



Museum of The Bible

Museum of the Bible Opens

The Museum of the Bible opened on Friday, Nov. 17 in the old Washington Design Center building. The \$500 million museum’s stated goal is to trace the history and extensive influence of the Bible. The repurposed building, located at 4th and D Streets SW, used to be a refrigerated warehouse in the 1920s and contains excellent views of the Capitol and the National Mall.

The museum is majority funded by conservative evangelical Christian Steve Green and his family, of the Hobby Lobby craft store chain. According to interviews, Green says the aim is to educate, not evangelize, but skeptics call the project a Christian ministry disguised as a museum. Others question the ethical basis for the museum’s artifacts after a Vice News investigative piece showed many pieces were possibly bought from the Islamic State group. Earlier this year, Green and his family paid a \$3 million fine after federal prosecutors say he was caught up in an antiquities smuggling ring.



The museum is expected to bring between one and three million new visitors to Southwest annually, on par with the most trafficked museum in the United States, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum (also in Southwest).

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Give 'Em The Finger: 2017 Local First Awards at Blind Whino

As a veteran DC entrepreneur and former mayoral candidate Andy Shallal said, "Give 'em the finger!" The first annual Local First Awards is hailed as a massive success—conferring honors on high impact local businesses and celebrating the District's community of entrepreneurs, creatives, artists, and makers that invigorate our local economy. On Thursday, Nov. 9 more than 300 local business leaders, entrepreneurs, and artists along with their supporters gathered at Blind Whino SW Arts Club for the inaugural Local First Awards. The awards, a Think Local First DC initiative, recognized and showcased the diverse ways businesses make a positive impact on the neighborhoods they serve.

Think Local First DC board members presented awards created by local design firm Trey Jones Studio. The award ceremony had seven categories: DC Maker, Ripple Effect, High Road, Green Thumb, Builder, Pioneer, and Community Champion.

The evening began with welcome remarks from Raj Aggarwal, Think Local First DC board chair and president of Provoc, a DC-based digital strategy firm.

Aggarwal said, "Think Local First DC exists to support the long-term success of local entrepreneurs and artists who make DC a more equitable, inclusive, and vibrant place to live in our rapidly growing city. Our work is a labor of love and I'm honored to be in service to creating an economy that works for all in Washington, DC. If you might be wondering what you can do today to join this effort, make a pledge to shift your spending 10% to local entrepreneurs and artists."

Members of City Council and other policy makers were in attendance, including Council Chair Phil Mendelson, Councilmember Charles Allen, and Councilmember Elissa Silverman, who addressed the standing-room-only crowd.

FOX 5 News Anchor Tisha Lewis served as the host and emcee for the evening. Flash talks on the importance of supporting local entrepreneurs and artists were delivered by Gina Schaefer, co-founder and owner of 12 local ACE Hardware Stores, as well as Shallal, who is an artist, social entrepreneur, and founder of Busboys and Poets. Gina Schaefer delivered an inspirational flash talk, sharing a story of her journey as an entrepreneur and the challenges faced, hard fought, and won. Shallal's remarks focused intent-



ly on the diversity of the local business community and it being its biggest strength. Shallal expressed that in business "despite the ups and downs, we keep doing this entrepreneurship thing to make a difference."

Think Local First DC partner Lyft also announced their "Going Places" donation and a \$1,000 award to DC Community Carrot, a local nonprofit that trains young entrepreneurs.

Steve Taylor, GM for Lyft, said "We're thrilled to be a part of the Think Local First Awards this year. Not only is Lyft passionate about the DC community, but empowering others and improving our cities is core to Lyft's mission and something my team and I focus on every day."

The first award of the evening, the **DC Maker award**, was for a local business, entrepreneur, or artist who designs, makes, produces, and/or assembles a product in DC that makes an impact. The winner was **Bailiwick Clothing**, a local favorite located in Navy Yard.

The **Ripple Effect award** was for a business that supports the local economy by purchasing supplies and services from other local businesses, creating a "ripple effect" as money circulates within the local community, won by **Paul Ruppert Restaurants and Upshur Street Books**.

The **High Road award** was for a

model employer who puts their people first by providing quality jobs, fostering a positive work environment, and championing beneficial business practices, which went to **The Potter's House**. The **Green Thumb** was for an environmental champion who works to improve the local community through sustainable practices, products, or services. This local business or individual significantly reduces waste or consumption, creates green products, and/or provides green services. The winner was **Misfit Juicery**.

The **Builder award** went to a local community developer, investor, or lender with deep roots in the community and known for positive investments in DC's people, culture, and future. It was won by **City First Bank**. The **Pioneer award** was for a local business, entrepreneur, or artist who inspires with a creative new idea, product, perspective, model, and/or solution, and was won by **Tightshift Laboring Cooperative**. The **Community Champion** was for a local business owner who makes a significant and noticeable impact in the community across a range of categories. The winner was longtime DC company **Lee's Flower and Card Shop**.

Following the award ceremony, attendees spread throughout the venue to enjoy the after-party celebration featuring a Shop Made In DC Marketplace, music provided by DJ 2-Tone Jones, and an interactive avant-garde chalk art installation by local artist Jesse White. Attendees also enjoyed food provided by BBQ Bus, CAVA Grill, Homestead Kitchens, Red Apron, RICHBars, and Sloppy Mama's Barbeque. Beverage partners included local craft breweries 3 Stars Brewing, Atlas Brew Works, Bluejacket, DC Brau, Right Proper Brewing, as well as City Winery and New Columbia Distillers.

Think Local First DC Board Member Nizam Ali of Ben's Chili Bowl described the night as "an evening where everyone was friends, everyone was talking, and open to communicate," furthering the theme of collaboration and community.

Think Local First DC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to supporting local independent businesses and the city's next generation of entrepreneurs who create dynamic neighborhoods and make a positive impact in their communities. Read more at www.think-localfirstdc.org.



Season's Greenings: Roadside Attractions at the U.S. Botanic Garden (Nov. 23, 2017 - Jan. 1, 2018)

The U.S. Botanic Garden at 100 Maryland Ave. SW is a museum different—its artifacts living plants from all over the world, which continue to grow, flower, and display fruit.

Christmas is always a special season at the Botanic Garden with its traditional display of DC landmarks made from plant materials in the Garden Court. This year, there will be a new addition: a botanical version of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

This year's Season's Greenings exhibit will showcase "Roadside Attractions." The model trains, a Botanic Garden annual tradition, will chug around, below, through, and above plant-based re-creations of classic attractions like Texas's Cadillac Ranch, Colorado's hot dog-shaped Coney Island Hot Dog Stand, South Dakota's Corn Palace, New Jersey's Lucy the Elephant, and many more.

Visitors to the Botanic Garden can also enjoy live seasonal music. The December holiday concert series schedule is as follows. Shows will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays (all performances from 6-8 p.m. except Dec. 5, which will start at 6:30 p.m.).

- Dec. 5: The Capital Hearings (a cappella)
- Dec. 7: Tony Craddock Jr. & Cold Front (jazz)
- Dec. 12: Project Natale (jazz)
- Dec. 14: Lox & Vodka (klezmer and Jewish).
- Dec. 19: Samovar (Russian folk)
- Dec. 21: Dial 251 for Jazz (jazz)
- Dec. 26: 40 Thieves (Irish folk rock)
- Dec. 28: Capital Accord Chorus (choral)

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When forthcoming Mexican restaurant Mi Vida co-owners Michael Reginbogin and Jason Berry see an opportunity, they capitalize on it. So when The Wharf offered their team at Knead Hospitality the opportunity to open a restaurant it was not a question of should they do it, but what should it be. After working with Chef Roberto Santibañez at Rosa Mexicano for four years, Berry knew it was time to bring a large-scale Mexican restaurant to the District that is "real deal, good Mexican food and not a Mexican-restaurant-in-a-box." The team wanted an authentic restaurant that speaks to the rich heritage of Mexico, its people, and its food—Mi Vida expects to be just that.

Opening in Jan. 2018, Chef Santibañez's team will be serving up Mexican fare across the varied-design, three-story restaurant. The goal is to keep a timeless feel for the 10-year lease (and hopefully beyond). The first floor is designed in modern Mexican theme, the second floor will have a traditional hacienda feel, and the top floor pays homage to Old World Mexico. With

approximately 340 total seats, the most coveted will likely be the nearly 100 outdoor seats, especially those on the top floor overlooking District Pier.

Focusing heavily on seafood, this will be a Mexican restaurant with a twist. There will, of course, be tacos, guacamole, and margaritas, but more exciting to restaurant-goers will be the brick oven as well as the 100-plus tequilas and mezcals (and yes, happy hour will start right away). The made-in-house churros will likely also be a hit. With two bars, two kitchens, and two private rooms spread across those three themed floors, diners should expect a different experience each time they visit. One constant will be the nearly 20-foot-high, custom-made tree that will fill the opening space and welcome diners into an experience not to be missed.

This first look article will be followed up with a dining review in the coming months.



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Christmas Tree Giveaway Tradition Continues

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church has reached the halfway point in the construction of its new building and adjacent apartment complex and on Saturday, Dec. 9 the congregation will once again give away 130 Christmas trees to their Southwest neighbors.

The church held a Topping Out Celebration in October. There is a great deal of excitement surrounding the construction of the cantilevered round wall of the new sanctuary that stretches east along M St. and wraps around, ending on Delaware Ave. The poured, faceted, board-formed concrete wall is the featured design element of the new building. The exterior of the wall will be clad in a wide spectrum of bluestone color. The top of the interior of the wall, where it meets the roof, will have an 18-foot-wide skylight running its length giving a spectacular projection of sunlight that will move across the wall, beginning at the northwest corner and moving to the southeast corner through the course of the day.

Reverend Phillip C. Huber, pastor of



Pouring of St. Matthew's sanctuary wall—the featured design element in the new building.

St. Matthew's, said, "We are pleased, that even in the midst of construction, we can continue this tradition within our commu-

nity. We look forward to holding this event next year in the newly completed courtyard of the church. We thank our general contractor, Clark Construction, for joining us again this year as a co-sponsor of this event. We appreciate their partnership." Christmas trees will be distributed in front of the new apartment complex on M St., next to the construction elevator. (Look for the vertical steel column that extends to the top of the building.)

The trees will be given away at no cost. However, there will be the opportunity, for those who wish, to give to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), a major ecumenical partner in our nation's disaster and long-term recovery network. LDR is responding to the aftermath of this year's hurricanes in Houston, TX; South Florida; Puerto Rico; and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as the fires in California. LDR continues to respond in NY, NJ, and Somerset County, MD, in the aftermath of Hurri-

cane Sandy more than 5 years ago—they are still there! All contributions are tax deductible.

The Christmas tree giveaway will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. **Only those who have obtained a reservation before Dec. 9 will be able to receive a tree between 10 a.m. and noon.** Reservations are free and will be given on a first come, first served basis. Reservations can be obtained by either calling 202-484-3189 or emailing office@stmatthewsdc.org.

Reservations for trees remaining after noon can be made beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the giveaway. The congregation will be offering free food and beverages for the community during the event.



A picture taken from the south on Delaware Ave. showing the cantilever of the sanctuary wall.



A picture of the interior of the cantilevered wall, standing along M St. SW looking east as the wall curves around the corner of the intersection at M St. and Delaware Ave. (The scaffolding on the right is erected in the interior space in preparation for the pouring of the sanctuary roof.)

In Memoriam: Dolores Kendrick

DC Poet Laureate Dolores Kendrick passed away at her home in Southwest DC on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the age of 90. She had just completed a manuscript for her most recent work, to be entitled *Rainbow on Fire*. Best known for *The Women of Plums: Poems in the Voices of Slave Women* (1989), Kendrick served as DC poet laureate since 1999. Her works have inspired public art in the District, including at 9th and G Streets NW and outside of the NoMa Metro Station. Kendrick's legacy extends far beyond her written words, having played an integral part in the opening of a School Without Walls here in DC, and also teaching for 20 years at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire.

Her legacy and ability to connect with people from all walks of life have been well documented in the days since her death. However, her role here in Southwest was even greater to those who knew her beyond her laurels and professional

accomplishments. Kendrick was known to many as a friend and mentor. To this end, *The Southwester* remembers Kendrick with her own words, hoping that they will continue to inspire and enrich lives.

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Dolores Kendrick
(Sept. 7 1927 – Nov. 7 2017)



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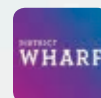
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| DEC 12 | First Night of Hanukkah Celebration |
| DEC 16 | Nog Fest |
| DEC 23 | Christmas Caroling |



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Politics and Prose is Open for Business

BY: SHEILA WICKOUSKI

The Wharf was certainly the place to be in DC the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 15.

For music, the National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) played to a packed house of thousands of people at The Anthem. Conductor Gianandrea Noseda told the orchestra to dress in comfortable clothes for an evening of favorites from Bernstein to Gershwin.

NSO concertmaster Nurit Bar-Josef on violin for Massenet's "Meditation" from *Thais*, along with Respighi's *Fountains of Rome*, selections from De Falla's *The Three Cornered Hat*, and the finale of Beethoven's *Eroica* add up to what is one of NSO's most popular, crowd-pleasing concerts ever.

For food, former president and first lady Barack and Michelle Obama were reported to be dining at Fabio and Maria Trabocchi's newly opened Del Mar to celebrate Valerie Jarrett's birthday.

Meanwhile, at Politics and Prose 70 people gathered to hear Tina Brown, former editor-in-chief of *Vanity Fair* magazine, tell inside stories from her new book *The Vanity Fair Diaries*.

The Wharf has something for everyone's taste and Politics and Prose is the bookstore that has something for everyone to read.

The authors of books are not just names on shelves, but come here in person to read and answer questions about their latest work at the store's author events.

About half of the featured books in October and November had a political slant—about people and events that make the news. Not on the front page, but certainly at the forefront of detective fiction writers is Michael Connelly. Politics and Prose moves their book display tables and puts up chairs for these author talks, but if you wanted to hear about Harry



Bosch in the latest mystery, *Two Kinds of Truth*, you did best to get there early.

Chris Myers Asch and George Derek Musgrove came later that same week for discussion of their book *Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation's Capital*, which covers four centuries from the Native Americans to the Obama presidency in more than 600 pages (with lots of Southwest history).

For the cat lovers, well-known cat behaviorist Jackson Galaxy visited to discuss *Total Cat Mojo: The Ultimate Guide to Life with Your Cat*. And for the foodies, another event featured Ashok Bajaj and Vikram Sunderam, the chefs behind a popular DC restaurant, with their book *Rasika: Flavors of India*.

What is coming next in January and February? The lineup is being finalized now so watch for upcoming events at <http://www.politics-prose.com/wharf>.

If you were wondering about books by Dolores Kendrick,

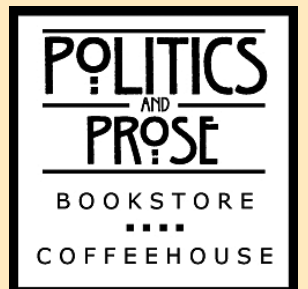
our neighbor and DC's poet laureate, her books are out of print but Politics and Prose Store Manager Justin Bethel is keeping an eye out for a new collected volume of her work.

Marketing Director Jon Purves adds: "We're so grateful for the enthusiasm and support of the SW community since Politics and Prose opened in The Wharf. It's clear that this area has long needed a bookstore, and we can't wait to see how this new location evolves as we get to know this unique neighborhood and its residents better."

There is so much more to say about Politics and Prose, but maybe *New York Times* bestselling author Jason Reynolds says it best: "Bookstores aren't just for selling books, they're also community spaces and we need that." He will be visiting on Small Business Saturday (Nov. 25) from 2 to 3 p.m.

Politics and Prose is located at The Wharf, 70 District Square SW.

Hours: Sun to Sat 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.



Southwest residents can still sign up for a six-month free trial membership until the end of the year. This is a particularly good time to do so, because the Holiday Member Sale runs from Dec. 8-10 and anyone signed up as a member gets 20% off their purchase. To sign up, people must visit the store in person. Other benefits are listed at <http://www.politics-prose.com/membership>.

What's in a Name: A Series on Shakespeare, SEU, and Southwest, Part 5

BY: KATELYND MAHONEY ANDERSON

Author's note: This is part five of a series on the redevelopment of the old Southeastern University site in Southwest. These articles will serve to provide information for the greater community, and not to take a side on the development debate.

This series, begun in Sept. 2015, follows the proposed redevelopment of 501 I St. SW. Shakespeare Theatre Company (STC) and Erkiletian Development Group have proposed the development of a mixed-use building to be named "The Bard" after William Shakespeare. Past articles can be found on The Southwester's website for those who are interested in where this story has been in the last two years.

STC and Erkiletian are now presenting the third edition of a proposed unit design (PUD) for this site. The PUD has been altered since the last submission in early 2016, which was withdrawn in July of that year. Some changes are obvious, such as height differences (2016 PUD: highest point was seven stories at 73' 2" and the lowest point was four stories at 41' 11"; 2017 PUD: highest point is five stories at the northeast corner standing at an even 50' and the lowest point is now four stories plus an inhabitable penthouse at 48' 9") and number of units available to the public for rent (136 to 85). Other adjustments are less obvious, such as zoning. (In 2016, the PUD asked for SP2, a zoning designation that serves as a buffer between adjoining residential and business spaces and is now asking for MU-4, which allows for moderate density of mixed use.) Among the biggest changes are the proposed materials and facade, including the option for a mural of Shakespeare himself. Even with these changes, the building still does not house public art or theater space. Rather, it will serve as office space for STC, rehearsal spaces, and costume space. Additionally, it will serve as housing for actors, in addition to residen-



Renderings via Erkiletian Development Company and the Shakespeare Theatre Company

A rendering from the new 2017 PUD of the proposed development

tial units for the public.

Much like the 2016 PUD, the 2017 PUD provides three-bedroom units for families, though it is still unclear exactly how many of the units will be this size. The new PUD includes a commitment to a single three-bedroom unit as an affordable unit. This unit is a part of the 10,396 square feet at 60% MFI and 987 square feet at 50% MFI. As in the 2016 PUD, two units would be set aside at 40% below market rate for the first 10 years of the project for teachers and staff of Amidon-Bowen Elementary School and Jefferson Academy Middle School. According to the PUD, there will be 39 parking spaces on-site, with an additional 15 offered off-site. (Zoning requires 31 total spaces.)

Over the past 26 months, immediate neighbors have come out in strong opposition of this project. They have posted signs, held community meetings, and even hired a lawyer and architecture firm to provide alternative options for single-family townhomes for the development of this site. They have formed a group called the United Neighbors of Southwest. The group calls for additional homes, like those already in place in the immediate surrounding area.

Peter Eicher, who lives across the street from the

site, said, "The new proposal misses the key point that the community has been making for three years: We don't want a zoning change or a large apartment building on the site. ... The site is the last undeveloped plot in all of Southwest DC that's zoned for townhouses. If the zoning is changed, there is virtually no chance that we'll see more townhouses in SW, which means less family housing and less diversity of housing." The site is now zoned for R-3, which allows for low-density residential homes, such as townhomes. The Southwest Small Area Plan, which was adopted unanimously by the City Council in 2015, did not recommend changing from the R-3 zoning, until STC had addressed community concerns. It also recommended that the zoning be changed to something for arts and culture, as it would continue to compliment the already strong arts scene in Southwest.

Community benefits continue to play a role in the PUD process, and include those from the 2016 PUD, such as the 100 tickets and transportation for the schools to one STC performance annually, and access for community groups to use spaces in the building when not in use by STC. The current PUD also highlights scholarships for Camp Shakespeare, a \$7,500 contribution to the Southwest Duck Pond for arts programming, and Southwest Night at Sydney Harman Hall for 200 residents of ANC6D once a year. In the letter of intent included with PUD, STC states that it will continue to work with the community to flush out these benefits during the PUD process.

At time of print, there is no date for the Zoning Commission, but STC and developers want to break ground on the now vacant lot in 2018, with a goal of finishing construction by 2020. After so many iterations, many are left to wonder just how far STC is willing to go to make this project happen. The Southwester will continue to follow the story.



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Guitarist Takes Up Residency at Blind Whino

Musician Peter Fields has joined Blind Whino as its artist in residence. The multi-talented guitarist has more than 40 years of experience performing and teaching music professionally. Fields has played just about everything, from rock and roll to country to classical to jazz to Latin and world music, the latter three being his main focus recently.

The pairing came to fruition like most things at Blind Whino—through action and innovation.

“Where other nonprofits might have large boards that go through layers of bureaucracy, Blind Whino is driven more by the direct action model,” Fields says.

Fields’s previous studio near DuPont Circle (18th and S Streets NW) was closed down after the building caught fire. When one of his students, PN Hoffman CFO Tom Eichler, introduced Fields to Steve Tanner and Ian Callender of Blind Whino, they knew they were onto something.

“Steve and Ian are big on action,” says Fields, after the team offered him a space in the top floor of the 131-year-old church.

Fields has a long history with more than 1,000 performances and tours across the United States as well as Europe. He was nominated for Best Jazz Instrumentalist by the Washington Area Music Association, and has composed scores for film

and received commissions from choreographers to create original music for the ballet and modern dance. Throughout the last decade Fields has become increasingly concerned with, and active in creating, sustainable communities. He held elected office as well as serving on the Board of Directors of Virginians for the Arts.

Starting Wednesday, Dec. 13, Fields will host an open mic night at Blind Whino beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to all; music, poetry, spoken word, everyone come showcase your talent. The recurring event will take place on the second Wednesday of each month, immediately following Free DC Yoga in the downstairs music area.

Fields is currently accepting guitar students. Read more at www.peterfields.net/. To learn more about Blind Whino SW Arts Club, visit www.blindwhino.org/ or visit in person at 700 Delaware Ave SW.

Peter Fields playing for the opening reception for the IGDC photography exhibit at Blind Whino.



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When did you open here? March

What is your first impression of the neighborhood?



Hours: Mon to Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun noon-5 p.m.

Address: 1331 4th St. SE, Suite 107, Washington, DC 20003

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What is your first impression of the neighborhood? We absolutely love The Yards neighborhood—it has a vibe, a pulse, and is alive. We're right in the thick of its explosive development and we are thrilled to be a part of the action, the neighborhood, and The Yards community.

What are you looking forward to most after moving here? Clearly, the cycling community and our neighbors. Before we

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What makes Conte's different? We are not aware of any bike shop in all of DC that has a heritage of 60 years. Our heritage comes from our commitment to excellence in every way at Conte's. Most importantly, it is our No. 1 priority that everyone who steps foot in our shop feels comfortable, heard, and confident about their choice to shop with us. Additionally, our service department is unrivaled and the multiple brands we carry are top notch.



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Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS

WEEKDAY

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.
(8:00 a.m. only on a Federal Holiday)

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

WEEKEND

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

HOLYDAYS

5:00 p.m. Vigil

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday—Friday: 11:55 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: After the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND

HOLY HOUR

Thursdays: 4:45 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Thursdays: 7 p.m. — Adoration;

7:40 p.m. — Talk/Discussion

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 7: Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.
Friday, December 8: 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5 p.m.

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR

Sundays, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room
(Mid-block E St, and down the stairs)
December 3 ~ Full of Grace (2015)
December 10 ~ The Fourth Wiseman (1985)
December 17 ~ Risen (2016)

THE LIGHT IS ON! Advent Confessions

Thursdays: 5:00—5:30 p.m., Church

ADVENT STATIONS: THE "O ANTIPHONS"!

Saturday, December 16: 7:00 p.m.
Confessions: 6:30 p.m.
Reception to follow.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24: The Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.
Mass during the Night, "Midnight Mass", 9 p.m.
Monday, December 25: Mass during the Day, 10:30 a.m.

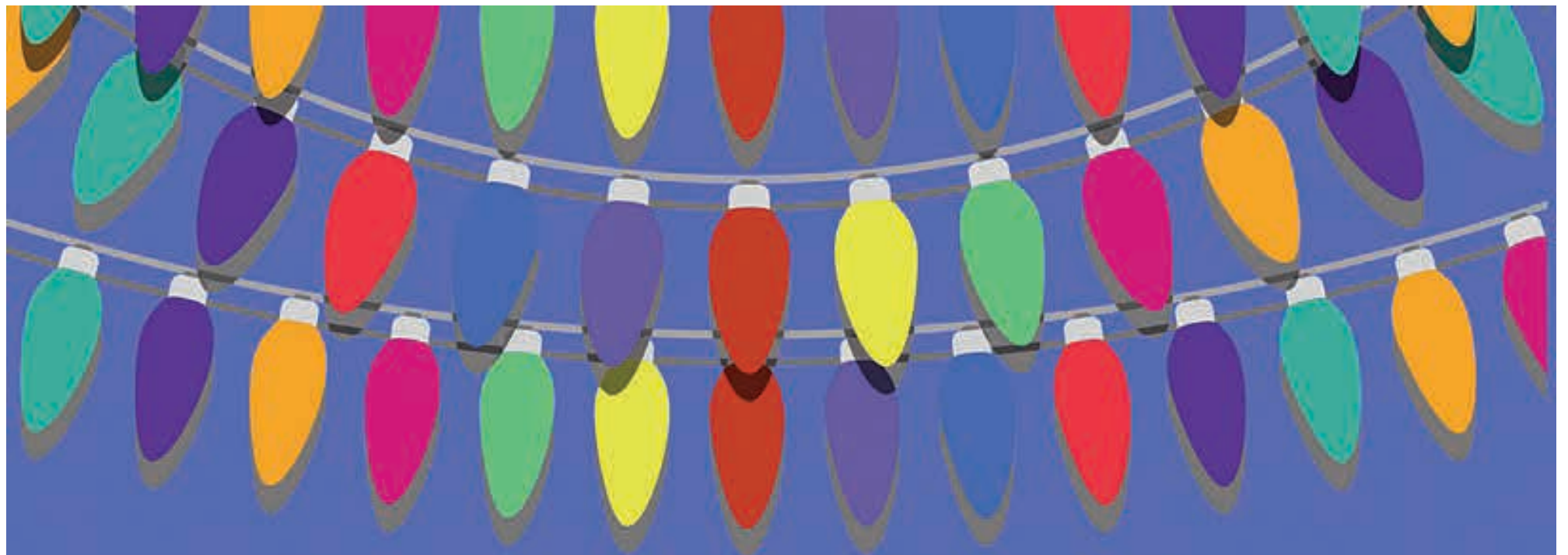
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, January 1: 10:30 a.m. Mass Only

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competition

Show your creativity and holiday cheer by decorating your home for a chance to win in one of three categories:

- Home
- Balcony
- Window

Visit www.swbid.org/lightupSW to submit your interest by Dec. 3.

Judging takes place on Dec. 10, 5 p.m. This contest is open to SW DC residents. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes given in each category!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

FRI 1, 3:00 P.M. Friday Films. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for a movie! Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752.

FRI 1, 6:30 P.M. GAME NIGHT, 1st Friday of every month. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water Street SW, 202-554-3222.

SAT 2, 8-10 A.M. December Spiritual Retreat led by Rev. Ruth Hamilton—Theme: God’s Greatest Gift—meditation, readings, reflection, journaling, recreation—all adults welcome. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 1st St SW.

SAT 2, 10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 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 Komen Toastmasters meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. SW Library, basement.

SAT 2, 10 A.M.-3 P.M. The Friends of the SW Library will be holding a Holiday Book Sale. Shop for great last-minute book and DVD gifts. All proceeds benefit and supplies for the SW Library. Most books are \$1 or less. Hope to see you there! SW Library, 2nd floor.

SAT 2, 1-2:30 P.M. Yoga Nidra— Meditate, Chant, Breathe, and Relax deeply with Yoga Nidra. Move toward healing your Mind, Body and Spirit. Bring a mat and light covering. Invite your family and friends. \$10 donation suggested. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 2, 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 3, 1:30-4:00 P.M. The Friends of the SW Library will be holding a Holiday Book Sale. Shop for great last-minute book and DVD gifts. All proceeds benefit programs supplies for the SW Library. Most books are \$1 or less. Hope to see you there! SW Library, 2nd floor.

SUN 3, 3 P.M. Shirli Hughes & Ovation presents “Joy” A Musical Celebration of the Season. Join us for traditional and contemporary Christmas music sung by the acclaimed group Shirli Hughes & Ovation. Free to the public. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

MON 4, 7-8:30 P.M. Dec. 11th—Sustained Silent Reading, lower level mtg. room. This is a quiet space for reading books, magazines, newspapers, in paper or digital format. SW Library.

TUES 5, 5:30 P.M. Teaching teens about hair. Southwest is now offering a braiding workshop designed specifically for teens interested in learning how to style hair into a braid that stands out from the crowd! The workshop will give participants an exciting hands-on 1 hour experience with braiding. Teens will learn how to cornrow, single braid, and many more. They can also create unique hairstyles that they may love. Each participant will use a mannequin supplied. No braiding knowledge is required. Contact Ciera Carter, 202-724-4752 at Southwest Library.

WED 6, 10:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Village Wellness Seminar: Full Life Planning. Learn how to integrate the four elements of planning required for the fourth quartile of our lives: Financial, Legal, Home, and Health with a panel of industry experts followed by roundtable discussions and a light lunch. \$10 (free for Village Members) River Park Mutual Homes, 1311 Delaware Ave SW. 202-656-1834, website www.dewaterfrontvillage.org.

WED 6, 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.

WED 6, 5:45-7 P.M. Girl Scouts Troop 4298 Meeting - All Levels - St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

WED 6, 6:30 P.M., Aspiring Writers Circle. SW Library.

FRI 8, 8 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6 Office Hours. Starbucks inside the Waterfront Safeway. 1100 4th St SW.

SAT 9, 2:30 P.M. Music in the Afternoon: The Southwest DC Trio. SW Library.

SAT 9, 3:00 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.

SAT 9, 5:30 P.M. Jingle Bell Jewelry Sale GS Troop 4298 will be selling, hand towels, holiday cards, jingle Bell Jewelry and more from 5:30-7 between Safeway and Waterfront Metro.

SAT 9, 7-9 P.M. Faith & Film presents the new film “Spiderman—Homecoming” Pizza party and Door Prizes follow. Bring snacks to share. Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

SUN 10, 4-6 pm. Advent Carols & Holiday Cheer. Join us for an advent potluck featuring Christmas music, cookie decorating, and other holiday fun. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water Street SW.

MON 11, 7-8:30 P.M. Sustained Silent Reading, lower level mtg. room. This is a quiet space for reading books, magazines, newspapers, in paper or digital format. SW Library.

TUES 12, 1:30 P.M. Literary Book Group, in the Lower level mtg rm. Copies of “The Children Act” by Ian McEwan are available at information desk. SW Library.

TUES 12, 6:30-8:30 P.M. “On My Mind/In My Heart: The Voices of Women in Public Housing” — A powerful one-hour performance about life in public housing amid DC’s gentrification boom with ANC Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton among others. Free to the public. One-hour talk back/discussion and reception follows. A project of EmpowerDC. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

WED 13, 4:30 P.M Wii Club. Children ages 4-12 are invited to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

WED 13, 5:30-7 P.M. Girl Scouts Troop 4298 Meeting and 6:45 P.M. Parents Meeting for Cookie Sales. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church

WED 13, 6:30 P.M. Editing Your Work: A NaNoWrimo Follow-up. SW Library.

THURS 14, 7 P.M. Southwest Library Community Meeting. An opportunity to meet with library administration and architects who will share the latest designs for the new SW Library.

Fri 15, 3:30 P.M. Wesley Place Cinema: Afterschool Matinee, “Honey I Shrunk the Kids” SW Library.

SAT 16, 10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 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 Komen Toastmaster meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. SW Library, basement.

SAT 16, 11:30 A.M.-4 P.M. Washington Nationals 2017 Winterfest at Washington Convention Center 801 Mt. Vernon Place Northwest, Washington, DC 20001 Tickets start at \$25 for kids; \$35 for adults. www.nationals.com/winterfest.

SAT 16, 1-3 P.M. Thinking About Jazz – Remembering Joe Williams. Light lunch served and door prizes galore. Free to the public. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 16, 3:00 P.M Apples to Apples. Children ages 6-12 are invited to play Apples to Apples. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SUN 17, 11:30A.M.-4 P.M. Washington Nationals 2017 Winterfest at Washington Convention Center 801 Mt. Vernon Place Northwest, Washington, DC 20001 Tickets start at \$25 for kids; \$35 for adults. www.nationals.com/winterfest.

SUN 17, 12:30-2 P.M. Drum Circle for Peace and Community with Katy Gaughan. Family friendly, all ages welcome, no experience necessary. Drums provided or bring your own. Free-will donations accepted. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

TUES 19, 5:30 P.M. Teaching teens about hair. (See Dec. 5 listing). Contact Ciera Carter, 202-724-4752 at Southwest Library.

WED 20, 11:00 A.M. -2 P.M. SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER Invites Members and Friends - SILVER 25th ANNIVERSARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, 25th Anniversary Ceremonial Resolution by Charles Allen, Ward 6 Council Member. Washington Navy Yard Catering & Conference Center (Entrance Gate:11th and O Street SE); 1454 Parsons Avenue SE- Building No. 211-Washington, D.C. 20374. Commodore/Anacostia Room. Wheelchair Accessible–Onsite Parking Available. RESERVATION PER PERSON \$35.00. Contact: Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, President-202-554-0901 or bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com.

WED 20, 6:30P.M. Fiction Lover’s Book Club. “The Stars Are Fire”. Copies available at the information desk. SW Library.

THURS 21, 6:45 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. SW Library.

SAT 23, 3:00 P.M. Paper Penguins. Children ages 6-12 are invited to design and assemble paper penguins. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SUN 24, 11A.M. Joint Advent Worship at Westminster with Riverside Baptist Church, Pastor Michael Bledsoe preaching. 6 P.M. Community Christmas Eve Party for all ages—refreshments, carols, games, gift exchange table, and visit from St. Nick. 8 P.M. Christmas Eve Candle Light Service to end the evening in peace. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

TUES 26, 6-9 P.M. BLUES MONDAYS (moves to Tuesday this week). Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale. Schedule at <http://www.westminsterdc.org/blues.html>. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

WED 27, 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.

FRI 29, 3:00 P.M Winter Crafts. Children ages 6-12 are invited to create crafts of the winter variety. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SAT 30, 1 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion. Copies of the Dec. selection, “The Hamlet Fire” by Bryant Simon, are available at the information desk. SW Library.

SAT 30, 3:00 P.M. New Year’s Eve movie marathon. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for a movie! Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

MONDAY JANUARY 1, 2018 6-9 P.M. Celebrate New Year’s with Blue Monday Blues. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

Alzheimer’s Assn Caregiver Support Group. 2nd Tuesdays of the month, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Free and open to the Public. Location: Faith Presbyterian Church. 4161 S. Capitol St SW.

Arty Afternoon, Mondays 4:30 P.M. Join us in the Children’s Room for fun arts and crafts. For children ages 4-12. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

Baby/Toddler Story Time, Mondays, 10:30 A.M. 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.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6 - 9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale. Schedule at <http://www.westminsterdc.org/blues.html>

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.

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. Southwest 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.

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.

DPR YOUTH FOOTBALL SKILL TRAINING CAMP - ages 6-10; Tues. Wed and Fridays 5 - 7:30 P.M., Saturdays 9 - 11 A.M., King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street SW.

FEDERAL CITY RUNNERS TUESDAY NIGHT GROUP RUN, 6:30 P.M. Meet every Tuesday by Waterfront Metro exit (near Safeway). Run distance: 4-5 miles. Runners of all paces welcome! Run year-round in rain, snow, or shine. RSVP at www.meetup.com/fcrunners to receive run updates or just show up!

FRIDAY NIGHT FISHING, 5:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. Free event for kids and families, and fisher-folks young and old! Where: The docks at Diamond Teague Park (in SE across from the baseball stadium).

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.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4298, 5:30-7 P.M. Wednesdays, begins

its 11th year. Our multi-aged troop has girls from kindergarten to high school. Some of the activities we do are arts and crafts, camping, tea party, business 101, step show, career exploration, badges at the beach, movies, ice cream socials and so much more. If you are interested please call Monica at 202-468-9620 or Audrea Hennis, 202-744-9170. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

HAIR POP UP SHOP, Dec. 5 & 19, Teaching Teens about hair. Offering a braiding workshop designed specifically for teens who are interested in learning how to style hair into a braid that stands out from the crowd. Workshop will give participants an exciting hands-on one-hour experience with braiding. Each participant will use a mannequin supplied. Contact: Ciera Carter, 202-724-4752. SW Library.

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

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

KEYS TO FREEDOM NA Group, Tuesdays 12-1 P.M., St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

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.

MAKER CAMP. Wednesdays, 4:30 P.M. Ages 6-12 are invited to join us for hands-on, creative workshops from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. No registration necessary. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

NARFE, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees meets the fourth Thursday of the month from September through May from 1:15 until 2:30 in the library. Hope to see you there. 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.

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. 4001 Street SW.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA Group, Mondays 7:30 P.M. and Thursdays, 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751, Monthly luncheon meetings are held every third Wednesday at noon. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

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

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.

ALL-LEVELS YOGA CLASS every Wednesday from 8 – 9:00 A.M. Bring a mat if you have one. No set charge; donations welcomed. For more information, call the instructor, Pamela Wilson, 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water Street, SW.

YOGA FOR ADULTS and TEENS, 6:30 P.M. Tuesdays. (No class on Dec. 26th) All levels welcome. Bring your own mat or use a library provided mat. SW Library.

YOGA IN THE WATER: ALL-LEVELS CLASS Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:30 am and Sundays from 12:30 - 1:30 pm with Pamela Wilson at Waterside Fitness and Swim Club, 901 6th Street, SW. Try another approach to Yoga! \$10 for class/day pass. For more information, call Waterside Fitness and Swim Club, 202-488-3701.

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

ZUMBA, 7:30 P.M. Discontinued until further notice. SW Library.

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.



The seafood paella (Paella de Mariscos) is the not-to-be missed dish, per Co-Owner Maria Trabocchi.



The 18-seat wrap-around bar is open for seating without reservation and offers the full menu as well as the Presto Menu at certain times.

The Wharf has many upscale options for diners to choose from, but the most expensive option, Del Mar, radiates high class inside and out. Owners Fabio and Maria Trabocchi realize their fifth and most upscale restaurant (Fiola, Fiola Mare, Casa Luca, and Sfoglina are the others) “is not your every night option, but hopefully it is your special night out option.” The Spanish-themed restaurant offers valet parking and requires a dress code (no flip-flops or T-shirts, etc.) making for “the most upscale restaurant in The Wharf,” Maria says. Although that may put off some possible diners, Maria shares the same view as the other owner: Each restaurant has a different theme and clientele. Del Mar is no different. What is different is the per-

FIRST LOOK

Del Mar

sonalization the couple is putting into their newest restaurant. Maria is at the door every night greeting diners, while husband Mario leads the kitchen day in and day out.

From food critic Tim Sietsema of *The Washington Post* (three visits already) to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to bands headlining The Anthem, Del Mar is rapidly bringing new visitors to the


Del Mar
DE FABIO TRABOCCHI

Southwest waterfront. With each new visitor a new perspective is gained and word of mouth travels quickly.

The beautiful two-story, 300-seat restaurant pays homage to Maria's home in Mallorca, Spain. The nearly all-seafood restaurant also offers Spanish classics like jamón ibérico and patatas bravas. The

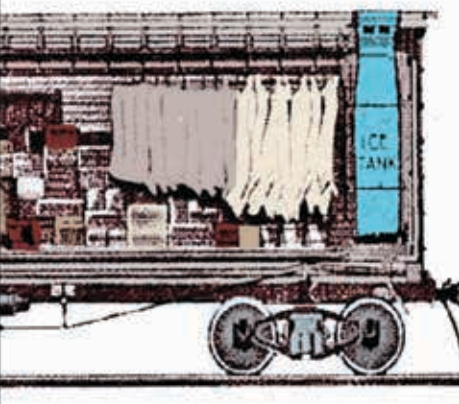
Post's Sietsema echoes Maria's recommendation: The not-to-be-missed dish is the traditional seafood paella. Spanish wines by the glass and bottle meet their match with variations on the national Spanish cocktail, the Gintonic. There are also sangrias (with a surprise twist), signature cocktails, and Spanish beers to round out the drink menu.

With the more reasonable Presto Menu (available Tuesday to Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) the restaurant offers your choice of beverage and entrée for \$20 at the wraparound, 18-seat bar. The Sunset Menu (Tuesday to Sunday, 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.) diners can choose from dishes starting at \$17. There is also a brunch menu along with traditional lunch and dinner menus.



SWNA ANNOUNCES NEW HISTORY STUDY

HOW THE RAILROAD CHANGED FOOD & DIET IN WASHINGTON DC



The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly has released *How the Railroad Changed Food and Diet in Washington, DC*. In 32 pages of text, maps, and illustrations it relates how the mass production of food and the spread of railroads during the late 1800s replaced an earlier, locally sourced way of getting food in the District.


Gone were the stalks of celery from Buzzard Point, replaced by produce brought from places as far away as Georgia and Michigan. Cattle yards in Southwest disappeared, along with slaughterhouses on the edges of Washington, as railroads began bringing fresh meat from the Midwest.

DC south of the Mall became a major center of railroads and food providers, including produce wholesalers, fish dealers, and brewers, to name a few. The railroad lines stretched from the Anacostia River to Long Bridge over the Potomac. Garfield Park became neighbor to one of the largest railroad maintenance and switching yards in the District.

Railroads were part of a food revolution and, for better or worse, DC's residents learned to love “factory food,” as it was termed. We are living with that legacy today, as we ponder how to eat closer to the farmer and the land.


The study is available digitally at www.swdc.org/swna/task-forces/history-task-force/history-studies/.

For a free copy of the printed version contact Ryan Pierce, chair of SWNA's History Task Force, at history@swdc.org; or write him c/o Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, PO Box 70131, Washington, DC 20024.



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Waterfront Village, celebrating its first anniversary this February, is part of the new Village movement currently spreading across the U.S. We are a membership organization that relies on volunteers and a small staff to perform services for those who wish to age in place. To combat social isolation, an uncomfortable part of aging, Waterfront Village provides opportunities for interaction by holding ongoing events and activities. Visit our website: www.dewaterfrontvillage.org

While still a new Village in the DC Metro area, we already have over 100 members and have performed over 300 services in the past year.

We are entering that season when we donate to the causes we cherish, and Waterfront Village wants to be among them. **We hope you will consider a tax-deductible contribution to help us continue to serve existing members plus add new members in the Waterfront and Navy Yard communities.**



"Without Waterfront Village I never would have done this [attend Arena play]. Thanks so much."

—Judy Walters



... I am loving my new life here and I give you all the credit for making it happen. Thank you again.

—Juanzetta Flowers



Waterfront Village is a blessing for her [Grandma], to be sure.

—Denise Synder



To contribute, please send a check to Waterfront Village 607 6th Place, S.W., Washington, DC 20024-2433 or donate directly at our website: www.dewaterfrontvillage.org

DECEMBER EVENTS

Friday, December 1, 1:30 pm
Lunch at The Wharf - Kirwan's Pub

Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 pm
Village Night at "Nina Simone; Four Women"

Wednesday, December 6
Wellness Seminar: Full Life Planning - River Park, 10:30 am
Tiber Island Holiday Open House, 4 pm

Friday, December 8, 9:30am
Special Event:
Christmas at Mount Vernon

Monday, December 11, 9 am - 12 pm
Home Barbering Service

Tuesday, December 12, 10:30 am
Tysons Corner Center Shopping and Lunch
Lord & Taylor and La Madeline Bakery

Wednesday, December 13, 11 am
Meet the Merchants: Pearl Street

Thursday, December 14, 7:30 pm
Chanukah Open House

Friday, December 15, 12 pm
Holiday Concert and Lunch
Arts Club of Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, December 20, 7 pm
Christmas Concert to Benefit
Waterfront Village
Southwest Chamber Players at
St. Augustine's Church

Thursday, December 21, 2pm
Village Book Club

Monday, December 25
Christmas Dinners in Our Village

Friday, January 5, 1:30 pm
Lunch at The Wharf -
Pearl Street Warehouse

For more information and to RSVP: www.dewaterfrontvillage.org/calendar
events@dewaterfrontvillage.org or 202-903-8529