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Op-ed: Is It a Good Idea to Restructure the Way SWNA Selects its Leaders?

By: Neal Pierce

For me, it's more than a theoretical question. In the spring of 1963, I was part of a meeting at 301 G St. SW, one of the early apartment buildings of the "new" Southwest that was then arising on the ashes of the "old."

A group of us—black and white, from the newly developing area as well as Greenleaf Gardens and the older housing near South Capitol Street—had noted a void and were considering a remedy.

The void was in citizen organization. Up to the 1950s, there had been two citizen organizations in Southwest—an exclusively white Southwest Citizens Association, and an all-black Southwest Civic Association. But in the upheaval of urban renewal, both had faded into nonexistence.

The remedy we decided on that spring day in 1963 was to form an organization for *everyone*—residents of the remaining "old Southwest," of the new urban renewal housing, and of the public housing area. We saw ourselves as a voice for a rapidly evolving, radically altered new Southwest quadrant of the capital city.

Our decision: to create the Southwest



Neighborhood Assembly—now familiarly referred to as SWNA.

We envisioned the new organization as a strong citizen voice, speaking out on issues

ranging from public schools to recreation, health and welfare services, physical safety, and emerging development issues. We decided to form task forces to focus on individual

topic areas. And at that same meeting in April 1963 the initial leaders of the new neighborhood assembly were elected. The charter co-chairs would be Joseph Latimore, a prominent African-American resident, and myself, a garden variety "Anglo."

Significantly, as founders we envisioned an open organization, reflective of citizen views; an assembly open to change and evolve as the new Southwest developed.

We set up a system of yearly community-wide voting for SWNA officers, the prevailing method, as we understood it, of neighborhood organization across the United States.

But we didn't assume we were setting an organizational pattern that would necessarily last forever. We saw SWNA as an important experiment—in interracial experimentation and shared leadership and activity—and able to evolve and change to meet neighborhood needs and goals over time.

Now, a half-century later, a proposal for serious rewriting of SWNA procedures has been submitted. It would do away with the annual Southwest-wide vote for officers and board members—a procedure that has failed

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A Shining Example of SWNA Scholarship Benefits

By: Vyllorya Evans

Tsahai Pettiford is in her final year of a five-year program studying for a bachelor of architecture degree at Philadelphia University in Pennsylvania. She has received two scholarships from the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA). Because the scholarships were able to provide her family and her with some financial relief, she expresses lots of appreciation for her neighborhood's generosity and support.

Similar to the people in her neighborhood, Tsahai is always looking for volunteering opportunities. While away at school, she volunteers with Philadelphia University's National Organization of Minority Architecture Students program. The program's sole purpose is to provide minority students who are majoring in architecture with opportunities to learn more about the field of architecture and to network with other students and professionals, but they also provide them with opportunities to serve the community. She also volunteers with the Philadelphia University Mentoring Program, also known as P.U.M.P.-Up. The program partners with various Philadelphia public schools located in the same neighborhood as the university. Every week, she visits her volunteer site to assist elementary school-aged children with

their reading skills or their homework. While back home, she sometimes assists her mother, who is a DC Public Schools teacher, in her classroom with children in the same age group by using her creativity to help decorate the classroom and create educational activities. She also volunteered in the SWNA office for the Education and Scholarship Task Force last summer where she located and reached out to former scholarship recipients to prepare for the SWNA Alumni Reunion that was held on July 10, 2016.

In her previous year of school, Tsahai realized that, in addition to her fascination with architecture and volunteering for her community, she also has interest in the field of psychology. After being given a semester-long assignment for one of her classes, she decided to challenge herself with finding a topic that combined all three of them. She quickly discovered biophilia. Biophilia refers to the innate connection that humans have with nature. She aspires to receive an internship and eventually get a full-time job at an architecture firm that specializes in designing buildings for the community that strongly connect its users with nature and, as a result, give them a better sense of well-being. This includes nursing homes, homeless shelters,

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Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival: April 15

On Saturday, April 15, enjoy the Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival presented by Harris Teeter at Gangplank Marina and the District Wharf between 600-650 Water St. SW from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Additional performances and activities will be presented from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Waterfront Park near the Titanic Memorial concluding with a spectacular fireworks show at 8:30 p.m. over the historic Washington Channel.

Celebrate spring with the Southwest Waterfront community, home of the cherry blossoms, with live music at two performance stages, food trucks, a beer and cider garden, family activities, a Harris Teeter sample marketplace featuring P&G products, a green screen photo experience, cornhole, glow-in-the-dark treats, and more. In the event of inclement weather, the fireworks portion of the evening will be rescheduled for Sunday, April 16 at 8:30 p.m.

Southwest Waterfront is easily accessible by Metrobus and Metro's Orange, Blue, Yellow, and Green lines to Waterfront Station or L'Enfant Plaza. The fireworks display may be viewed from all locations within the event, with the best views being in Waterfront Park closest to the Titanic Memorial. Alternatively, the fireworks may also be viewed from Hains Point.

The Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival is presented by Harris Teeter and Gain, Pantene, Pampers, and Febreze. Event supporting sponsor is District Wharf. Additional supporters include Strongbow, Kirin, Odyssey, and Spirit Cruises, The Color Run, and Cabot Creamery Cooperative. Event media sponsors are HOT 99.5 and WETA-TV.



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Welcome to the SW Community Garden Beet!

For those familiar, and unfamiliar, we are the SW Community Garden, located in Lansburgh Park (1098 Delaware Ave SW). We've been around since 2013, and have a section for individual plots and a communal section open to anyone to volunteer in. Our goal for this year's growing season is to contribute monthly entries to *The Southwester* to keep you abreast of what's going on, and, hopefully, convince you to check us out every now and then. Speaking of which ...

We'll be holding our fourth annual Spring Kick-off on Saturday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to



3 p.m. We'll be planting the communal beds, creating garden signs, and offering amateur face-painting (emphasis on *amateur*). There will be a workshop on companion planting and we'll be creating a new SW-inspired flow-

er garden. The new garden will be in the shape of the letters S and W, with a heart in between.

You can stay in touch with us via our website: swgardens.org. We hope to see you in the garden!

Amidon-Bowen Cheerleaders Are Champs!

By: Safiyah
Aleem-Woods

Southwest's Amidon-Bowen Elementary School added another first place trophy to its collection! The Amidon-Bowen Cheerleading Team placed first in their division at the DCIAA cheerleading competition on Saturday, March 11. The team scored higher than eight other teams in the Elementary Novice division. From their high kicks to great facial expressions, the cheerleaders performed a high-energy routine for all to enjoy. Their hard work leading up to the competition was certainly evident on the mat.

The team consists of 15 girls ranging from first to fifth grade. They practiced four days per week to prepare for the competition. The team is led by Head Coach Christina Shelton and assistant coaches Artina



Austin and Jenn Kordell, who are full-time employees at the school and volunteer after school to coach the cheerleading team. Shelton and Austin began coaching the team four years ago. This is the team's first championship. "We are so proud of the girls! We cannot wait for Amidon to come back to defend their title next year!" Ms. Shelton

said.

Next up, the team will continue to practice to prepare for a regional competition in May. The team will also focus on fundraising efforts to pay for registration and transportation costs for this competition. To support the cheerleading team, please contact Ms. Shelton at christina.shelton@dc.gov.



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Westminster Hosts Breast Cancer Benefit Concert

Although the weather may have been windy and freezing cold on Saturday, March 4, the inside of Westminster Presbyterian Church, host site for the 2017 Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund Benefit Concert, permeated a sense of warmth, jubilation, and hope for a cure. The opening reception was decked out with an array of hors d'oeuvres and drinks. The event was emceed by Nick "Dr. Nick" Johnson of WPFW-FM 89.3, who graciously volunteered his service. He shared his connection to breast cancer, having lost his first spouse to the devastating disease. The audience was welcomed by Founder Thelma D. Jones, who shared her breast cancer story and thanked everyone for walking the journey with her while highlighting the organization's mission, vision, and programs. She encouraged continued support of the organization. Guest Speaker Bridget Oppong, MD, a breast surgeon at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, donated her time and generous financial support to deliver a thought-provoking presentation. Dr. Oppong shared an informative and inspiring talk about the overall progress of cancer in America and the DC area. A recent report from the American Cancer Society shows that the national death rate has decreased by 25%. However, Dr. Oppong noted that it failed to reflect an accurate picture of the grim statistics surrounding breast cancer, particularly in African-Americans and women of color who are 40% more likely to die of breast cancer than white women.

Jones recognized both breast cancer and other cancer survivors, presenting a surprised Cleo Davis, 92, the oldest breast cancer survivor present, with a lovely large pink and purple breast cancer wreath compliments of JVL Creations. Giving her a big hug, Jones then invited Davis to become an honorary member of the Thelma D. Jones (TDJ) Breast Cancer Support Group. Created in April 2010, the nationally recognized support group by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the signature program of the TDJ Breast Cancer Fund, which has since its inception welcomed more than 800 participants and guest speakers like Dr. Oppong, every third Wednesday night in SW at the ANC6D-SWNA Conference Room.

Stepping up the pace of the program, Iva Jean Ambush, jazz vocalist and breast cancer survivor added a warmth of memories with three songs, one of which was "Summer Time" which was quite appropriate considering the prevailing cold temperature at the time. Enjoying a different beat, featured performer Shirleta Settles roused the audience with her show-stopping performance and stage antics. True to her slogan: "Shirleta is not just a voice; she's an entertainer" who fully engages her audience, props and all, on a moment's notice. She invited audience participation and properly attired three back-up singers (Bonita Pennino of ACS CAN, Audrey Hinton of the SWNA Education & Scholarship Task Force, and Seneeya Jenkins Yates of Jeysan Jewelry Designs) in a rendition of the Shirelles "Will you Still Love Me Tomorrow." Shirleta also invited Jordan Davis, eldest son

of survivor Cleo Davis, to participate as a prop in the Jazz standard "All of Me" to help him understand the full package he was getting in a marriage, i.e., bills and all.

The audience loved the performance and was still on a natural high when they won several door prizes consisting of beautifully hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind jewelry compliments of Jeysan Jewelry. Jenkins Yates, Jeysan's founder, surprised and presented Jones with a lovely hand-made necklace with a precious pink stone in recognition of her overall civic efforts and in the fight against cancer, particularly breast cancer.

Yates has consistently donated door prizes, including during the 2016 Benefit Concert and at support group meetings. Jones acknowledged the gift as well as the TDJ Breast Cancer Fund board of directors; special guests, including the American Cancer Society and ACS CAN; and the many volunteers, especially Yoan Anguilet, Vyllorya Evans, Stephanie Holloman, Drs. Ikemba & Ngozi Okonjo Iweala, Sylvia Jackson, Jamal Jones, Anthia Peters, Tracey Webb, Black Benefactors, Washington Cable, Westminster Church, and *The Southwester*, among others.

The TDJ Breast Cancer Fund is an all-volunteer organization whose fiscal agent is the Southwest Renaissance Development Corporation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Its mission is to advocate and improve the overall health and wellness for women and men through outreach, education, and prevention. The TDJ Breast Cancer Fund promotes 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, and embrace and achieve a world community free of breast cancer. We plan to realize this vision with guiding principles of respect, collaboration, quality and patient-centered care, culturally sensitive approaches, and evidence-based strategies.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the TDJ Breast Cancer Fund for education, prevention, screening, and early detection. For more information on the TDJ Breast Cancer Fund, please contact info@tdjbreastcancerfund.org. To make a tax-deductible donation, please send check or money order payable to the Southwest Renaissance Development Corporation or SRDC, 400 I St. SW, Washington, DC 20024 and note in the memo line Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund.

Join the TDJ Breast Cancer Fund Support Group's seventh anniversary celebration on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW, Washington, DC 20024. Guest speaker Willie Jolley will speak on "Keep the Faith: Your Best is Yet to Come." Also Shonta Chambers, executive vice president of health equity initiatives and community engagement for the Patient Advocate Foundation, will share a brief overview of their programs and vocalist and breast cancer survivor Iva Jean Ambush will perform.

(Thelma D. Jones contributed to this article.)



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PASSIONTIDE

Saturday, April 1 — 7:00 p.m.

Confessions start at 6:30 p.m.

Passiontide is a Lenten service involving readings, preaching and praying of psalms in anticipation of Holy Week.

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Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper — April 13

Evening Mass — 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday — April 14

Stations of the Cross — 12:10 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion — 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday — April 15

Morning Prayer — 9:00 a.m. in the Priory Chapel

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night — 7:30 p.m. (2 ½ hrs)

Easter Sunday — April 16

Celebration of the Resurrection — 10:30 a.m. Mass only

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An Interview with Navy Yard's Own Bailiwick Clothing Company

Who are you? I'm JC Smith, and along with my brother Jeff, we're Bailiwick Clothing Company—two brothers that started a clothing company in our adopted home of Washington, DC. We're originally from Ohio, but when we relocated to DC almost a decade ago, we had a hard time finding cool T-shirts that represented DC without looking touristy. So we put our heads together and created our own shirt company with symbols, logos, and slogans that reflect the pride and spirit of the District.

What is "Bailiwick"?: We came up with the name Bailiwick a few years ago because we love what it means and what it stands for. (Yes, it's a real word!) Bailiwick is an old English word that means "a person's area of expertise, knowledge, or authority." So whatever it is that you do well, that thing is your bailiwick. And through our company, Jeff and I strive to tell the stories of people here in DC that are embracing their bailiwicks and making a difference in the greater Washington community.

When did you start? We started Bailiwick at the beginning of 2016, so we are just over a year old. We've learned a lot in our first year in business, but the most important thing is that we made it through year one! That being said, I think we're well positioned for future success, so hopefully we have many more great years to come.

Where are you located? We live in Navy Yard, but we run our business online at www.Bailiwickclothing.com. We also do TONS of pop-up markets in various locations all around the District. Give us a follow on our social media channels to find out where we're gonna be next!

What's the best thing you've been a part of? We've been a part of some cool things in our first year. We've been a part of the District's biggest festivals, gotten a chance to work with plenty of talented local artists, and we even got to attend this year's SXSW conference. And it was nice to be interviewed on ABC7's "Good Morning Washington" a few weeks ago, but for us, it's even more rewarding for us to do work



in the community. We frequently speak to and mentor local teenage students, and we have a partnership with the local Boys and Girls Club and the Washington Builders teen training program.

Where have we seen Bailiwick? We do have a few famous folks wearing our clothes. ... By now, most people know how Nats star Bryce Harper wore a few of our shirts last year, and how that helped put Bailiwick on the map. That was great, but we also saw about 10-12 different Nats players wearing our shirts by the time the baseball season was over. What an awesome feeling. We also have the mayor and a few other local movers and shakers wearing our gear. But keep an eye out because we plan to have more folks in our shirts in 2017!

What's your end goal? We want to keep growing organically and soon become the biggest brand in the District. We'd like to eventually have a few brick and mortar stores around the city, and we also want to expand into Virginia and Maryland. And, ultimately, we want to grow Bailiwick into a multimedia company that uses its powers to enact social change.

Is there a way for people to submit input for designs or slogans? We don't have a formal process for that, but I encourage everyone who may have an idea for us to just get a hold of us! We're not that hard to connect with! You can drop us an email anytime on our website or a direct message on social media. For now, we're still a two-man show, so we love to connect with folks and we're always looking for new ideas.

Where do you hope to go from here? Well right now, we are hard at work on the new spring collection, so those new shirts should be dropping by mid-April. We have a few cool new designs up our sleeve that we're really excited about. Plus, we'll finally have our kids and babies lines dropping soon, so parents please take note! And then we'll start hitting the festival/ pop-up scene again hard, so look for clothing online or at a pop-up event near you!



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Saturday, April 15 | 2 – 9:30 PM | Fireworks Spectacular | 8:30 PM

Southwest Waterfront & Titanic Memorial Park, 650 Water Street, SW

Celebrate spring at the Southwest Waterfront, home of the Cherry Blossoms.

The Wharf

2 – 9:30 PM

Enjoy live music, food trucks, a beer and cider garden and all-ages fun, including photo booths, corn hole, bracelet crafting, koi windsock making, calligraphy, and more!

Titanic Memorial in Southwest Waterfront Park

6 – 9 PM

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FRI March 31, 7 PM - THE SOUTH-WEST CHAMBER PLAYERS will return to the concert stage at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water St., SW, after a two-year hiatus due to the rebuilding of the church. Part of the annual National Cherry Blossom Festival, the gala FREE performance will mark the twentieth anniversary of the group’s 1997 founding, and will include works of Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and others. David Ehrlich (484-6354). <http://www.southwestchamberplayers.org/>

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SAT 1, 1-2:30 P.M. Yoga Nidra , Meditate, Chant, Breathe and Healing Relaxation. Move toward healing your Mind, Body and Spirit Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation focused on setting an intention. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. **Bring a mat and light covering.** Invite family and friends. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 1, 3:00 P.M. April fool’s Day in the Library. Children ages 4-12 are invited to for day of tricks, pranks, and fun. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW.

MON 3, 7 P.M. - ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1101 4th Street SW, Suite W130. Agenda at www.anc6d.org (Note that the ANC is meeting on the first Monday this month.)

TUES 4, 6:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYERS & Simple Suppers. Simple fellowship supper of soup, salad and home-made bread. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church. 555 Water St. SW.

WED 5 , 4:30 P.M. Karaoke Club. Children ages 6-12 and their families are invited to join us in karaoke singing. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

THURS 6, 6-7:30 P.M. Poise of the Soul: Yoga Prayer Practice. Transform your body and soul through Yoga practice and simple Anglican chants. Open to all levels of yoga and those interested in prayer practice. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your mat. Led by Diana Gustafson, St. Augustine’s Ministry Intern, dianavmorgan@aol.com. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

THURS 6, 6-8:00 P.M. Labyrinth Walk and Meditation. Walking the labyrinth is a prayer practice that invites us to slow down, pay attention, and fully engage our minds, bodies, and spirits as we open ourselves up to the presence of the Holy. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

FRI 7, 12 Noon. Waterfront Village “Lunch at the Club” series goes to the University Club, 1135 16th St NW. 202-656-1834 to RSVP or see www.dewaterfrontvillage.org/calendar for more information.

SAT 8, 7-9pm Faith & Film Presents: Before the Flood—a documentary featuring Leonardo DiCaprio, shown in honor of April 22 Earth Day and Scientists’ March and the April 29 People’s Climate March. 7pm Free movie followed by discussion. Potluck snacks—bring a treat that can be shared with others. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 8, 3:00 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. SW Library.

SAT 8, 9 A.M.-Noon. Clean Waterways Volunteer Cleanup at Anacostia Park. All supplies provided. Just show up. Questions? Email us: info@anacostiariverkeeper.org.

SUN 9, 10:45am Easter Pageant—“Hope in the Cross!” A Palm Sunday Experience of the Heart, told thru drama, song and dance, featuring Shirli Hughes & Ovation, Westminster Singers, Errica Poindexter on bass, James Poindexter on trumpet, Drumin’ Folk on African Drums and DeWan Lee-Parker and Praise in Motion performing liturgical dance. Don’t miss it! Bring your family and friends! Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SUN 9, 1:30pm Shake Your Soul Yoga Workshop. Bring your own mat or use a library provided mat. SW Library.

SUN 9, 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 Library.

MON 10, 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 latest pick. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

MON 10, 7 P.M. Life Design Working Group. Based on William Barnett’s and Dave Evans’s bestseller **Designing Your Life.** SW Library.

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

SAT 15, 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 Library.

SUN 16, 9:30 A.M. Easter SundayJazz Breakfast. 11 A.M. Easter Sunday Celebration of new life, new hope, new beginnings and the radically inclusive love of God. Have faith. Act in love. Change the world. **12:15 P.M. Children’s Easter Egg Hunt**—baskets provided! Westminster Presbyterian Church.

WED 19, 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. SW Library.

THURS 20, 10 A.M. Waterfront Village quarterly committees updates. Thomas Law House, 1252 6th St SW.

THURS 20, 4 P.M. Waterfront Village volunteer orientation at Harbour Square, 500 N Street SW, See www.dewaterfrontvillage.org/volunteer for more information or call 202-656-1834.

THURS 20, 6:30 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. To be added to e-mail list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com. Police 1st District Hdq., 101 M St SW (note new location).

THURS 20, 7:30 P.M. “Southwest Remembered” with Neal Peirce. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water Street, SW in the new sanctuary.

SAT 22, 3:00 P.M. Earth Day Craft. Children ages 4-12 are invited for a day of Earth and nature related crafts. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

MON 24, 7 P.M. In the Arena (at SW Library)—an occasional series featuring community discussion of works being presented at Arena Stage. This month’s discussion features Lorraine Hansberry’s **A Raisin In the Sun.** Copies available for checkout at the information desk. SW Library.

WED 26, 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 Library.

THURS 27, 6-8pm Community Poster Party for the People’s Climate March—supplies provided through your contributions are welcome. Snacks provided and bring some to share. BYOB. All ages welcome. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 29, 1:00 P.M. SOUTHWEST BOOK DISCUSSION - Copies of this month’s selection, **How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything** by Rosa Brooks are available for checkout at the information desk. SW Library.

SAT 29, 1-3pm Thinking About Jazz—Ella Fitzgerald: Celebrating 100 with special footage and archival information on this jazz giant. A free event with light lunch, door prizes and great conversation. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 29, 3:00 P.M. How Animals Work. Build a simple machine based on a real, living snake that you can see and touch. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULT RECREATION, 10 A.M. - Noon, Saturdays, Ages 18 & up, All Staff. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

ADULT SCRAPBOOK. 5-6:30 P.M. Day TBA. Michelle Edmonds. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. For more

information call. 202-554-7945.

ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP. 10:30-11:30 A.M. 2nd Tuesdays of the month. Free and open to the Public. Location: Faith Presbyterian Church 4161 S. Capitol St. SW. Take the A4, A2 or A8 bus from Anacostia Metro. Contacts: Vickie Henrikson vlhenrikson@gmail.com or Carroll Quinn (513) 763-9921. For more information: alz.org/nca or 800-272-3900.

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

BABY/TODDLER STORYTIME 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 Library.

BINGO for SENIORS, 1 - 3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, ages 55 & up, Paul Taylor, 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.

BOOK CLUB, 7 P.M. every second Thursday at River Park. Book to read: TBA. Contact Gale Dunn Kaufmann 202-484-8432 or Email galekaufmann@verizon.net

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water 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.

CO-ED TEE BALL. Tuesday & Thursday. 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. Ages 4-6. Paul Taylor. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

COLOR CLUB, Mondays, 7:00 P.M. Children and their families are invited to join us for Color Club. We’ll have special coloring sheets and supplies available. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, 9 - 11 A.M. Every 3rd Saturday, Rear entrance of Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW, across from SW Library. \$5.00 donation.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 1-3 P.M. Thursdays. SW Library.
April 6 Internet Basics
April 13 DC Library website
April 20 Email Basics
April 27 No Class

DC Dragon Boat Club. 8:30 A.M., Saturdays. Interested in meeting new people, getting into shape, and enjoying the great outdoors? Come to the Wharf at the Southwest Waterfront and join a free paddling session with the DC Dragon Boat Club. Dragon boat is the fastest growing water sport in the world; it is a great workout that can be enjoyed by paddlers of all ages and experience levels. The DC Dragon Boat Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing dragon boating to the D.C. area. We are metro-accessible and offer regular practices, opportunities to race in local venues, and social activities. Beginners are welcome! The first three practices are free! Sign up at www.dcdragonboat.org/ Questions? Email info@dcdragonboat.org.

DIGITAL DROP-IN, 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. Tuesdays. Help using library services on your digital device (tablet, smartphone, reader). SW Library.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC, 1 - 4 P.M. Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

GAME CLUB, 4:00 P.M. Fridays. 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 Library.

GIRLS POWER TEE-BALL, Mon & Wed. 5:00 – 6:00 P.M., Ages 4-7. Paul Taylor. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 4298. K-12. Bi-Weekly Wednesday. 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. Monica Evans. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

GIRLS SOFTBALL. Tuesdays & Thursdays. 6-7 P.M. Ages 8-15. Safiyah Aleem-Woods. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP by Kevin Bliss. 6:30-7:30 P.M. Mondays, thru March 27; **The Center for Contempla-**

tive and Healing Arts at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church. Donations Accepted. kbliss@kevinjbliss.com.

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

INSPIRING WORSHIP AND KID’S CHURCH, Sundays, 11 A.M. - noon. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6 - 9 P.M., Fridays, Westminster Presbyterian Church. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale. Schedule at www.westminsterdc.org/jazz.html

KING GREENLEAF BOYS 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 - 11:40 A.M. First and third Saturday of each month. Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Feel free to visit us and see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Library, basement, 202-724-4752.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP, 11:00 A.M.-12 PM, Reading and discussing excerpts from “America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America” by Jim Wallis. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Wednesday 7-8 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

NARFE: The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association **1:30-2:30 P.M.** meets the fourth Thursday of the month, September through May at the SW Library.

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 Library.

PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M., Ages 18 & up. All Staff. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME, Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M. Join us for books, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays 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 3 to 5 and their caregivers. SW Library.

SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK at Westminster Presbyterian, MONDAYS from 11:00 A.M. - 12 noon and WEDNESDAYS 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 ARTS & CRAFTS, 1-2 P.M. , TUESDAY - Ages 55 & up. Paul Taylor. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751. Monthly Meetings are held every third Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Current AARP members, prospective members and visitors are welcome. Costs: \$5.00 for lunch. River Park Mutual Homes Community Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert, bettyjeantolbert-jones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7 - 8 P.M., Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 “I” (Eye) Street SW.

TAX AIDE, FREE through April 12th. Monday from 2:30-7 P.M. and Wednesday 1:30-6 P.M. SW Library.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB, 7-9 P.M. First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW.

YOGA BY PAM WILSON, 8 A.M.-9 A.M. Wednesdays. The Center for Contemplative and Healing Arts at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church. Bring a mat if you have one. Donations Accepted. For information, call Pamela Wilson (202) 746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net

YOGA FOR ADULTS and TEENS, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Tuesdays & Thursdays . All levels welcome. Bring your own mat or use a library provided mat. SW Library.

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, 5:30 - 7 P.M., Wednesdays, Michelle Edmonds, Ages 6-14. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ZUMBA, 7:30-8:30 P.M. Mondays, Instructor Roshanda Jenkins will lead this one-hour fitness and dance workout — all fitness levels welcome. The class is free and no registration is required. Dance your way to fitness! SW Library. No class April 17, Library closed.

Local Artists Holding Annual Spring Show at Arena Stage

The Ladysmiths Art Jewelry group is holding its sixth annual spring show and sale with special guests the Potomac Fiber Arts Guild. The two-day, free event will take place on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Arena Stage (1101 Sixth St. SW, Washington, DC, 20024). It will showcase the work of more than 20 local jewelry and fiber artists in one convenient location.

Handmade items from renowned local artists from the Ladysmiths jewelers and the Potomac Fiber Arts Guild will be shown in the beautiful, relaxed setting of the Arena Stage lobby. The artists are happy to share their design inspirations and describe how their wearable art was made. Then stay at Arena for a show or enjoy a meal at one of the restaurants around Waterfront Metro, one block away. This is a limited engagement, so don't miss out on this great opportunity to own or give original works of art.

The Ladysmiths, a group of dedicated female metalsmiths in the greater Washington, DC, area, began 10 years ago when a few friends got together to create a forum to support and encourage each other and female metal artists at various stages of their careers. Most recently they are focused on learning new techniques and creating new marketplaces for their work. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/>



Necklace by Sherry Terao.

ladysmithsjewelrycollective.

The Potomac Fiber Arts Guild was started in 1944 as the Potomac Craftsmen Guild by a small group of people in the Washington, DC, area who liked to do handwork, especially weaving. With more than 70 years as a premier fiber arts guild, the group has grown to more than 300 members. Interests have built on and expanded beyond weaving to include a wide range of fiber art, including lace-making, spinning, quilting, dyeing, and stitching and surface design of all types. For more information, go to <http://www.potomacfiberartsguild.org/guild/index.shtml>

Work by members of the Ladysmiths and the Fiber Arts Guild are in national and international public and private collections, and several have won awards. Ellen Krieger's metal bowl was a Jurors' Choice Selection in the 2015 Lewton-Brain Foldform Competition. A ring made out of silver and sea glass made by Bodil Lund won UncommonGoods' January 2015 Jewelry Design Challenge. Sherry Terao won first place in Metals at the Creative Crafts Council's 29th Biennial Exhibition. The artists also work closely with local art institutions. Fiber artist Eileen Doughty currently is working on a dollhouse room commission by the National Building Museum in conjunction with their upcoming exhibit "Small Stories: At Home in a Dollhouse."



The 2015 Ladysmiths Art Jewelry spring show and sale at Arena Stage.

RESTRUCTURE

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to enlist significant degrees of citizen participation. The suggested alternative: that the board of directors, based on suggestions from SWNA participants, actually designate the officers. The case is being made that board and officer energy should be focused on community activities, not the frustrating work of appealing to hundreds or thousands of citizens to vote for candidates they may not know well in any event.

Is it a perfect solution? In advance, no one can tell. But as long as SWNA continues its monthly meetings, open to all Southwest residents—the formula we began in 1963—there ought to be ample opportunities for all community views to be heard. And a way for new ideas for organizing SWNA to evolve over time.

My guess is that the original SWNA

founders, if all could be magically reassembled, would have a straightforward reaction to the new plan:

"Yes, experiment; yes, innovate with your organizational form. Work hard to engage strong leaders—it's tough to find them, the responsibilities they take on are real even if their posts are voluntary, and they merit support. But most important of all—keep those monthly meetings open, vibrant, and always welcoming new ideas."

Neal Peirce has been a Southwest resident since 1961 and was a founder and initial co-chair of SWNA in 1963. As a professional journalist, he was political editor of *Congressional Quarterly*, a founder and contributing editor of *National Journal*, and the author of a multi-volume book set describing "people, politics, and power" in each of the 50 states. He is currently editor-in-chief of *Citiscopes* (www.citiscopes.org), an online news site reporting on significant innovations in cities across the world.

A Night in Hollywood

By: Makayla Howard, Third grader at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School

My mother (Dionna Howard), with the help of my City Year, Mr. W, hosted a dance for the female students of Amidon-Bowen Elementary School and their male role models: A Night in Hollywood. My mother wanted to have this dance because she wanted all the girls at Amidon-Bowen to be treated just like queens and she also wanted every little girl to get a feel of how it feels to have a man in your life.

The dance was held last Friday, March 17 at 7 at night. I think it went really well. This event was filled with dancing, excitement, and lots of delicious food. My favorite song that they played was "Juju on that Bear" and my favorite role model at the dance was my uncle. The dance had more than 150 people in attendance. It was an extraordinary success.

The best quotes from the dance:

"The dance was the most attended event of the school year. It was exciting to see our girls and their fathers or father figures enjoying themselves. I am most proud that this event was organized and executed by parents and friends of the school. It is a clear example of what Amidon-Bowen

is—a community school on the rise."

—Ms Sykes
(principal of Amidon-Bowen)

"Being a father or a role model for our girls is like having permanent armor for the rest of their life. We want our girls to understand that they are supposed to be treated like queens."

—Ms.Dionna Howard
(parent at Amidon-Bowen)

"It was a big success! I'm truly happy Amidon-Bowen Elementary School had this type of event for our young ladies and their role models"

—Mr. W
(City Year AmeriCorps member)

"A Night in Hollywood was one of the most memorable events I have been a part of at Amidon-Bowen. It was amazing to see all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, cousins, and close friends come out and support our young ladies on this momentous occasion. It takes a village to raise our children and tonight truly represented that community."

—Coach Lee
(behavior tech at Amidon-Bowen)

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The Story of Southwest's Renewal After Destruction

How did Southwest Washington recover from the massive and widely condemned demolition of the 1950s urban renewal area, in terms of citizen organization and leadership? All are invited to join Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) Co-Founder Neal Peirce and former SWNA President Thelma D. Jones in a thought-provoking, informative, and insightful discussion and recollections surrounding the film *Southwest Remembered*. The event will take place Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church located at 555 Water St. SW, Washington, DC (opposite Arena Stage). The discussion will focus on how our quadrant of the city, in the wake of urban renewal's massive demolition, was reclaimed for citizen leadership in the early 1960s. The evening will recall the key participants of that time—both black and white, men and women—what their vision was, how they formed SWNA for participation by all residents, and what the founders' hopes and vision were for the then-opening next chapter

of the area's history. This first-hand history discussion looking back and looking forward is an event you don't want to miss! A capacity crowd is anticipated. Plans are to record video of this historical event. For questions on the event or to RSVP, please contact Thelma Jones (202-251-1639) or Neal Peirce (202-554-8191). Refreshments will be served. This event is being hosted by the SWNA History Task Force.

SCHOLARSHIP

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low-income homes, public schools, libraries, and community centers.

The fall semester of 2016, Tsahai studied architecture in Rome. She also traveled to other parts of Italy and other countries such as Spain, Greece, the Netherlands, England, and France. She did not really expect it before, but traveling has almost become addictive for her. She enjoyed the feeling of being captivated by a completely different culture. She was even grateful for culture shock because it made her love home even more. Being surrounded by totally different languages, music, various everyday social customs, and especially the architecture thrilled her. She has a new outlook on her field because of this experience. Italian architecture, or European architecture

in general, has encouraged her to develop aspirations for designing buildings with more durable materials that last for centuries, aesthetically pleasing exterior walls, and spaces that would perhaps revitalize social experiences outdoors.

Tsahai moved to Southwest with her family when she was just one and half years old. From Pre-Kindergarten until her sixth grade graduation, she attended what is now called Amidon-Bowen Elementary School. Her seventh and eighth grade years were spent at Stuart-Hobson Middle School. She then attended Benjamin Banneker Academic High School until she received her high school diploma in 2012.

Tsahai is one of seventeen students that received a scholarship in 2017 through SWNA's Education and Scholarship Task Force because caring neighbors like you have supported this program for 42 years. Your

support is needed this year more than ever to assist students for the 2017-2018 academic year. Please make your tax-deductible check payable to SWNA, note "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line of your check, and mail to: SWNA Scholarship Fund, PO Box 70131, Washington, DC 20024-0131 or donate securely online by credit card at www.razoo.com/story/Swna-Scholarship-Fund. You can also donate by VISA, MasterCard, or American Express by calling SWNA at 202-437-1700. Thank you for your support!

The SWNA scholarship is open to any Southwest youth in zip code 20024 who wishes to pursue an education in any accredited under graduate or technical institution. For more information and an application go to www.swdc.org/swna/task-forces/education-scholarship/ or the Southwest Neighborhood Library. You may also call Vyllorya Evans at 202-257-7619.



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