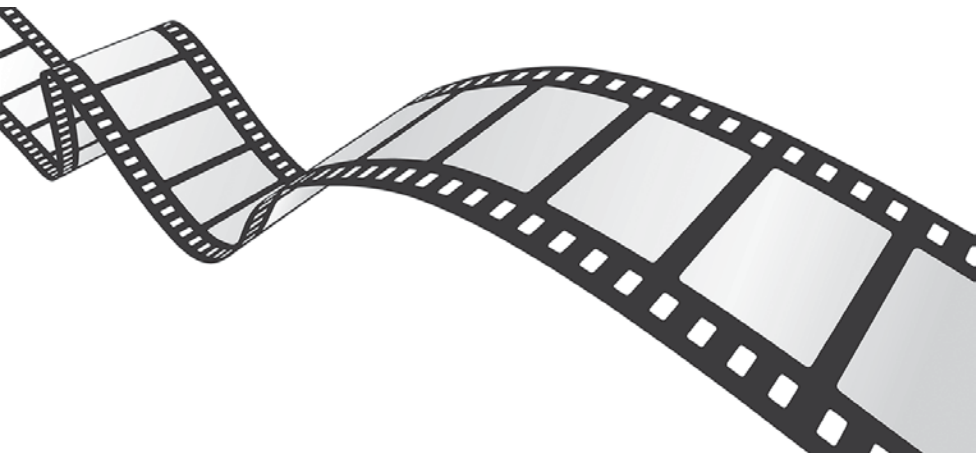
“Playing in a band is a great experience” said Richard Lang, who is relatively new to playing the trumpet and had never been in a band prior to joining New Horizons two years ago. “I’m always learning something new and improving my technique. As a career military officer, it’s both a thrill and a privilege to go out to National Airport and play for World War II vets upon their arrival on Honor Flights. Our band also enjoys playing Christmas concerts at retirement homes.”

“If someone told me that after a 50-year break I would be playing the clarinet in a band

again, I would have laughed out loud,” said Anne Rensberger a Southwest resident and a semi-retired social worker. “At this stage of my life music is one area where I am actually getting better at something. Playing in a band was great when I was a school child but even more fun now. We have two bands, a concert and a swing band. I particularly like learning rock, swing, and Latin rhythms.”

Although there are more than 200 New Horizons Bands active across the country, this one is unique in that it’s also a course at the Levine School of Music’s Virginia campus. Band members receive one hour of instruction in their instrument class, woodwinds for Anne and brass for Richard, followed by an hour of full band rehearsal. A final hour is usually devoted to learning jazz rhythms for those interested.

If you’d like to learn more about playing in a band where there’s no pressure, great camaraderie, and every opportunity to learn and enjoy playing music with others, just call Richard Lang at (202) 488-4423 or Tina Dove, Virginia campus director for the Levine School of Music, at (703) 237-5655.



## Movie Series Returns

The Capitol Riverfront BID has announced the lineup for this summer’s Outdoor Movie Series in the northern block of Canal Park, located at 2nd and Eye St. SE. Each movie in this year’s lineup, selected and inspired by public demand, will begin at sundown. Movie-goers are invited to arrive at Canal Park as early as 7 p.m. Bring a picnic and enjoy the show! Here is the list of movies to enjoy this summer.

June 2: Ferris Bueller’s Day Off	July 14: Jurassic World
June 9: Inside Out	July 21: Minions
June 16: Ocean’s Eleven	July 28: Creed
June 23: Hitch	Aug. 4: Pitch Perfect 2
June 30: Star Wars The Force Awakens	Aug. 11: The Martian
July 7: Mean Girls	Aug. 18: Skyfall

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## Iowans for DC Statehood? Who knew?

By: Shannon Vaughn  
Editor-in-Chief, *The Southwester*

Every so often you receive a press release or bit of information that catches you off guard. One such piece came by way of email this month with the title: **IOWANS FOR DC STATEHOOD ANNOUNCE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN SEVEN COUNTIES, DC statehood resolutions garner enough support to advance to next step in convention platform process.**

The notice prompted me to look further into the issue. As an avid DC Statehooder, I thought I knew my fair share of DC Statehood supporters, but little did I know about the Iowans for

DC Statehood ([www.IowansForDCStatehood.com](http://www.IowansForDCStatehood.com)). The resolution was introduced at Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses on Feb. 1, 2016, passed in seven counties—at least one county in every congressional district in the Hawkeye State, and also in all four Congressional District Platform Committees.

If this plank is accepted into all four District Platforms, the State Platform Committee will consider it for adoption at the Iowa State Convention on June 18.

Who knew? I guess I now have a new place to spend my DC tax dollars because I am 100% not going to spend my money in Maryland's 1st District thanks to House Representative Andy Harris.

## Searching for Life in our Solar System at Air & Space

A neighborhood favorite, this month's exploring space lecture is titled "Searching for Life in our Solar System" by presenter Chris McKay of the NASA Ames Research Center. The event will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 8 p.m. in the Lockheed Martin IMAX Theater at the Air and Space Museum in Southwest DC.

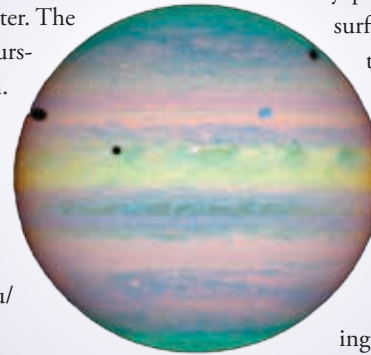
Request FREE tickets at <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/tickets/>.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 7:30 p.m. – Meet the lecturer
- 8 p.m. – Lecture
- 9 p.m. – Stargazing in the Phoebe Waterman Haas Public Observatory,

### weather permitting

Where might we find life in the solar system? Intriguing possibilities include the watery plumes of Enceladus, the sub-surface of Mars that might hold the remains of past life, and the methane seas of Titan that might have life different from any we know. In this lecture, Chris McKay, planetary scientist at the NASA Ames Research Center, will discuss the ongoing search for life within our solar system.



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*Southwest Waterfront & Titanic Memorial Park, 600 Water Street, SW*

*Celebrate spring at the Southwest Waterfront, home of the Cherry Blossoms!  
Spend the afternoon enjoying food, live music, performances and other fun activities!*

### By Land

1– 8:30 PM

2 stages featuring live music & performances  
Local Food Trucks  
Beer Garden  
Koi Windsock Crafting  
Make & Float a Sailboat  
Face Painting and Temporary Tattoos  
And other crafty activities!

### By Sea

1:30 - 8:30 PM

John Glenn Fireboat Salute  
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Pink Palooza of Lighted Vessels  
Koi Flotilla  
Floating Lantern Spectacle  
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**MON 4, 4:30 P.M. Children’s Book Club.** Children ages 8-12 are invited to join us to discuss a book together. Please call or stop by the Children’s Room to find out the current title. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**TUES 5, 6 P.M., Free Custom Poetry.** Celebrate National Poetry Month! Come by **SW Neighborhood Library** and Frankie the Poet will write a custom poem just for you.

**WED 6, 4:30 P.M. Game Club.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us to play board games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**FRI 8, 8-9:30 A.M. Councilmember Charles Allen,** SW Office Hours. Starbucks inside Safeway, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW.

**SAT 9, 9:30 AM-4 P.M.** The Scrolls Revealed! Homosexuality and the Bible: An In-Depth Study. Westminster Presbyterian Church

**SAT 9, 3 P.M. GARDEN CLUB.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for hands-on fun in the library’s outdoor garden. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SUN 10, 2:30 P.M. P.A.L. (People Animals Love) Dog Visit.** Children ages 4-12 are invited to read aloud to a P.A.L. dog. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**MON 11, 7 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.** Agenda at [www.anc6d.org](http://www.anc6d.org)

**WED 13, 4:30 P.M. Create Club.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for arts & crafts activities for elementary and middle grades. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**WED 13, 7 P.M., Pinterest Party,** Transform that old t-shirt you never wear into a stylish top. This program is free but BYOT-bring your own tee. SW Neighborhood Library.

**THURS 14, 3 -6 P.M. Neighborhood Legal Services.** Attorney Maya Sheppard will be available for consultation re: employment related issues. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 16, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. Friends of the SW Library, APRIL BOOK SALE.** Most books are \$1. Proceeds cover adult and children’s programming expenses (e.g. speaker fees, yoga equipment, Lego blocks, craft supplies and refreshments for all events). SW Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 16, 3 P.M. Wii Club,** Children ages 6-12, are invited to join us to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 16, 7 P.M. Faith & Film “SPOTLIGHT” - 7 P.M.** Pizza, 7:30 Movie & Discussion. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**SUN 17, 1:30-4 P.M. Friends of the SW Library, APRIL BOOK SALE.** Most books are \$1. Proceeds cover adult and children’s programming expenses (e.g. speaker fees, yoga equipment, Lego blocks, craft supplies and refreshments for all events). SW Neighborhood Library.

**WED 20, Noon, The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter #4751** will hold its April Luncheon Meeting. REMARKS: Laura Newland, Interim Director, District of Columbia Department on

Community Calendar

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Aging. PROGRAM SPEAKER: Andy Litsky, Chair, ANC 6D-Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D. Current AARP members, new prospective members, friends, neighbors and visitors are welcome. River Park Mutual Home’s South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, [bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com) or 202-554-0901. COST: \$5.00 for lunch.

**WED 20, 4:30 P.M. LEGO Club.** Children ages 4-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752.

**WED 20, 5:30-7 P.M., Ward 6 Health Initiative-Nutrition Workshop:** Match Eating to your Fitness Level. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**SAT 23, 3 P.M. Movie Madness.** Children & Families are invited to join us to watch a family-friendly film. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 23, 12 NOON-3 P.M., BAKE SALE & LUNCHEON,** Dazzling desserts and savory dishes for sale (silent auction). Lunch is \$12, call Alice Yates (301) 318-8726 or (202) 488-7417 for reservations. Sponsored by the Senior Ushers’ Ministry, Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave SW.

**WED 27, 4:30 P.M. Wii Club,** Children ages 6-12, are invited to join us to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**WED 27, 7 P.M. Graphic Novel Book Club for Adults and Teens.** Do you love comics, graphic novels or manga? Come to the Graphic Novel Book Club. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the teen space. This month we will be discussing Killing & Dying, a collection of short stories by Adrian Tomine. Please check at information desk for SW Neighborhood Library.

**THURS 28, 7 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D.** Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. SW Library, 900 Wesley Place, SW. To be added to e-mail list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, [cfarlee@mindspring.com](mailto:cfarlee@mindspring.com)

**SAT 30, 1 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion.** Copies of this month’s selection, “**So You’ve Been Publicly Shamed**” by Jon Ronson, are available for checkout at the information desk. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 30, 3 P.M. Origami fun.** Children ages 6-12, are invited to join us in folding paper into decorative shapes and figures. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

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**ADULT RECREATION, 10 A.M.-Noon, Saturdays, Ages 18 & up,** King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. SW. 202-645-7454

**ADULT YOGA & TEEN, 6 P.M. Mondays, FREE. Mats available. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center,** South Capitol & “I” (eye) Sts SW.

**AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M. Monday-Friday, Ages 5-14,** King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 202-645-7454.

**ARTS & CRAFTS, 5-6 P.M., Tuesdays, Ages 5-14** with Michelle Edmonds, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**BABY/TODDLER STORY TIME 10:30 A.M., Mondays.** Join us for fun songs, finger plays, baby bounces and rhymes as we work together to develop early literacy skills. Designed for children ages birth to 2 years and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

**BINGO for SENIORS, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays,** ages 55 & up, Gary Williams, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church.** Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale. 400 “I” (eye) Street SW, 202-484-7700.

**CHESS with Brett. 4:30-6:30 P.M. Mondays 3rd – 5th graders and Fridays, 6th – 12th graders.** Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center, South Capitol & “I” (eye) Sts . email: [randallrec@sashabruce.org](mailto:randallrec@sashabruce.org)

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church,** Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4<sup>th</sup> St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the “littlest members” of a community of faith.

**COMPUTER CLASSES, 10 A.M.-12 Noon,** Tuesdays, SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.  
April 5 - No Class  
April 12 - Microsoft Excel  
April 19 - Microsoft PowerPoint  
April 26 - Introduction to Personal Computers  
May 3 - No Class

**COMPUTER TIME, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday. Open computer use. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.**

**DANCE CLASS, 6-8 P.M., Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays,** Ages 14-19, Tiffany Keys. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**DIGITAL DROP-IN, 5:30-6:30 P.M., Tuesdays.** Southwest Neighborhood Library staff will be available questions about your devices and give step-by-step instructions on how to download books, music and movies from the library’s web-site.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC, 1-4 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church,** 400 “I” (eye) Street SW.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP, 6-7:30 P.M. Tuesdays.** Westminster Presbyterian Church 400 “I” (eye) Street SW.

**DRAWING: BASIC 101, 6 P.M. Tuesdays P.M.** Ages 12-up. “For those who think they can’t draw, but can.” Supplies provided. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

**FRENCH LANGUAGE 101, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday.** Self-paced online program. **Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.**

**GAME CLUB, 1-2 P.M., Every Monday.** Join us each week for game club. Come play chess, Scrabble, card games and more. SW Neighborhood Library.

**GAME NIGHT AT RANDALL Community Center,** Mondays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Come and play Dominos, Checkers and Chess. Free for all ages. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

**GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 4298, 5:30-7 P.M., Wednesdays,** with Monica Evans. Ages K-12.

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**GIRLS SOFTBALL, 5:30-7 P.M., Tuesdays and 6-7 P.M. Wednesdays,** Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, Ages 8-15. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**HAND DANCING, 12:00-3:30 P.M., Saturdays** with Mr. Zeke. All ages welcome. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6-9 P.M., Fridays, Westminster Presbyterian Church.** Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

**KING GREENLEAF BOY BASKETBALL Season,** Ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10. And 11-12. Call to sign up. Contact Paul or Michael 202-645-7545. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**The KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M.,** every first and third Monday. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW.

**KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 10:30 A.M.-Noon,** Every 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. We are a friendly community toastmasters club, dedicated to helping our members develop public speaking and leadership skills. Visitors are always welcome! For additional information, contact Vann-Di Galloway, at (202)545-8155. Feel free to visit us to see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Neighborhood Library, Basement meeting Room.

**LENTEN LABYRINTH WALK, Noon-1 P.M., Fridays, (No 25<sup>th</sup>), Westminster Presbyterian Church.**

**MACHINE Pitch, 5-6 P.M., Monday and Wednesday,** Michael Wilson, Ages 7-8, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT -Every Friday, 5:30-7 P.M.** hosted by Sasha Bruce Youthwork. Free open space for Spoken Word, Poetry, Music, Rap, and Monologues. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center. More information **Email: [bford@sasha-bruce.org](mailto:bford@sasha-bruce.org)**

**PAJAMA STORY TIME, Thursdays, 6 P.M.** Join us for an evening story time where pajamas are encouraged but not required. These evening programs are designed to delight children of all ages. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.,** Ages 18 & up. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30 A.M., Wednesdays.** Join us for books, songs, rhymes, and finger plays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. An easy craft activity follows story time each week. Designed for children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SALSA DANCING, 6 P.M. WEDNESDAYS - Steve Surina** will be leading classes in the exotic and fun dance of Salsa. Bring a partner or come alone, everyone gets to dance. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center.

**SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK** at Westminster Presbyterian, **MONDAY from 11:00 A.M. - 12 noon** and **WEDNESDAY from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster’s Wellness program.

**SENIOR CRAFTS, 6-7 P.M., Tuesdays** with Michelle Edmonds, Ages 55 & up.

**SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA,** group meeting, **7 P.M. Mondays,** Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

**SPANISH LANGUAGE 101, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday.** Self-paced online program. **Sasha Bruce Youthwork** at Randall Community Center.



## CALENDAR

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**SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M.,** Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 "I" (Eye) Street SW.**

**TEEN CLUB, 7-8 P.M., Every other Friday.** Ages 14-19. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**TEEN GAME NIGHT, including Wii, 7-8:15 P.M.,** Thursdays, Ages 13-18. SW Neighborhood Library.

**T-B ALL, 5-6 P.M., Tuesday and Thursdays,** Paul Taylor, Ages 5-6. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**TINY ARCHITECTS, 12:30-2 P.M., Thursdays, Ages 3-5** experience the joy of building, creating and working with others guided by parents and volunteers. Building blocks and supplies provided. All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

**WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 7-9 P.M.,** First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refresh-

ments, auctions and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street SW. 202-863-0564.

**YOGA FOR ADULTS AND TEENS, Tuesdays, 7-8 P.M.** Led by instructors from Yoga Activists, All levels, from beginning through advanced, are welcome. Mat provided - or bring your own. SW Neighborhood Library.

**YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, 5:30-7 P.M., Thursdays,** Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, Ages 6-14. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**YOUNG MEN FUTURE LEADERS, 5-6 P.M., Fridays,** Michael Wilson, Ages 6-12. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**ZUMBA, 6 P.M.** Tuesdays & Thursdays, **FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.**

**ZUMBA, 7:30-8:30 P.M.** Mondays- Instructor Roshaunda Jenkins will lead this one-hour fitness and dance workout –all fitness level welcome! This class is free and no registration is required. A fast paced, aerobic dance fitness program. SW Neighborhood Library.

## OPENING DAY

From p. 1

at 2 p.m.!

**COST:** Free

**TITLE:** OSTERIA MORINI HOSTS GUEST CHEFS


**TIME:** Noon start

**LOCATION:** Osteria Morini

**DESCRIPTION:** We're throwing a big party on

baseball opening day—Chefs Play Ball (hosted by Matt and Alex) along with an all-star lineup of DC chefs and their favorite meatballs as well as other Morini menu hits. Chefs confirmed so far include: Victor Albisu of Del Campo, Nate Anda of Red Apron, Erik Bruner-Yang of Maketto, Patrick Curran of Momofuku CCDC, Mike Isabella of Kapnos, Jonah Kim of Yona, Danny Lee of Mandu, Ed Scarpone of DBGB, and the team from Whaley's.

**COST:** Tickets required



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WEEKDAY  
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**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m.

WEEKEND  
**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. Vigil  
**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

HOLYDAYS  
5:00 p.m. Vigil  
8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
**Monday—Friday:** 11:55 a.m.  
**Saturday:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** After the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR  
**Thursdays:** 4:45 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP  
**Thursdays:** 7 p.m. — Adoration; 7:40 p.m. — Talk/Discussion

### UPCOMING EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
**Sunday, April 3 ~ 3 p.m.**  
Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions  
Sung Divine Mercy Devotion, Benediction  
Mass — 5 p.m.

*The Divine Mercy, also known as the Divine Mercy of Jesus, is a Roman Catholic devotion to Jesus Christ associated with the reputed mystical apparitions revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska.*


CHANT MASS  
**Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena**  
**Friday, April 29**  
6:30 p.m. ~ Sacred Polyphony / Confessions  
7:00 p.m. ~ Chant Mass  
Homilist: Fr. Carleton Jones, O.P.  
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# Riverside Baptist Redevelopment Gets the Nod from Zoning Commission



Renderings courtesy of PN Hoffman.



As seen on The Little Quadrant that Could blog.  
(Visit <http://www.swtlqtc.com> for more info.)

Last week, the Zoning Commission took final action to give approval to Riverside Baptist Church's consolidated PUD. A new sanctuary for Riverside will be built at 7th Street and Maine Avenue while PN Hoffman will build a 7-9-story rental apartment building with 170 units at 7th and I streets. About 10% of the units will be set aside as affordable housing for households earning up to 50%, 80% and 100% of Area Median Income. There will be space on the ground floor of the apartment building for community-serving uses, such as a daycare center.

The main issue that held up Zoning Commission approval was funds proffered to help attract a daycare facility. The developer offered \$25,000 to help attract a daycare provider, but the ANC wanted flexibility to use the funds for other potential users if a daycare center ultimately didn't occupy the Riverside site. The Zoning Commission was uncomfortable with this open-ended solution and asked that the developer come back before the Commission with a different recipient of the \$25,000 in the event a daycare center provider was not found. With PUD approval now in hand, the project is scheduled to start construction in the fourth quarter of this year.



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