



Amidon-Bowen Parent Resource Center Opens

By: Jane English

“Just imagine,” the song taken from the 15th episode of Season 2 of the children’s TV and video show, *Barney & Friends* performed by the Amidon-Bowen students’ choir under the direction of music teacher Para Perry for the Grand Opening of the school parent center set the tone for the occasion. “Just imagine all of the things that we could be...” is a message of hope and a sustained beacon of determination for the parents as they shape the uses and benefits of a parent center located in the school. The Grand Opening and Dedication were held on Nov. 15, 2016.

Principal TaMikka Sykes unearthed the following apropos passage from *The Amidon Plan* first published in Amidon-Bowen yearbook issued during the school’s inception in 1960–61:

“The school will use every available resource to see to it that each child is in good health or capable of securing it; has someone who cares about what happens to him[sic] in school and out of school; knows the meaning of success and failure, the happiness of strenuous effort applied to difficult but generally manageable tasks, and the respect which he [sic] can win for himself but his [sic] own effort; makes progress from where he is to improved quality of behavior.

The desired end product is not a spoon-fed, protected individual but a self-disciplined personality interested in continuing his education, capable of intelligent decision making in every aspect of living, and, most importantly, governed in all his actions by the highest moral principle.”

Principal Sykes assured the parents and school community



Amidon-Bowen Elementary School

when she stated, “Our plan has not changed since Amidon opened in the fall of 1960. Today we want to acknowledge the importance of home and school working together to achieve this vision. The opening of the parent center symbolizes our openness to the community and our desire to work with families to improve academic outcomes for students in our community. We want parents to feel welcome and a part of the Amidon-Bowen. My hope is that use of the center will encourage and facilitate greater connection in our school com-

munity.”

The Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative (E/BFSC) has worked with parents, school partners including City Year, Westminster Presbyterian Church, the PTA, community volunteers, and community members to bring the center online. The center houses a laundry facility, meeting and workshop space, and children’s corner, and provides a place of comfort for parents to gather. The E/BFSC is equally motivated to offer quality programming and parent-focused support to increase parental participation and involvement in the Amidon-Bowen school community.

Ron McBee, a member of the school and community, recognized the need and vision for the center. Ron and many other members of the community strenuously advocated for the construction of the center. In honor of his relentless efforts, the center is named in his honor.

“In creating this parent resource center, we have sought to create a warm and welcoming environment where parents feel respected and valued as key stakeholders in their child’s education,” said Lucy Rojansky, president of the Amidon-Bowen PTA. “We hope that it will be an oasis for parents with programming that will provide all of us with the tools we need to improve our lives and those of our children.” Rojansky has been a partner and collaborator, and was very instrumental in getting furniture donated to the center from the Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

We look forward to a fruitful school year that brings together parents in a supportive environment to encourage academic success and progress.

DCPL to Host MLK Library Modernization Community Meetings

Starting next month, District residents can learn more about the plans for modernization of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library and plans for library services during construction at community meetings held across the city.

The library will host a community meeting in Southwest on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Southwest Library (900 Wesley Place SW).

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, DC’s central library, will close in Spring 2017 for a complete modernization. Construction will start in Summer 2017 and continue until 2020. At the meetings, community members will see the latest designs, the timeline for modernization, and how library service will be offered during construction. Because most of the roughly \$200 million project budget will be used on the renovation, the library will also outline how library services will be modified during construction.

The meetings continue the community engagement that began in 2013. To date, nearly 60 community and stakeholder meetings and 13 focus groups have been held across the city, hundreds of surveys submitted, and more than 3,000 people have provided input into the design in person or online. Meetings will be held in every ward to share the latest designs that were informed by the community feedback and answer questions.

The new Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library will open in 2020 and house a spectacular new, vibrant, and transparent entryway; sculptured monumental stairs; a large auditorium and conference center; creative spaces for fabrication, music production, and art creation; a ground level café with patio; a double-height reading room; a newly



Design rendering of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library modernization.

designed special collections space for researchers and research enthusiasts; a larger and more interactive children’s area, and a rooftop event space with terrace. The project has been approved by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Review Board. Later this month, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts will review the design.

Library Hours Expanding During Martin Luther King Jr. Library Modernization

When the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library closes for modernization in mid-2017, District residents will have more hours at their neighborhood libraries. DC Public Library Executive Director Richard Reyes-Gavilan made the announcement on Nov. 9 at the first of eight community meetings on the plans for the new Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library and for library services during construction.

In his presentation, Reyes-Gavilan outlined the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library modernization project’s history, timeline, and most recent design images. When the \$208 million transformation is complete, the library will become the center of activity for the already vibrant downtown area. The building will feature a new, inspiring, and transparent entryway; sculptured monumental stairs; large auditorium

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Christmas Tradition Continues

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will be giving away trees again this year.

St. Matthew's broke ground on their new building in October. Many of you have seen the large hole forming as work crews dig to the foundation level to begin pouring concrete. Completion of the new church is slated for the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2018. On Saturday, Dec. 3, the congregation will give away 130 Christmas trees to their neighbors.

The Rev. Phillip C. Huber, pastor of St. Matthew's said, "We just didn't want to give up what has been a wonderful tradition for us and the community. We are grateful that our general contractor, Clark Construction, has joined us this year as a cosponsor of this event. We appreciate their partnership. We will give the trees away from the fence on M St. SW near the corner of 3rd St. SW. We look forward to what has become an annual Southwest DC holiday event.

The trees will be given away at no cost. However, this year we ask for those who can afford it to join us in our Advent Celebration to give generously to our church's World Hunger Appeal. When you arrive, one of trees will be decorated with ornaments representing a gift you can give to stem world hunger. The gifts, at varying costs, include: a goat, bees, a cow, a family farm—even a community water well. These gifts will be used in majority world countries to help families and communities



St. Matthew's members and SW neighbors at the 2015 Christmas tree giveaway. Groundbreaking for the new church was in September.

become self-sufficient. You can take the ornament home with you!

The Christmas tree giveaway will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. Only those who have obtained a reservation before Dec. 3 will be able to receive a tree from 10 a.m. to noon. Reservations will be given on a first come, first serve basis and can be obtained by

either emailing (office@stmatthewsdc.org) or by calling (202-484-3189). Reservations can be made at St. Matthew's lot beginning at 10 a.m. to pick up a tree, if any remain, after the noon hour.

The congregation will be offering free food and beverages for the community and will have drawings showing the new church design and a photo array from the September Groundbreaking Ceremony.

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Southwest Neighborhood Plan Awarded “Outstanding Plan”

The DC Office of Planning (OP) is pleased to announce that the Southwest Neighborhood Plan was selected for the 2016 “Outstanding Plan” award by the American Planning Association-National Capital Area Chapter (APA-NCAC).

The Southwest Neighborhood Plan is a small area plan OP developed between 2013 and 2015 that was adopted by the DC Council. The plan represents the first substantive community-wide dialogue with Southwest residents about how to shape the future of a community experiencing population growth and major new development.

The Southwest neighborhood, located south of the I-395 Freeway and the National Mall, underwent massive redevelopment during Urban Renewal in the 1950s and 1960s that resulted in a residential enclave reflective of Modernist architecture. In the past 10 years, Southwest has been undergoing significant changes. The 2002 Anacostia Waterfront Initiative brought renewed interest to the District’s waterfront communities along the Southwest Channel and Anacostia River. Southwest’s population, nearly 12,000, is expected to almost double over the next 20 years. Recent major changes in Southwest include the reopening of 4th St. SW, adjacent to the Waterfront Metrorail station, and the addition of new office space, retail and residential buildings, not far from The Wharf, a new mixed-use development currently under construction on 24 acres of land at 50 acres of waterfront.

“The Southwest Neighborhood Plan exemplifies the District government’s commitment to supporting equitable development and promoting inclusive growth in our rapidly changing city,” said Planning Director Eric D. Shaw. “The Southwest community served as dedicated partners in making this plan a progressive blueprint and a model for other

neighborhoods.”

OP developed the Southwest Neighborhood Plan through an extensive community engagement and participatory planning process with a commitment to advocate for the neighborhood’s most vulnerable populations. The plan presents a vision, based on community consensus, of creating a thriving, active environment that preserves and enhances the Southwest neighborhood’s culture and character. The plan includes 11 Guiding Principles that provide direction and values to the plan concepts and more than 60 actionable recommendations. The goal is to ensure Southwest remains a “model community,” an inclusive and equitable neighborhood amid population change and development that integrates neighborhood-scale sustainability and quality physical design.

The Southwest Neighborhood Plan includes recommendations for investment in the Southwest Library, neighborhood parks, the 4th St. and M St. SW commercial corridors, and I St. SW as a “cultural corridor” to enhance social interaction that helps build community cohesion. The plan honors Southwest’s demographic diversity and also acknowledges and celebrates diversity in its architectural stock and building scale, housing types, arts and culture, and community facilities. The plan is a model for how a neighborhood can shape its future development and play its part in a rapidly growing DC while retaining authentic character and values.

Since its adoption, the Southwest Neighborhood Plan is being consulted in Zoning Commission cases and will be integrated into the District’s 20-year Comprehensive Plan as part of the amendment process OP launched earlier this year.

The Southwest Neighborhood Plan is available at OP’s website: planning.dc.gov.

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Thursdays: 4:45 p.m.

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Thursdays: 7 p.m.—Adoration;
7:40 p.m.—Talk/Discussion

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 7: 5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass
Thursday, December 8: 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. ~ Chant Mass

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Saturday, December 17: 7:00 p.m.
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 - **December 11 - Close to Jesus: Joseph of Nazareth (2000)**
 - **December 18 - Mary, Mother of Jesus (1999)**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24
5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass
9:00 p.m. ~ Mass at Night (Midnight Mass)
Sunday, December 25
10:30 a.m. ~ Mass during the Day.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31
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Museum of the Bible Unveils \$42M High-Tech Experience

The Museum of the Bible debuted a comprehensive ecosystem of technology: a \$42 million investment in a visitor experience that will be unrivaled in the industry when the museum that invites all people to engage with the history, narrative, and impact of the Bible opens in DC in late 2017. The unveiling of the museum's technology roadmap and leading-edge components included the announcement of a provisional patent application and demonstrations of technologies in development that together will create an ultra-modern museum experience.

"Museum of the Bible's team of innovators, in concert with some of the world's leading creative and technical minds, has dedicated itself to building the most technologically advanced museum in the world," said Cary Summers, president of Museum of the Bible. "This team brought together the most impressive electronic systems in the world, dreamed up how to create the best museum experience and then invented the rest of the tools they needed to bring our guests the most interactive, memorable experience possible."

Among the components announced was a digital guide—a powerful technology ecosystem for which a customized mobile device the size of a large smartphone serves as a guest's primary interface. This convergence of technologies—unlike any personal touring system used by any museum in the world—promises to become the new standard for museum navigation.

During a media briefing at Museum of the Bible, museum Vice President Jeff Schneider demonstrated how guests, before embarking on their visit, will be able to easily plot their entire experience and personalize content on the mobile device using a provisionally patented identification system. The device's preloaded content, working seamlessly with ultra-wide-band indoor positioning systems and bespoke software, will guide guests through the museum so they can explore what interests them most in the time available for their visit.

Designers and software engineers pioneered new algorithms and chipsets to give the system accuracy within six inches, a feat unheard of in

spaces as large as a museum spanning 430,000 square feet and with the potential for thousands of users accessing the system at once. The system allows for 3-D interactivity with biblical artifacts and other exhibit features, as well as virtual and augmented reality, as visitors make their way through the museum. In addition, a personalized, running commentary available in 10 languages will educate guests while efficiently guiding them to popular exhibits, theaters and attractions at optimum times.

Also introduced was cutting-edge, 360-degree projection mapping employed in a 472-seat Performing Arts Hall, which leverages 17 state-of-the-art 4K projectors to turn the entire venue into a stunning and dynamic digital canvas. The projectors, which are individually capable of casting a 30,000-lumen image, align within millimeters of one another to give the effect of complete immersion in a given environment.

The projection-mapped experience, typically employed on the face or sides of a building, is a feat rarely attempted indoors and is arguably a trend-setting venture in terms of live-performance venues. The imaging system is complemented by a finely tuned audio system that rivals the most advanced theaters, allowing technicians to shape the sound to account for the venue's acoustics, achieving the most compelling experience for every listener, regardless of seat location.

Museum leaders also pointed to the digital entry arcade ceiling as an example of how technology will shape Museum of the Bible's guest experience. It is the first impression visitors entering the museum will receive, and its size (140 feet by 15 feet) and 555 LED panels with five-millimeter pixel pitch will draw the guests' eyes to the kaleidoscope-style content featuring images from the Museum Collection, landscapes, and more.

In conjunction with the tech rollout, David Greenbaum, a vice president of SmithGroupJJR who serves as lead architect for the project, discussed how technological advances are integral to the museum's architecture and design. "In the museum landscape in Washington, DC, this museum will stand out," Greenbaum said. "It will be a memorable experience for all kinds of visitors from around the nation and the world—a chance to explore a well-known book in a totally new way. The architecture weaves together humanity, history, art, and technology to express the spirit and significance of the Bible's ancient writings."

Brian Flegel, senior vice president of general contractor Clark Construction, also outlined the project's construction hurdles, including Museum of the Bible's aggressive construction timeline. "One of the more remarkable aspects of this project is the pace of the overall delivery of Museum of the Bible. Through a closely woven partnership of client, designers, contractor and subcontractors, we will deliver this museum in half the time of any museum in its class," Flegel said. "This highly collaborative environment has allowed creativity and ingenuity to thrive, despite the accelerated pace, without sacrifice to quality in building a world-class guest experience. The process has been anything but ordinary, and the result will be something exceptional and extraordinary."

The museum's guest experience will be rounded out and enabled by some 384 monitors, 93 projectors, 83 interactive elements, 12 theaters, and 200 miles of low-voltage cabling used to engage guests with exhibits anchored by some of the world's oldest biblical texts and artifacts.

About Museum of the Bible

Museum of the Bible is an innovative, global, educational institution whose purpose is to invite all people to engage with the Bible. In 2017, Museum of the Bible will open its 430,000-square-foot nonprofit museum just three blocks from the Capitol in Washington, DC. More information is available at www.museumofthebible.org.



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December 2016

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FRI 2 6:30 p.m. Potluck and 7 P.M. GAME NIGHT. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW

SAT 3 10:30 A.M.-11:40 A.M. Komen Toastmasters. Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Komen Toastmasters meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month in the Southwest Library at 10:30 AM. Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work. Meets in the SW Library, Basement Conference Room. All are welcome.

SAT 3 1-2:30 P.M. YOGA NIDRA at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 “I” St SW. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation, including an opportunity to set 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.

SAT 3 3 P.M. BUILD-IT STUDIO: Holiday Houses. Join us to make holiday houses out of graham crackers and then decorate them with tasty treats. Space is limited. Please sign up in advance at the Children’s Desk. Recommended for children 8-12. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Library.

SUN 4 3-5 P.M. Shirli Hughes & Ovation present their **5th Annual Christmas Concert.** Join them for heartwarming renditions of carols and contemporary Christmas music. Admission Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

MON 5 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. Southwest Library.

WED 7 4:30-6:30 P.M. SW Girl Scout Troop 4298 Annual Jingle Bell Jewelry Sale between the SW Waterfront Metro and the Safeway. We will be selling jingle bell earrings, key chains, holiday cards and a few new items, all perfect for Secret Santa gifts! The majority of the proceeds will go to Girl Scout SHARE, a program which funds Girl Scouts who cannot pay the registration, badge book fees to join and for their activities.

WED 7 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, 900 Wesley Pl. SW.

WED 7 7:30 P.M., Dancing Mindfulness--meditation and movement, SW Library.

SAT 10 10 A.M-Noon SW Girl Scout Troop 4298 Annual Jingle Bell Jewelry Sale between the SW Waterfront Metro and the Safeway. We will be selling jingle bell earrings, key chains, holiday cards and a few new items, all perfect for Secret Santa gifts! The majority of the proceeds will go to Girl Scout SHARE, a program which funds Girl Scouts who cannot pay the registration, badge book fees to join and for their activities.

SAT 10 10 A.M.-3 P.M. HOLIDAY BOOK SALE, Sale proceeds support events and supplies for the Southwest Library. Questions? Books to Donate? Email: friendsofswlibrary@gmail.com. Friends of the SW Library.

SAT 10 7-9 P.M. Faith & Film Presents: *The Family Stone.* Light-hearted comedy with poignant message — not all Christmas surprises are wrapped in happy! Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 10 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.

SUN 11 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.

SUN 11 5-8 P.M. St. Augustine’s Community POT LUCK Christmas Party. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

SUN 11 1:30 P.M. SHAKE YOUR SOUL YOGA, a yoga workshop. SW Library.

MON 12 7 P.M. - ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting,

Community Calendar

View our on-line calendar at www.swna.org

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

1100 4th St SW, 2nd floor. Agenda at www.anc6d.org

TUES 13 11 A.M.-2 P.M. - The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter’s Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Washington Navy Yard, Entrance Gate 2, 11th and O Street SE. - 1411 Parsons Street SE, Capitol/Potomac Room. Wheel-chair accessible-onsite parking available. Luncheon Reservation-\$35.00. Checks payable to SWWF/AARP Chapter. Navy Yard Entrance Requirement-Military ID or completion of Security Form 5013. Picture ID also required. Contacts: Evelyn Dorsey, Chair 202-488-9685; Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, President, 202-554-0901. Our festive event will help you to celebrate the Holiday season and brighten up your Holiday spirit. You will enjoy good food, merry music and dancing and the most wonderful fellowship time.

WED 14 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 17 10:30 A.M.-11:40 A.M. Komen Toastmasters. Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Komen Toastmasters meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month in the Southwest Library at 10:30 AM. Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work. Meets in the SW Library, Basement Conference Room. All are welcome.

SAT 17 1-3P.M. Thinking About Jazz- *Miles Davis: An Enigmatic Visionary* Known for his cool image, Miles Davis, an American jazz trumpeter, bandleader and composer is among the most influential and acclaimed figures in the history of jazz and 20th century music. Thad Wilson, “authentic” jazz trumpeter who has made DC his home, will present. Light lunch served. Door prizes. Free to the public. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SAT 17 2 P.M. HOLIDAY CRAFT. Children ages 4-12 are invited to join us for a fun seasonal craft. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Library.

SAT 17 3-4:30 P.M. SANTA’S SECRET BOOKSHOP. Children can choose 2 books or DVDs from our special cart and wrap these gifts for loved ones. Sponsored by Friends of the Southwest Library. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Library.

WED 21 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 22 6:30 P.M ABC Committee, ANC6D. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. To be added to e-mail list for questions, agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com. King Greenleaf Rec Center, 201 N Street, SW.

FRI 23 3 P.M. FRIDAY FILMS: Holiday Edition. Children & families are invited to join us for holiday movies! Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SAT 24 Community Christmas Eve Party and Candlelight Service 6 -7:15 P.M. Community Party with Carols, Cookies, Cocoa and Santa. Bring a wrapped marked gift for a child (if you can). wpcdcoffice@gmail.com **7:30-8 P.M.** Candlelight Service Celebrating the Birth of Jesus. All are welcome! Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 24 5 P.M. Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carol. Light Refreshments to follow. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

SUN 25 10 A.M. Service of Festive Eucharist. Light Refreshments to follow. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

SUN 25 10-11A.M. Christmas Day Service of Worship. Refreshments and Re-Gift Exchange Table. Westminster Presbyterian Church

WED 28 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.

SAT 31 1:00 P.M. SOUTHWEST BOOK DISCUSSION. Copies of this month’s title, **All The King’s Men by Robert Penn Warren** are available for checkout at the information desk. SW Library.

SAT 31 3:00 P.M. NEW YEAR’S EVE drop in craft and activity. Children ages 4-12 are invited to join us for a fun seasonal craft. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

A/A Meeting, 7-8 P.M. – Wednesdays, Ages 18 & up. King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. SW. 202-645-7454

ADULT RECREATION, 10 A.M. - Noon, Saturdays, Ages 18 & up, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4 - 5 P.M. Monday-Friday, **Ages 6-14,** King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 202-645-7454.

ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP. 10:30-11:30 A.M. 2nd Tuesdays of the month. Location: Faith Presbyterian Church 4161 S. Capitol St. SW. Contacts: Vickie Henrikson vlhenrikson@aol.com or Carroll Quinn (513) 763-9921.

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, 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.

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.

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. Dec. 1 - PC Basics
Dec. 8 - Internet Basics
Dec. 15 - DC Public Library website
Dec. 22 – Introduction to Email
Dec. 29 - (no class scheduled)

DIGITAL DROP-IN, 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. Tuesdays, (Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27). Help using library services on your digital device (tablet, smart phone, reader). SW Library.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC, 1 - 4 P.M. Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church. **EVENING PRAYERS, 6:30 P.M. Tuesdays,** St. Augustine’s Episcopal 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 VOLLEYBALL, 5 - 6 P.M. Tuesdays. Ages 8-15.

King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

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, 11A.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.

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- Noon. 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.

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. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME, Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M. 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 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, 2-3 P.M., TUESDAY - King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

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, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

SPOOKY STORIES, Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M. Join us in the evening to hear us tell spooky stories. Designed for children ages 9 to 12. SW Library.

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

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB, 7 - 9 P.M., First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments. SW Library Community Room. (basement)

YOGA FOR ADULTS and TEENS, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Tuesday (Dec. 6, 13, 20, & 27) & **Thursdays** (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29). SW 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., Wednesdays, Michael Wilson, Ages 6-12. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ZUMBA, 7:30-8:30 P.M. Mondays, Dec 5, 12 and 19. No Class scheduled for Dec. 26 Library closed for the holiday. Come join the party! 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.

Save the Date!

The next Friends of the Southwest Library book sale is Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second floor of the SW Library! Most books are \$1 or less! All proceeds go to programming needs of the Southwest Library. Examples of earlier 2016

purchases include new yoga equipment (mats, blankets, and bolsters), refreshments for after school programs, plants for the library’s garden, and fees for the Black History Month and Women’s History Month guest speakers. We are accepting book and DVD donations on the cart across from the elevator on the second floor. Hope to see you on Dec. 10th!

Komen Toastmasters Celebrates 20 Years of Shaping Lives

Komen Toastmasters marked its 20th anniversary on Nov. 19, 2016. In honor of the occasion, a special open house was held at 10:30 a.m. at the Southwest Library. Members of the public were invited to learn more about Komen Toastmasters, which has been dedicated to helping people become better speakers and leaders for 20 years. In 1996, Komen Toastmasters was founded to help members of and volunteers with the Susan G. Komen Foundation advocate on behalf of those with breast cancer. It is now a community club open to all.

"I love seeing shy people blossom with the confidence of being able to express themselves without fear. I have seen members overcome stuttering problems and a stroke victim use Toastmasters as part of his speech therapy recovery program. I have transitioned in my career thanks to Toastmasters. This program works," says Vann-Di Galloway, president of Komen Toastmasters.

Komen Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the opportunity to overcome their fear of public speaking and sharpen presentation skills," says Regina Curry, vice president of education for Komen Toastmasters. "Other benefits include the opportunity to increase one's confidence, build critical thinking skills and become an effective listener," Ms. Curry says.

"Komen Toastmasters has been instrumental in improving my ability to speak in front of large groups with confidence," says

Berkeley Hirsch, Komen's vice president of membership.

Chartered with 22 members in 1996, Komen Toastmasters (Club 8714) is in District 27. Komen Toastmasters meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Southwest Branch Library, on Wesley Place SW, between K and I Streets SW, in Washington, DC. Komen meets in the large basement conference room. For more information about the club, please visit: <http://8714.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

About District 27

District 27 comprises more than 100 corporate and community clubs in DC, Maryland and Virginia. To learn more about District 27 please visit: www.d27tm.org.

About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a worldwide nonprofit educational organization that empowers individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., the organization's membership exceeds 345,000 in more than 15,900 clubs in 142 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow @Toastmasters on Twitter. For more information about Club 8714, contact Josh Ghaffari (josh.ghaffari@gmail.com).

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and conference center; creative spaces for fabrication, music production, and art creation; ground level café with patio; double-height reading room; large, interactive children's space; expanded special collections space for researchers and local history enthusiasts; and a roof top event space with terrace.

After the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library closes in spring 2017, neighborhood libraries which are currently closed on Thursday mornings will open at 9:30 a.m. In addition to opening a Library Express location at 19th and K St. NW and expanding operating hours at all neighborhood libraries, many items that are unique to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library and books that are in good condition will be available at the District's 25 neighborhood libraries.

Because the \$208 million renovation budget must cover the construction costs and temporary library service costs, some of the services offered in the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library will not be replicated. During the construction, special emphasis will be placed on providing services that are unique to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. Specifically:

- Some services, including public access computers, the Adult Literacy Resource Center, and the Center for Accessibility, will be provided at Library Express located at 19th and K St. NW.
- Special collections, including parts of Washingtoniana, will be available at part-

ner organizations.

- The Labs, which include the Fabrication, Memory, and Studio labs, will be modified and relocated.

This meeting continues the community engagement that began in 2013. To date, nearly 60 community and stakeholder meetings and 13 focus groups have been held across the city, hundreds of surveys submitted, and more than 3,000 people have provided input into the design in person or online. Seven more meetings will be held to share the latest designs that were informed by the community feedback and answer questions.

- Nov. 14, 7 p.m. - Mount Pleasant Library, 3160 16th St. NW (Ward 1);
- Nov. 30, 7 p.m. - Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Place SW (Ward 6);
- Dec. 1, 7 p.m. - Shepherd Park/Juanita E. Thornton Library, 7420 Georgia Ave. NW (Ward 4);
- Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. - Woodridge Library, 1801 Hamlin St. NE (Ward 5);
- Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m. - Francis A. Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave. SE (Ward 7);
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m. - Tenley-Friendship Library, 4450 Wisconsin Ave. NW (Ward 3);
- Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. - Anacostia Library, 1800 Good Hope Road SE (Ward 8)

A full copy of the interim services plan and images of the latest designs can be found at <http://www.dclibrary.org/mlkfuture>



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