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Pepco Substation Sparks SW Construction Project

By: Katelynd Mahoney,
SWNA Fundraising Chair

Change and construction have officially arrived in Southwest, bringing with it more business, more housing, and more electrical usage. The capacity of the electrical system is not something that is often thought about in our day-to-day lives, but if the capacity is exceeded, it could have an enormous impact on our community. Avoiding this potentially crippling impact is one of the main reasons that Pepco has begun the process of creating a new Waterfront Substation at Buzzard Point.

The current substation located at Buzzard Point was built in the 1930s and is at the risk of becoming overworked by all of the growth in the Southwest and Capitol Riverfront areas. It is estimated that this substation will be overworked by 8 percent by the summer of 2017, a number that has continued to rise.

In a statement Pepco said: "Southwest and Southeast Washington, DC are experiencing intense residential and commercial growth. Distribution substations are a vital link in providing new and existing customers electric service by lowering transmission voltages to distribution voltages to deliver electricity. The existing distribution facilities located within Buzzard Point Substation presently serving the areas are forecasted to be over capacity by the summer



Photo courtesy of Pepco

Architectural rendering of the future Waterfront Substation.

of 2017. The new Waterfront Substation will support existing customers and planned development in the Capitol Riverfront and Southwest Waterfront areas."

Located on the site of the old Lyon Bakery and ANA towing yard, both of which have been purchased by Pepco, the new substation will encompass an area totaling four acres. It will

be bounded by Q St. SW, First St., R St., and Second St. and will be located one block directly north of the new DC United Stadium. While the James C. Dent House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, resides on this parcel as well, Pepco has ensured the community that the construction of this substation will not impact the house.

With an estimated completion date of June 2017, the project will be completed in three phases. The first phase, site preparation and design, is already underway and is estimated to last until the spring of 2016. During this phase, important environmental impact evaluations, assessments, and studies have been conducted, and the demolition of the current site infrastructure began during the second quarter of this year. The second phase includes regulatory authorization and zoning, with both the BZA and DC Public Service Commission having already ruled in favor of this project. The final phase will be the actual construction of the substation, transmission, and distribution lines, a phase that will be subdivided into three separate pieces and time frames for this project.

Pepco has worked relentlessly with involving the community during this project, and will continue to do so. They have set up a community advisory group, which will meet quarterly and exist for the duration of this project. It is designed to inform the community of what is happening during site preparation and the construction timeline, as well as to be a sounding board from the community about this project.

More information about the Waterfront Substation can be found online at: <http://www.pepco.com/community-commitment/improve-reliability/reliability-progress>



SEU Building Demolished to Make Way for Theater Company

This is a photo showing the demolition of the Southeastern University building as viewed along 6th St. SW near I St. The building has been unoccupied for several years and is being razed to make way for the Shakespeare Theatre Company's offices, rehearsal

space, and actor housing, as well as residential housing on the site. Further information is at www.thebard501.com, Twitter @TheBard501, and Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheBard501.

Photo courtesy of Perry Klein

A Champion is Gone

Our dear friend Phyllis M. Martin passed away on July 4, 2015. Family, friends, and community members gathered to honor the legacy and life of this phenomenal and fearless community leader on Tuesday, July 14 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Ms. Martin fought and won numerous battles on behalf of public housing residents. She lived a life full of love, caring, and compassion for everyone that she knew and who was in need of help and support. Ms. Martin was instrumental in keeping our beloved SW Community House fully operational during difficult times including funding crises. She refused to give up even after her own home was razed during urban renewal that displaced 4,500 black residents from SW. During this time, the building and promise of new affordable housing stalled because of wealthy developers and political pressures for low-income blacks not to return to SW. Ms. Martin inspired generations of people to stand together and to stand up for what was right as she laid the foundation for the return of hundreds of low-income residents to new SW and she gained respect across the country for her outstanding leadership.



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ANC 6D July Report

By: Dave Balajthy

The ANC 6D held its monthly meeting on Monday, July 13 at 7 p.m. at 1100 4th St. SW. (There will be no meeting in August, with the next gathering scheduled for Monday, September 21 at the same location.) An announcement was made that there have been discussions with the District of Columbia Housing Authority regarding the possible redevelopment of the Greenleaf public housing. Discussions are ongoing with no decision yet made.

A representative from DDOT provided an update on the status of Circulator service in SW. The ANC expressed its displeasure to DDOT due to the lack of progress in increasing Circulator service in the area. DDOT was indefinite about when service will begin in the extension of the Union Station-Navy Yard route from Southeast to Southwest along M Street. Even though the extension is in the budget, there appears to be a shortage of buses due to maintenance problems with the aging existing fleet and the number of buses needed to support the new route along the National Mall. Financial information was distributed indicating that the subsidy per rider for the Union Station to Navy Yard Circulator route has been averaging more than \$5 per passenger.

Ms. Elinor Bacon, Hoffman-Madison partner, provided an update on The Wharf project, stating that pile-driving work now is 50% complete, (2,928 out of 5,930) and will be finished in October.

Waterfront Park is expected to be completed by late fall 2016.

The Wharf is working with the Department of Employment Services and DC training/service providers to identify qualified DC resident candidates for job opportunities at The Wharf. Paul Taylor from the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, is doing an excellent job in referring qualified SW job seekers to The Wharf Opportunities Trailer. The Wharf Opportunities Trailer is located at 7th and Water Streets, SW and is open 8 to 10 a.m. every Wednesday. SW residents seeking construction job opportunities are encouraged to visit the trailer. To date, 41% of new hires have been DC residents, and this percentage is anticipated to increase now that the excavation/underground utility work phase is nearing completion, and construction will go vertical with more opportunities for workers with generalized construction skills. As of the end of the first quarter of 2015, The Wharf has achieved 40% participation of DC Certified Business Enterprises (CBE).

Commissioner Rachel Reilly-Carroll gave a presentation on the planned redevelopment of Capitol Park Tower. Several members of the community, including Mike Williams, president of the Capitol Park Tower Tenant Association, voiced their displeasure with the redevelopment plan. However, the commission ultimately voted to support the design by passing a Motion to Support with Reservations, which noted its disagreement with the method used to specify the building's height.

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Councilmember Charles Allen Lauds Passage of Southwest Small Area Plan

At the July 14 meeting of the DC Council, Councilmember Charles Allen successfully moved a resolution approving the Southwest Small Area Plan that will guide and inform the development of the Southwest neighborhood for years to come.

“Work on the Southwest Small Area Plan has taken nearly three years, spanning three directors of the Office of Planning, two mayors, and two Ward 6 councilmembers. Southwest is a unique and special part of our city, and is facing enormous change in the coming years. This plan represents an important framework for the neighborhood to help guide that change constructively and focus investments where they’re most needed,” Allen said.

There are many key features outlined in the plan, including priorities on affordable housing, strengthening transportation and pedestrian connections, developing a greater mix of retail and small businesses, maintaining important

parks and public spaces, supporting a focus on arts and cultural development, and much more.

The Small Area Plan process has already made an impact. Councilmember Allen has taken action on several recommendations by working to include full funding in the city’s budget for the modernization of the Southwest Branch Library as a stand-alone facility and making key investments next year in several Southwest parks such as the Southwest Duck Pond and Amidon Park.

Councilmember Allen expressed his specific thanks to the DC Office of Planning, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and the hundreds of Southwest residents who participated in creating a shared vision and framework for the Small Area Plan.

A full copy of the small area plan is available for download here: <http://swneighborhoodplan.org/>.

New Leadership at CBCC!

By: Felicia Coutts
CBCC coordinator

In June, with great consideration after almost 10 years of service and leadership, Reverend Ruth Hamilton, founder and chair of the Near SE/SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC), stepped down from the board of directors. Coining the term “coordinating benefits for a caring community,” Rev. Hamilton’s leadership was the catalyst that helped CBCC build many bridges across the ANC 6D community and launch projects and community benefit agreements to maintain our diverse community as redevelopment progresses. From the tangible SW Playground Project at 3rd and I Streets, to the intangibles of holding various entities such as DC Housing Authority accountable to the residents of Southwest and Near Southeast, residents will continue to experience her mark on the community. The board sincerely thanks Rev. Hamilton for her many years of strong leadership, service, and dedication.

Kenneth LaCruise is the new chair, and Fredrica “Rikki” Kramer is the new vice chair. With a renewed focus and energy under the new team and with the strong foundation that Ruth Hamilton laid, CBCC is continuing to fulfill its mission to bring together organizations and individuals living or headquartered in SW/Near SE to ensure that redevelopment in ANC 6D maintains neighborhood diversity and improves residents’ quality of life.

As CBCC continues to advocate for

community benefits, it is executing the community benefits agreement secured with DC United in December 2014, serving on the Wharf Advisory Committee to help community residents connect with pending job and training opportunities, continuing outreach and support efforts at our local public schools to engage broader enrollment of Southwest families, and undertaking a range of housing efforts so that redevelopment serves a full range of residents to keep our community diverse, including joining the Greenleaf Neighborhood Advisory Committee to advise on future planning. CBCC has played an integral role in securing Randall Recreation Center capital improvements so that it will be an attractive and functional community center to serve all sectors of the community. Thanks in part to CBCC’s efforts at Randall, new DC Parks and Recreation Director Keith Anderson chose Randall as the site to celebrate National Park and Recreation Month with its first “Recreation Day,” an extravaganza featuring fun activities, entertainment and food for the whole family on July 25.

Notably, the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation recently offered a match grant of \$5,000, challenging CBCC to independently raise \$5,000 for ongoing operations by April 2016.

To learn more about the CBCC’s vision of advocating and coordinating benefits for a caring community, to volunteer, or to make a donation, please visit www.ses-wbcc.org.

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Jefferson Students Successful at Virginia Beach Basketball Tournament

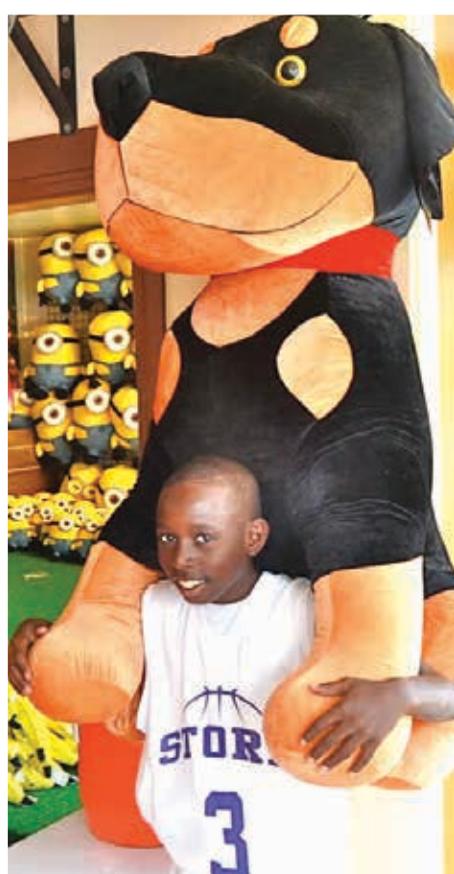


The DC Storm basketball team that trained at Jefferson Academy relaxes between games at the AAU tournament in Virginia Beach, VA, where they competed successfully with other AAU teams from the East Coast.



Above, water activities were part of the fun at Busch Gardens enjoyed by DC's AAU basketball team "DC Storm."

At right, carnival games at Busch Gardens were fun for the DC youth.



By: Coach Ronald Hines

An Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) youth team from DC called DC STORM has returned from a successful trip to an East Coast AAU basketball tournament in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The team was put together as a mentor and life skills program by Coach Jay Shorter, Tyrone Jones, and Coach Ronald Hines to teach the skills needed to play basketball on the AAU level.

The players came to practice at Jefferson Academy every day and worked hard to become a pretty good team.

The coaching staff took 12 young men to the basketball tournament (called Beach Xplosion) on June 27, 2015 and stopped at Busch Gardens on the way back.

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August 20: Swampdog & the Blues All-Stars

August 13: The Lovejoy Group Jazz

August 27: Marshall Keys Jazz Quartet

EVERY **Summer Sounds and Sizzlin' BBQ: 6:30-8:30pm**

FRIDAY: Listen to great music on Friday nights—while relaxing along the waterfront promenade—produced with the support of Cantina Marina

August 7: Johnstone Reggae Band (Reggae)

August 21: Liam Evans & The Soul Revue (Soul)

August 14: Caiso Steel Band (Steel Drums)

August 28: Bobby Thompson Project (Blues)

EVERY **Waterfront Workouts: 8-11am**

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August 8: Dragon Boat Club (8am); YaLa Fitness class (9am); Waterfront Yoga (10am)

August 15: Dragon Boat Club (8am); YaLa Fitness class (9am); Waterfront Yoga (10am)

August 22: Dragon Boat Club (8am); YaLa Fitness class (9am); Waterfront Yoga (10am)

August 29: Dragon Boat Club (8am); YaLa Fitness class (9am); Waterfront Yoga (10am)

All Wharf activities, musical entertainment and waterfront workouts are FREE and produced by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront. Gangplank Marina Park is a free WIFI hot spot. The Wharf is within four blocks of the L' Enfant Plaza and Waterfront Metrorail stops. The Wharf is a new, mixed-use, waterfront development by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront that is now under construction. The first phase of The Wharf will open in the Fall of 2017. When complete, The Wharf will feature approximately three million square feet of new residential, office, hotel, retail, cultural, and public uses including waterfront parks, promenades, piers, and docks. More information is online at www.wharfdc.com. General information is available at 202-688-3590.

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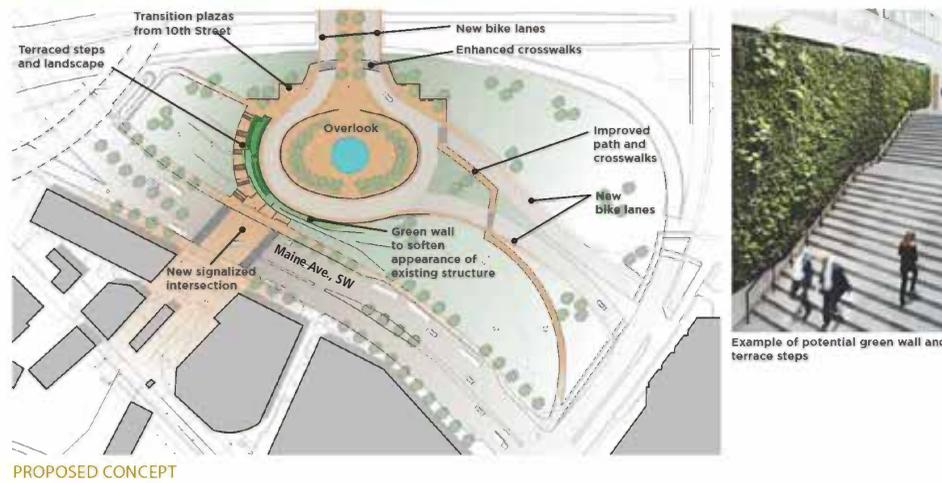
History Task Force Seeking Local History Stories

By: Ryan Pierce
Chair, SWNA History Task Force

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's History Task Force is in the initial phases of exploring an exciting new project to preserve the first-hand experiences and recollections of our established residents. We are looking into the prospects of doing an oral history project to capture personal perspectives and memories of the changes in Southwest DC over the last several decades. During this planning phase we are asking for volunteers and/or suggestions from long-time Southwest residents who would be willing to share their stories for the project, which we hope to be able to archive and share with our neighbors. These oral histories will hopefully be an important pieces of preserving the cultural story of our area.

If you would like to volunteer or would like to suggest someone who you think would be willing to help out with this effort, please contact Ryan Pierce of the History Task Force at history@swdc.org. Interested and engaged volunteers are also always welcome to help us accomplish the general mission of researching and promoting the heritage of Southwest DC, so let us know if you are interested in joining the task force.

Interim Banneker Connection



PROPOSED CONCEPT

National Capital Planning Commission.

National Park Service Seeks Public Comment on Benjamin Banneker Park Pedestrian Access Improvements

The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCP), is proposing an improved pedestrian connection between the National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) and the waterfront along Maine Avenue, SW in Washington, DC, as identified in the SW Ecodistrict Plan and the National Mall Plan. The proposed connection includes the construction of a temporary stairway and ramp between the overlook at Benjamin Banneker Park (Banneker Overlook), a NPS property, and the southwest waterfront near the Hoffman Madison Waterfront LLC (the

Wharf) redevelopment. The Wharf is implementing the improved pedestrian connection in fulfillment of a zoning requirement. The temporary project also includes landscaping, improvements to pedestrian crosswalks, lighting installation, universal accessibility, and stormwater management. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe, functional, and aesthetically pleasing pedestrian connection between the overlook at Banneker Park and southwest waterfront. The project is needed to improve urban connectivity by providing greater accessibility between the waterfront, Banneker Park, the National Mall, and surrounding areas.

A Major Milestone for Ward 6

By Charles Allen

On July 16, Ward 6 celebrated a major milestone in its development. Here in Southwest, The Wharf celebrated a “bottoming out” ceremony for the first phase of their work. It was the 30,000th truckload of excavated dirt leaving the site on this portion of the project, which will be completed in 2017. At the celebration, it was also announced that a major association – (later announced as The American Psychiatric Association,) – with 400 fulltime jobs – will be relocating from Virginia back to the District and will now call Southwest home.

■ Charles Allen is the City Councilman representing Ward 6





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SAT 1, 4-5:30 P.M. YOGA NIDRA at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, SW. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation, including a focus on setting your intention. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net.

MON 3 & 17, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Garden Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for hands-on fun in the library's outdoor garden with a special visit from D.C. Central Kitchen's Farm Truck on the 17th. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

TUES 4, 2 P.M. "Let's Eat!" Children ages 3-5 years old are invited to join us for a program by Kaiser Permanente Educational Theater. Through the use of puppets, music, and imaginative play, children will learn why it's important to try new foods. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WED 5, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Story Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for storytelling & story-writing activities. Southwest 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. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

MON 10 & 24, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Movie Madness. Children & families are invited to join us to watch a family-friendly film together. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

TUES 11, 2:30 P.M. Reptiles Alive. Meet reptiles from all over the world in this wild, educational show featuring a giant snake, alligator tortoise, monitor lizard and other amazing reptiles. For ages 5 and older. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WED 12, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Create Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for arts & crafts activities. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WED 12, 6:30 P.M., "The History of Jazz in Southwest" featuring Rev. Brian Hamilton from Westminster Presbyterian Church and producer Dick Smith. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

FRI 14, 2 P.M. Japan-in-a-Suitcase. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for a program and learn about life in Japan. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SAT 15, 3 P.M. Elephant & Piggie Party. Children and families are invited to join us for silly stories and activities celebrating two of our favorite storybook friends. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WED 26, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Children's Book Club. Children 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. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

THURS 27, 7 P.M. ABC Committee, ANCD. 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. King Greenleaf Rec Center, 201 N Street SW

Community Calendar

View our on-line calendar at www.swdc.org/calendar.

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

SAT 29, 1 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion will feature the novel "One Summer: America, 1927." by Bill Bryson. Copies of this month's title are available for checkout at the Information Desk. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SAT 29, 2 P.M. LEGO Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SUN 30, 2 P.M. Build-It Studio. Children aged 6-12 are invited to join us in creative, hands-on fun building structures using everyday materials. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

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

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M., Monday - Friday, Ages 6-14. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Paul Taylor, Gary Williams, Tiletia Harris-Walker, 202-645-7454.

ARTS AND CRAFTS, 5-6 P.M., Tuesdays, Ages 5-14. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Tiletia Harris-Walker, 202 645-7454.

AYA COMMUNITY MARKET, 10 A.M.-2 P.M., Saturdays, through November 21st. **425 M Street** (across from Waterfront Metro). Enjoy local fruits, vegetables, eggs and assortment of other food products.

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.

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of **Christ United Methodist Church 900 4th 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.

COACH PITCH, 6:30-7:45 P.M., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Ages 7-8, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact: Paul Taylor, 202-645-7454.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 10 A.M.-12 Noon, Tuesdays, SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.

TUES 4 Microsoft PowerPoint

TUES 11 No class scheduled

TUES 18 PC Basics

TUES 25 Introduction to the Internet

SEPT 2 DC Public Library website

COMPUTER TIME, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday. Open computer use. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center, South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

DIGITAL DROP-IN, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Tuesdays.

Smartphone, laptop, and eReader users are welcome to stop by and have staff help them troubleshoot, as well as give step-by-step instructions on how to download free books, music, and movies from DC Public Library's website. SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.

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. South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

FAMILY FILMS OUTSIDE SCREENING, 7 P.M. Fridays, Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center. South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground. Bring your lawn chairs, blanket and favorite snacks. Check FACEBOOK for more information.

GIRLS SOFTBALL, 5pm-6pm Monday and Wednesday, **Ages 8-11.** King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Coach: Safiyah Aleem -Woods.

GIRLS SOFTBALL, 6pm-7pm Monday and Wednesday **Ages 12-15.** King Greenleaf Recreation Center Contact Coach: Safiyah Aleem -Woods.

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

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6-9 P.M., Fridays, **Westminster Presbyterian Church,** 400 Eye Street SW. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

JOB SEEKERS PROGRAM, 1-6 P.M., Thursdays. By Appointment. One hour length, one-on-one appointments offering assistance with cover letters, resumes, applications and other aspects of the job search process. Call 724-4298 to schedule an appointment. SW Neighborhood Library.

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.

KNITTY GRITTY COMMITTEE, 7:30-8:30 P.M. Come join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month to knit, swap tips, and get to know your fellow neighbors. Staff will be available to teach basic skills such as casting on yarn, and the purl and knit stitches. Please bring your own needles & yarn. Children under 12 yrs of age must be accompanied by adult. SW Neighborhood Library.

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 10:30 A.M.-Noon, Every 1st & 3rd Saturday, Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Neighborhood Library.

LITTLE FARM STAND-CSA Program & Farmstand, Saturdays. **12-2:00 P.M.** Offering Seasonal Produce May-August at the Duck Pond on 6th & I Sts SW. www.LittleFarmStand.com

PAJAMA STORYTIME, 6 P.M., Thursdays. Put on your pajamas, grab your teddy bear and join us in the Children's Room for a story time before heading to bed! We'll read stories, sing songs and perform finger plays together. For children of all ages and their families. SW Neighborhood Library.

POLICE SERVICE AREA 106, Community meeting, **10-11 A.M.,** every Last Saturday, Senior Citizen Community Room at 900 5th Street S.E.

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.

RESUME and COMPUTER ASSISTANCE, 1-3:00 P.M., Wednesdays SW Neighborhood Library.

SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK, at Westminster Presbyterian, 400 I St, SW. Monday from 11 A.M.-12 noon and Wednesday from 4P.M.-5 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.

SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751. Monthly Luncheon meetings will resume on Wednesday, **September 16, 2015 at 12:00 noon.** Monthly Meetings are held every third Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Current AARP members and new prospective members are welcome. River Park Mutual Homes Community Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901. COST: \$5.00 for lunch.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, **7 P.M. Mondays,** Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center, South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

SPANISH 101, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday. Self-paced online program. **Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center,** South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM, 4-8 P.M., Monday-Friday, Ages 12-18. **Beginning Mon. June 29 through Fri. August 7, 2015.** Activities and Events provided by Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center, South Capitol & I Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M., Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

TEE-BALL, 5-6:15 P.M. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ages 4-6, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact: Coach Paul Taylor. 202-645-7454.

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

TEEN CLUB, 7-8 P.M., Every Other Friday, Ages 14-19. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Contact Angela Venable. 202-645-7454.

WALK FOR WELLNESS, 11 A.M. -12 P.M., Tuesdays and Fridays, while walking to music, in the gym of King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 7-9 P.M., First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street SW. 202-863-0564.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW, **4 P.M.** Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine). **5:30 P.M.** Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi). **6:45 P.M.** Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). **7 P.M.** Narcotics Anonymous SW Freeway Meeting.

YOGA FOR TEENS and ADULTS, 7-8:00 P.M. Tuesdays, All levels welcome. — All fitness levels welcome for this free yoga program, with Yoga Activist instructor Mary Koehler. Mats are provided, or you can bring your own. SW Neighborhood Library.

ZUMBA, 6 P.M. Thursdays, **FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center,** South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

ZUMBA for Adults 7:30 P.M.-8:45 P.M., Mondays- A high energy and intense aerobic class. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

Scholarship Recipient Excels

By: Bianca Kersellius

Yurlee Tinsley is a recent college graduate who is continuing to achieve career goals after having support from the SWNA Scholarship Fund. A graduate from Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, Jefferson Middle School, and Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, Yurlee graduated with a BA in Business Management from South Carolina State University this past spring.

While at SCSU, Yurlee was a member of the Society of Human Resource Management, the

National Association of Black Accountants, and Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society. Yurlee is a recruiting coordinator for the Student Ambassador Program of the SCSU School of Business. He is also a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, Inc. With the fraternity, Yurlee has helped raise money by walking for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life (2013-2015) and has volunteered with Greater Faith, a soup kitchen in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Yurlee credits the SWNA scholarship with providing financial assistance towards school

expenses and helping him achieve his goals during his freshman and sophomore years of undergrad. "The SWNA scholarship provided me with my first laptop as an incoming freshman. I was very fortunate to receive that gift, without [which] I believe it would've been difficult for me with the level of research and number of assignments that I had to complete," Yurlee said.

In 2013, Yurlee witnessed his older brother Kenneth Tinsley graduate with honors from Central State University. Both Tinsley brothers are SWNA recipients and they both credit the scholarship with helping them achieve their academic goals. "To see my brother graduate, it was a proud moment for me," Yurlee said. "The SWNA scholarship has helped my family and for that we are grateful," he added.

Yurlee is currently interning with the USDA Rural Development Office of the Secretary. He

would like to pursue a career working with the federal government, as well as earning his master's degree in computer science.

The Tinsley family has lived in the Southwest community since the mid-90s. Yurlee is very appreciative of the SWNA scholarship and what it has done for his family. The SWNA Scholarship Program is currently in its 41st year. Since its existence, the community-supported fund has helped more than 275 neighborhood youth achieve their educational goals by providing grants for college. Students who live in Southwest (zip code 20024) who have been accepted to an accredited college or post-secondary institution are eligible to be considered for a scholarship. A personal interview, financial need, scholastic achievement, and community service are considered when making the awards for recipients.



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