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750,000 people turn out to protest the incoming president. The Women's March on Washington drew three times the inauguration crowd size and began in Southwest.



Photos by Shannon Vaughn

Making SWNA Work for Today's (and Tomorrow's) Southwest

By: Bruce Levine, President, SWNA

It has been some time since I last wrote a "president's column." As we enter 2017, I first want to extend the best wishes of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) board to all members of our community for a fulfilling, healthy, and happy year.

During my nearly two-year term as president of SWNA, it has become increasingly clear to me that our venerable organization, so valuable to Southwest for so many years, is in need of a structural overhaul. As you may know, all adults 18 years of age and older residing in zip code 20024 are members of SWNA and eligible to vote for officers and board members. Every two years, our community elects four officers, and two "District representatives" each from four districts in Southwest that relate to, but are not within the same boundaries as, the ANC districts. This arrangement has served SWNA and Southwest well for decades. The extent of my

personal knowledge only extends back three years—the duration of my residence here—but as a student of our history, I have learned from colleagues on the board and others in the community just how much SWNA has contributed to the community.

Times have changed, however, and we have had difficulty recruiting board members and enticing our "members"—i.e. all of you—to vote. Significant effort has been put in by certain of our board members to recruit folks to join, but this has had limited success. Moreover, these recruiting efforts are time consuming and distracting from our ability to actually do the work of enhancing the quality of life in Southwest, which is our stated mission and the reason most of our members joined the board.

When board positions have become open because of attrition, some have not been filled for years. Significantly, it is my view and that of the overwhelming majority of our board, who joined me in voting for changes to our

Articles of Incorporation (described below), that the "District representative" concept no longer works well, in practice and perhaps not even in theory. Finally, many of the younger people whom we have recruited to our organization (and others of all ages) and with whom I have spoken have made it clear that getting immersed in the administrative details of running a nonprofit is not of interest to them—they are however, eager to get involved in action projects (which we call "task forces") that do not require attendance at numerous meetings throughout the year.

At our January board meeting, after several months' worth of consideration, our board passed two resolutions that we now ask you, as members, to approve. We believe that amending our Articles will enable us to become a more efficient and effective group in enhancing the quality of life for residents of Southwest.

The first amendment would change SWNA from a membership nonprofit corporation to

a non-member nonprofit corporation. Quite simply, this would mean that residents of Southwest would no longer vote for the board. Frankly, in the last election, out of more than 12,000 residents eligible to vote, fewer than 150 did (~1%), and this was after a concerted effort to "get out the vote." Although there may be additional means of pumping up the vote totals, engaging in the process of attracting candidates and then promoting and conducting voting is not something that our board members feel is worth their effort. Instead, our task forces will be our face and actively work to better Southwest.

We did not take the vote lightly to become a non-member organization but we feel that doing this is the only way to ensure there is a path forward for SWNA. If you as members approve the change, you would enable the current board to select the new board in March, as opposed to conducting elections across the community.

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The Short-Term Family Housing project as seen from the north side.



The Short-Term Family Housing project as seen from I St. SW.

Design Unveiled for Ward 6 Short-Term Family Housing Program

In Feb. 2016, Mayor Muriel Bowser announced an ambitious plan to close DC General, a previously shuttered hospital now serving as the largest family shelter in the District for the past seven years, and replace the enormous decrepit shelter with smaller shelters in all of the city's eight wards. In Ward 6, the Short-Term Family Housing location is planned for 850 Delaware Ave. SW, which is the current site of the Unity Health Care Clinic. The site is owned by the city, an important point for the DC City Council to consider while reviewing the proposed plans.

PSA 105 Meeting Notes

By:Georgine Wallace,
PSA 105 Community Facilitator

The December PSA 105 meeting took place on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016. Lt. Williams was unable to cover the meeting. Officer Charles (CJ) Smith represented the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) at the meeting. Seventeen community members were in attendance.

Update on Neighborhood Criminal Activity

Officer Smith informed the group that arrests had been made in the holiday package theft ring active in the Navy Yard area. He assured the group that the crime rate was lower but reminded attendees that the crimes occurring are crimes of opportunity. He urged the group not to walk alone at night or look down while using their cell phones as it presents such an opportunity. Officer Smith then proceeded to have an open discussion with the group where he asked whether anyone had questions or concerns. The 300 block of O Street, the gate at River Park, loitering behind Edgewater Condominium in the evening, and cell phone thefts were issues presented to Officer Smith. His knowledge of 105 impressed many in the group.

Crime Statistics

The following crime statistics were pulled from crimemap.dc.gov for the time parameter Nov. 16 to Dec. 14.

First District Summary

The First District saw a small decrease in violent crime (56 last month, 55 in this 30-day period) over the last 30 days. Theft from auto crimes decreased slightly but remains an issue. Burglaries decreased from 19 to 18 this month.

PSA 105

Assault with Dangerous Weapon	2 cases with a gun 4 cases with another type of weapon
Robberies	3 Robberies without a gun 0 robberies with a gun
Theft from Auto	42 thefts recorded in last 30-day period but 18 in this period
Burglaries	5 reported cases

Safety Tips

Lt. Williams cautioned attendees at the November meeting but a reminder is warranted:

- Put away phones when you walk even during the day and when walking a dog. This is a crime of opportunity and can even occur on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Be aware of your surroundings.
- If you are using Uber, stay inside of a building in a well-lit area until your transportation arrives. People are being mugged while waiting for an Uber.
- If you feel uneasy walking home at night call Uber or call for a police car. Criminals have no sense of death and view mortality like a video game.
- To deter theft from your automobile, remove valuables from sight through the windows, make sure the windows are up, and lock your car. Report break-ins to MPD immediately. Also, if you have a security camera on your home, let police know you might have footage of a crime that has happened. This often helps them identify suspects to obtain arrest warrants.

The February PSA meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at Town Square Towers, 700 7th Street, SW. There's guest parking in the alley behind the building.

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Visit Grant Hall on Fort McNair!

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall announces its next quarterly public open house of Grant Hall's historic third-floor courtroom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 4. Located on the Fort McNair portion of the joint base, the courtroom is the site of the military tribunal, held from May through June 1865, of those thought responsible for the plot to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln. Members of the public are invited to attend

the free event. Guests without a Department of Defense, federal, or Automated Installation Entry ID are required to register to attend at <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=324153&k=016346087E54>.

Or go to the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Facebook Events Page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/668025386702624/>, and then click on the "find tickets" tab to access the reservation site.

If your computer servers does not allow you to access the registration site, email your reservation to usarmy.jbmhh.asa.list.pao-all@mail.mil. Full names of all attendees are required, as well as a valid telephone number and email address.

Information may also be found online at www.army.mil/JBMHH.



Photo courtesy of Perry Klein.
The ANC 6D commissioners after being sworn in. (From left): Rhonda Natalie Hamilton (6D06), Roger Moffatt (6D05), Cara Lea Shockley (6D02), Andy Litsky (6D04), Gail Fast (6D01), Ronald R. Collins (6D03), and Meredith Fascett (6D07).

ANC 6D Commissioners Swearing In

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) commissioners were sworn in on Jan. 2 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. They were sworn in ward-by-ward by their respective DC councilmembers. Southwest and Near-Southeast are represented by ANC 6D, which has seven commissioners, three of whom are new: Gail Fast (6D01), Cara Lea Shockley (6D02), and Ronald R. Collins (6D03). The photo was taken after the ANC 6D commissioners were sworn in by Councilmember Charles Allen.

Here is the ANC 6D meeting schedule for 2017.

Month (2017)	Business Meeting
January	Jan. 9
February	Feb. 13
March	March 13 – Navy Yard*
April	April 3
May	May 8
June	June 12
July	July 10
August	None
September	Sept. 11
October	Oct. 16
November	Nov. 13 – Navy Yard*
December	Dec. 11
January 2018	Jan. 8

Business meetings are held at 1100 4th St. SW on the second floor.
*Navy Yard Business Meetings held at 200 I St. SE.

Community Forum on Leo Lionni Mosaic Mural Restoration

On Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Potomac Place Condominium Mural Committee will host a community forum in the Potomac Place Community Room on the restoration of the Leo Lionni Mosaic Mural, which sits behind 800 4th St. SW. In 1959, landscape architect Dan Kiley commissioned a mosaic mural reflecting the renewal of Southwest DC. The artist was Leo Lionni. Lionni eventually became a well-known children's book author and illustrator. In 2003, that significant work of art was nearly destroyed. The Southwest community rallied to save and relocate the mosaic mural. Since its relocation, the mural has fallen into disrepair. Please join us for a Community Forum where we will tour the mosaic mural, hear from the conservator, learn about the artist's contributions, and enjoy a continental breakfast. Guests are asked to RSVP at LionniMural.eventbrite.com.

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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

THIRD ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF
Saturday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.
Put your chili to the test! Or just come to judge and eat. The suggested donation is \$5 for adults, kids eat free. Proceeds benefit the Church's poor box, used to help people in need of emergency necessities such as rent, prescription drugs and food. For more details, please contact social@stdominicchurch.org.

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR
Sundays, 6:30 p.m., Parish Meeting Room.

- February 5 - The Scarlet and the Black—(1983)
- February 12 - Joan of Paris— (1942)
- February 19 - Gentleman's Agreement— (1947)
- February 26 - Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber—(1996)

ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 1
(Ashes will be distributed at each service.)
7:15 a.m. — Liturgy of the Word;
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:15 a.m. — Liturgy of the Word;
12:10 p.m. — Mass;
5:00 p.m. — Mass.

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Tuesday Prayer Group - 12 Noon

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Waterfront Village Launch Includes Celebration of 15 Years of the Senior Village Movement

After several years of planning and nearly six months of pre-launch membership sales and fundraising, the Southwest Waterfront and Navy Yard communities are ready to welcome their first senior village. If the term is unfamiliar to you, a senior village is not a brick-and-mortar retirement community, but a neighborhood-based membership organization of staff, volunteers, and vendors supporting those who wish to age in their homes. Waterfront Village is the 12th senior village in DC, joining the nearby Capitol Hill, Dupont Circle, Foggy Bottom/West End, and Georgetown villages.



Dr. Atul Gawande

The launch celebration will be Monday, Feb. 13 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church (555 Water St. SW). The event will begin at 4 p.m. with an Aging-in-Place Expo featuring local vendors offering home health care, residential modification and maintenance services, medical services, and more. Refreshments at the expo will be provided by Galley Foods, and exhibitors expected to participate include Forest Hills DC/Forest Hills Memory Care, Georgetown Home Care, Goodwin House at Home, Home Care Assistance, Jewish Social Services Agency/Premier Home Care, Promenade Urgent Care, Residences at Thomas Circle, Sibley Senior Association, Smile Beautiful Dental, and Strategies for Independent Living.

To celebrate its 15th anniversary and the village movement it inspired, Beacon Hill Village in Boston has invited villages around the country to participate "virtually" in an event featuring Dr. Atul Gawande, MD, MPH, author of the seminal book *Being Mortal*. The event will be live-streamed to villages across the United States and Waterfront Village will broadcast the live event as part of their launch celebration at 5 p.m.

Dr. Gawande is a renowned surgeon, public health researcher, and writer who will speak about the value of community and opportunities as we grow older. He will describe people's efforts to maintain autonomy as they age in the face of ingrained habits, cultural

expectations, and one-size-fits-all corporate offerings. Dr. Gawande includes the village model as an option for assisting older adults in their efforts, which has often meant providing services and extending community to people who want to remain in their own homes and enjoy the rich stew of activities, attributes, attitudes, and ages that engage the community's older adult population.

Following the broadcast, the launch celebration will conclude with a champagne reception and light refreshments. Tickets for non-members are \$45, which may be applied toward village membership, and the venue is ADA compliant. To RSVP, or to inquire about Waterfront Village membership or attending the event, please contact Executive Director Bob Craycraft at 202-656-1834 or info@dcwaterfrontvillage.org. You may learn more about Waterfront Village at www.dewaterfrontvillage.org where launch celebration tickets are also available from the events calendar.

The History of the Village Movement:

In 1999, a group of friends gathered to talk about their future in central Boston. They wanted more freedom and control over their lives as they aged. They also wanted to be active, taking care of themselves and each other, rather than being taken care of.

The Village Movement was born by the formation of Beacon Hill Village, which enrolled its first members in Feb. 2002 and was soon deluged with requests for help from other groups

wanting to form their own villages. Discussions for Waterfront Village started in mid-2013 with membership sales beginning in Sept. 2016. Today, the village has 46 member households.

Waterfront Village is one of more than 200 open villages, and more than 150 in development, in 45 states and DC that serve 40,000+ members. In 2010, the Village to Village Network was formed to ensure the success of individual villages and the Village Movement through expert guidance, resources, and support. www.vtvnetwork.org.



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The second change would reduce the number of elected board members from 12 to seven—four officers (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer; to be chosen from among the newly elected board members) and three at-large members. The selection would not be based on the residential location of the individuals, but would be an effort to find the seven best Southwest resident-candidates regardless of that factor. That said, SWNA would be committed to attempting to ensure the continuation of our heritage of a diverse board.

Via The Southwester and our SWNA

email blast, you will be provided with the exact language of the resolutions we ask you to approve and directions on how to vote. We hope that you will take the time to do so in order to allow us to have an appropriate transition to a new board by late March, the time of our annual meeting. We understand that for some of you with long attachment to Southwest and to SWNA, this change may be discomfiting and at odds with your perception of how things should be. I can assure you that the board has given this step much consideration and would not be recommending it if we did not see this as a necessary mechanism to allow SWNA to continue and to best serve our community.

Upcoming Events at Arena Stage

By: Sheila Wickouski

You can't escape international affairs when you live in Washington, DC. In February, Arena Stage will present two productions, written almost 70 years apart, that bring that point home.

WHAT: *Watch on the Rhine*

WHERE: Arena's Fichandler Stage

WHEN: Feb 3 - March 5

Lillian Hellman's *Watch on the Rhine* is set in Washington, DC in 1940. The Mullers from Germany are visiting their relatives, the Farrellys, who have a house guest, an impoverished Romanian count who happens to be a German conspirator. When their friend, who is a member of the resistance, is arrested in Germany, danger erupts here at home.

Hellman wrote this play calling for a united international alliance against Hitler in opposition to the German-Soviet Non-aggression Pact of August 1939.

Four-time Academy Award nominee and Golden Globe winner Marsha Mason (*Cinderella Liberty*, *The Goodbye Girl*, *Chapter Two*, and *Only When I Laugh*) stars.

WHAT: *Intelligence*

WHERE: Arena's Kogod Cradle

WHEN: Feb. 24 - April 2

The world premiere of Jacqueline E. Lawton's *Intelligence* is a political thriller inspired by true events. What are the consequences when covert operative Valerie Plame has her cover blown in a race to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq? The Central Intelligence Agency, media frenzy, and her diplomat husband all add to the suspense mix.



Southwest Nights for the Remainder of the 2016-17 Season:

Watch on the Rhine: Feb. 3, 8 p.m.; Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m.; and Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Intelligence: March 12, 1 p.m.

A Raisin in the Sun: April 16, 7:30 p.m.

Smart People: May 21, 7:30 p.m.

Additional Southwest nights may be announced. People who reside or work in Southwest DC can buy discounted tickets for specially designated Southwest Nights performances of each production. Tickets are \$35 for musicals and \$25 for non-musicals, plus fees. Proof of Southwest DC residency or employment for each member of the party must be presented at the time of pick-up. Tickets are based on availability.

WHAT: Lillian Hellman Festival

WHEN: Jan. 25 - Feb. 5

Events include play readings (*The Children's Hour*, *Toys in the Attic*, *Another Part of the Forest*), a screening of the Jane Fonda-Vanessa Redgrave film *Julia*, and panels examining Hellman's creative legacy and controversial life. Events are free but require registration online at: <http://arenastage.org/hellman-festival/>.

Southwest DC Book to be Published This Month

An upcoming book about our neighborhood, *Southwest DC* from Arcadia Publishing, has a publication date of Monday, Feb. 20. The book will be available for purchase online, as well as at most major retailers. We are also hoping that it will be available at most of our local booksellers. This new book expands on the history collected in the earlier volume about the history of Southwest, *Southwest Washington, D.C.*, which chronicled the neighborhood history up to the period of Urban Renewal. Progressing forward from Urban Renewal through the changes of today, this volume provides further context for the rich story of Southwest DC.

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5:00 - 6:00 PM DR ATUL GAWANDE, author of "Being Mortal," in a live broadcast from Boston's Beacon Hill Village celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Senior Village movement.

6:00 - 7:00pm CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION to toast the launch of our neighborhood-based membership

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WED 1, 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.

THURS 2, 7 P.M. In honor of Black History Month, internationally noted lecturer, author and historian C.R. Gibbs will present “Crossing the Rubicon,” a lecture in which he discusses the battle for Black public education in Washington, D.C. SW Library.

FRI 3, 12 Noon, Waterfront Village Lunch at the Club Series: Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I (Eye) Street NW. Three-course lunch with concert \$20. To RSVP (required) and arrange transportation see www.dewaterfrontvillage.org/calendar or call 202-656-1834.

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SAT 4, 10:30am-11:40am. 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, 900 Wesley Place SW.** Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work.

SAT 4, 1-2:30 P.M. Yoga Nidra, Healing Relaxation. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation focused on self-healing. 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. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 4, 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.

MON 6, 4:30 P.M. CHILDREN’S BOOK CLUB. Children ages 8-12 are invited to join us to discuss a book together. Please call or stop by the Children’s Room to find out the latest pick. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

MON 6, 7 P.M. In the Arena, an occasional discussion series. This meeting will focus on ‘**Watch on the Rhine**’ by Lillian Hellman. Copies of the script are available for checkout at the information desk.

WED 8, 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 11, 2 P.M. Valentine Crafts. 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. SW Library.

SAT 11, 7-9pm Faith & Film Presents: “Loving - PG-13, 2016, Duration-2h Release Date: 11/4/16. Nominations: Golden Globe Award for Best Actor- Motion Picture- Drama. Loving is a historical drama which tells the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, the plaintiffs in the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court Decision Loving v. Virginia, which invalidated state laws prohibiting interracial marriage. RSVP for Pizza wpcdcoffice@gmail.com. 7

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.

P.M. Refreshments. 7:30 P.M.-Movie followed by discussion. **Westminster Presbyterian Church.**

SUN 12, 11 A.M. Service and Black History Sunday with special guest artists “Reverb”. Refreshments. **Westminster Presbyterian Church.**

SUN 12, 1:30 P.M. SHAKE YOUR SOUL YOGA, a yoga workshop. SW Library.

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

MON 13, 4-7P.M. Waterfront Village Aging-in-Place Expo and Launch Celebration, St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water Street SW. Tickets for non-members \$45 at www.dewaterfrontvillage.org/calendar or by calling 202-656-1834.

MON 13, 7 P.M. - ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4th St SW, 2nd floor. Agenda at www.anc6d.org

MON. 13, 7 P.M. Life Design Working Group. SW Library

WED 15, 12:00 NOON The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter #4751 Luncheon Meeting. PROGRAM AND SPEAKER: Dr. Crystal A. Kuykendall, educator, attorney, author and powerful presenter, gives a compelling discussion of her highly acclaimed national best seller: From Rage to Hope: Strategies for Reclaiming Black and Hispanic Students. The program coincides with the 2017 National Black History Month Theme: The Crisis in Black Education. Autographed copies of her book will be available for purchase. Cost-\$35.00. Current AARP members, new prospective members and visitors are welcome. Come out and join friends, neighbors, meet new people and learn about AARP programs and services for all. River Park Mutual Homes-South Common Room 1311 Delaware Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. COST: \$5.00 for lunch. For further information, contact Chapter President, Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

WED 15, 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 15, 6:30 P.M. Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Support Group African American History Month Celebration. Topic of discussion will be male breast cancer survivors and men’s health. Guest Speaker Breast Cancer Survivor Carlton Hawkins will share his journey and Guest Speaker Clinton D. Burnside will discuss men’s programs at Howard University Cancer Center. Invite a guest, especially a male family member, friend, or coworker to this special event. Healthy refreshments and door prizes will be provided. For information or to RSVP, email thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org or call (202) 251-1639. **SWNA-ANC Conference Room, 1101 4th Street, SW, Room W110, Washington, DC 20024.**

THURS 16, 4 P.M. Waterfront Village Volunteer Orientation, River Park Mutual Homes, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW. To learn about volunteering and to RSVP (required) see www.dewaterfrontvillage.org “Volunteering” or call 202-656-1834.

FRI 17, 3 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.

SAT 18, 9 A.M.-4 P.M. Practicing Compassion: A Day of Mindfulness for Women of the African Diaspora. *Lunch included.* Price: \$65.00/per person. Refund policy Leaders are: Kaira Jewel Lingo, Gretchen Rohr, and Therese Taylor-Stinson. The Saturday after Valentines’ Day, please join an Interfaith gathering of women of African Descent for a daylong retreat on radical healing and con-

scious loving. Together, we will explore the variety of ways multiracial and black women awaken in relationship with ourselves, with each other, and with intimate partners. Drawing from contemplative Christian and Buddhist traditions, secular mindfulness practices and indigenous dialogue, the retreat will provide a sacred space for self-care and building community, for nourishing joy and healing our pain. We will learn and practice tools to identify both systemic and personal barriers to compassionate living, so that we can sustain inner liberation and outer transformation for the long-haul. This is a day of growing togetherness and a celebration of all that we are. **All are welcome who self-identify as a women (including transgendered and cisgendered women) and trace parts of your ancestry to the historic people of Africa. The facilitators will offer reflections and the following activities: Silent and guided meditation; mindful eating and walking; a group spiritual direction to covenant with one another as sisters; the practice of beginning anew, a 4-step process to resolve conflict and rebuild our intimate relationships; and community conferencing circles, a restorative process to reconcile community trauma and injustice. Cost includes lunch. Guests will have to register individually. Reductions/scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact Therese via the MeetUp messaging for more information. Please visit justiceinbalance.com for information on full scholarships for survivors of violence who wish to volunteer at this or other events. Renaissance Hall, **Westminster Presbyterian Church.**

SAT 18, 10:30-11:40 A.M. 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.** Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work.

SAT 18, 3 P.M. Wii Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

WED 22, 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.

WED 22, 7:30 P.M. Dancing Mindfulness. Meditation and Movement. SW Library.

THURS 23, 6:30 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. To be added to e-mail list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com. King Greenleaf Rec Center, 201 N Street, SW.

SAT 25, 1-3 P.M. Thinking About Jazz- Nat King Cole: Unforgettable. Donnie McKlethan, presenter. The incomparable Nat King Cole became a major American music icon with his prolific body of work and public engagements. Light lunch served. Door prizes. Free to the public. **Westminster Presbyterian Church.**

SAT 25, 1:00 P.M. SOUTHWEST BOOK DISCUSSION — Copies of ‘**Hemingses of Monticello**’ by Annette Gordon-Reed are available at the information desk. SW Library.

SAT 25, 3:00 P.M. Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Party. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us to celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday with Seuss-themed crafts and activities. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752.

SUN 26, 11 A.M. Blues Sunday service followed by brunch. **3 P.M. Free New Opera** “The Sting in the Smoke” presented by The Washington National Opera. **Westminster Presbyterian Church.**

SUN 26, 3 P.M. Black History Month celebration of Freedom Song! with Shirli L. Hughes and Ovation, a program of Spirituals, Dramatic Readings and Traditional Gospel selections. Free and open to the public. For more info contact. Shirli@shirlilhughesandovation.org. **St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church..**

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

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

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

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.
Feb 2nd Introduction to PCs
Feb 9th Internet Basics
Feb 16th DC Public Library website
Feb 23rd Email Basics
March 2 Microsoft Word

DIGITAL DROP-IN, 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. Tuesdays. 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, 555 Water Street SW.

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.

HAND DANCING, 12:30 - 3:30 P.M., Saturdays

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NSO Entertains Amidon-Bowen Students at SW Library

Photos courtesy of Perry Klein.

National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) violinist Marissa Regni and guest vocalist Kari Paludan entertained school kids from Amidon-Bowen at the Southwest Library with musical skits. This was part of the "NSO in Your Neighborhood" series in which musicians from the orchestra gave free performances in Southwest at Arena Stage, the Capitol Holiday Inn, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the Southwest Library.



SWNA Black History Program Features Ben Sands

By: Dale MacIver

Coolidge high school band director Ben Sands, who grew up in Near Southwest, will be among the guests of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's (SWNA's) Black History program Monday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at Arena Stage. Sands will be interviewed by Southwest resident Ian Callender, co-founder of Blind Whino Arts Club at Delaware Ave. and H St. SW.

Slave pens once located at 7th and Independence Ave. SW will be described by a speaker from the Federal Aviation Administration building, which is where the Williams slave pen once stood. A memorial marker was added at that site in Jan. 2016. Imprisoned at that slave pen was

Solomon Northrup, the free-born African-American abolitionist from New York, who was kidnapped in DC and sold into slavery. Northrup is the author of *Twelve Years A Slave*, which was recently made into a movie.

In addition, monologues will be performed recognizing prominent Southwest African-Americans.

Since 1985 SWNA has hosted Black History programs coordinated by Thelma D. Jones, chair of a SWNA History Task Force subcommittee. In 1994 Jones established an annual Black History program at the World Bank Group, from which she retired after more than 33 years. She may be reached at thelma@swna.org or (202) 251-1639.

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Proceeds benefit the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund for education, prevention, screening and early detection efforts.

Donations are tax-deductible.

For more information, email thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org or call 202-251-1639

Riverside Baptist Church Demolition



The Riverside Baptist Church at 7th and Maine Ave. SW has been undergoing demolition in preparation for the construction of their new church and an adjoining high-rise apartment building. PN Hoffman is the developer.

Photos courtesy of Perry Klein.



Artist's renderings of the new Riverside church and the new high-rise apartment building.



CALENDAR

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with Mr. Zeke. All ages welcome. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

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

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

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

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

Komen Toastmasters, 10:30 - 11:40 A.M. First and third Saturday of each month. Looking to

develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Feel free to visit us and see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Library, basement, 202-724-4752.

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.

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. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW

YOGA at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Wednesdays, 8-9 A.M., 555 Water Street SW, corner of 6th and Maine, entrance on Water Street. Any questions Call 202/746-6654.

YOGA FOR ADULTS and TEENS, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Tuesdays & Thursdays at 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, No class scheduled for Feb. 20th for George Washington Birthday holiday. Instructor Roshaunda 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.