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District Releases Draft Constitution for the “State of New Columbia”

The District has released a draft copy of its Constitution as it will try to become a state with true representation. Before voters vote on the measure, there will be a number of community input gatherings across the city leading up to the convention. With one such meeting happening right here in our backyard. **All voting DC citizens should come to the Southwest Neighborhood Library on June 1st from 6-8pm to have their opinions be made.** Be sure to read the draft constitution first! The Council will introduce the draft Constitution later this month. Citizens will be able to participate in a public hearing on the relevant bill, as per usual. If you can't make your ward meeting in person you can also submit your comments on the draft Constitution online. A vote will happen later this year.

DC will hold ward-based gatherings leading to a June 17–18 convention:

- **May 26:** Roundtable to discuss draft constitution (details TBD)



- **May 31:** Ward 3 Town Hall at Tenley-Friendship Neighborhood Library, 4450 Wisconsin Ave. NW, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **June 1:** Ward 6 Town Hall at Southwest Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Place SW, from 6 to 8 p.m.

- **June 2:** Ward 5 Town Hall at Bertie Backus, UDC Community College, 5171 South Dakota Ave. NE, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **June 4:** Ward 7 Town Hall at DOES Community Room, 4058 Minnesota Ave. NE, from 10 a.m. to noon.
- **June 4:** Ward 8 Town Hall at Thurgood Marshall Academy, 2427 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, from 1 to 3 p.m.
- **June 6:** Ward 2 Town Hall at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street NW, 6 to 8 p.m.
- **June 7:** Ward 1 Town Hall at the African American Civil War Memorial & Museum, 1925 Vermont Ave. NW, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **June 8:** Ward 4 Town Hall, location TBD, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **June 9:** Working-group recommendations to the New Columbia Statehood Commission from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the UDC Student Center, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW

Have Your Say About the Future of Randall Recreation Center

By now, most in the community are aware that Randall Recreation Center has been transformed from a somewhat neglected Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) site to a vibrant community sports center.

Besides the pumped up sports offerings, Randall's grounds now include a new playground with new equipment and soft surface and a plaza with tables and benches, including two tables for checkers.

This fall, the old center will undergo a transformation. The DC Council Committee on Transportation and Environment has added \$250,000 to the 2017 city budget for a contract to manage Randall and provide activities and personal enrichment programs throughout the year. The community is particularly grateful to Councilmember Charles Allen and his team,

including Naomi Mitchell and legislative director Ann Phelps, who made this happen.

Randall Community Center (not the fields, courts and pool, but the building and programs provided in the center) is being managed by Sasha Bruce Youthworks until September of this year, when Sasha Bruce's one-time funding expires. DPR has said that there will be no break between activities when Sasha Bruce's funding expires and the new city funding is in place.

The 2017 funding doubles the amount that has been available to Sasha Bruce to spend at Randall in the last three years and, with strong community involvement, should result in more and stronger programs at Randall.

As a first step in the process, DPR will prepare a community plan for Randall. Of course

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Randall Recreation Center



Photo courtesy of Perry Klein.

Computer-for-Kids Computer Training Program Graduation Ceremony

By: Dena Walker, Member
SWNA Youth Activities Task Force

On Saturday, April 23, five Southwest youth were honored with a graduation ceremony for completing the Computer-for-Kids computer training program. This ceremony was memorable for many reasons, but most notable is that the number of students graduating from the program exceeded the 100 mark for the first time since its inception in 2007. The Computer-for-Kids program is the brainchild of Thelma D. Jones, chairperson of the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force (YATF). She is diligent in ensuring that students learn the importance of technology in their early

years so they can be prepared to utilize it not only in an educational setting, but also in a professional one as well.

This group of graduates was recruited to participate in the program, thanks to the tireless efforts of the staunch youth advocate in this community Christine Spencer, who is vice president of the James Creek Resident Council. When the YATF sought another location to spread the computer instruction, Spencer offered her resident council community room. Thanks again to the SWNA Technology Task Force Chair Perry Klein and his technicians, who set up a computer lab at the James Creek site. In true form

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of community support to enrich the minds of youth, motivational greetings were delivered by Quantay Oliver, who is the DC Housing Authority property manager of the James Creek Townhomes in Southwest. Oliver expressed how proud he was of the graduates and encouraged them to become lifetime seekers of knowledge and to share it by teaching others. As further expression of Oliver's support for the youth in the community, he noted that when his daughters did well in school, he awarded them with a dinner of their choice. He demonstrated that sense of caring in the same manner by handing each graduate a monetary gift for them to purchase a dinner of their choice. The audience shed tears of admiration and the graduates wore smiles of thanks!

To ensure that the computer knowledge students attained in the Computer-for-Kids training program continues after graduation, the YATF partners with the SWNA Technology Task Force in presenting the graduates with refurbished computers to use in their homes. This tangible resource benefits not only the students, but also their families as well. Students are encouraged to impart their computer knowledge on their families so that not only is learning transferred in a familial setting, but students become educators to those who care for them. It is often said that families who pray together, stay together. It can also be said that families who learn together, grow together.

This sense of familial connectedness was on full display at the graduation, which more than 40 people attended. The majority in attendance were proud parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, and friends. The graduates sat proudly on the stage of the Westminster

Presbyterian Church as guest speaker Mckindria J. Letsinger, BS, RN stood at the podium and turned to speak directly to the graduates. The choice of Letsinger as guest speaker was not only memorable, but also most suitable as she was born and raised in Southwest and is a former SWNA scholarship recipient. She attended Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, Jefferson Junior High School, and School Without Walls, where she graduated with honors. Letsinger is a highly accomplished young lady who credits some of her success and appreciation as a scholarship recipient with helping to give her a head start in technology by enhancing how she used a computer to enrich her studies. She conveyed to graduates how computers assist her in the work she performs as a registered nurse. Letsinger noted that she was truly honored to be recognized in her community in her capacity as guest speaker and even prouder to be a SW resident who will continue to provide mentorship to the youth in the community.

The graduation ceremony concluded with the presentation of certificates to graduating students from their instructors. Gerald Brown has been the senior computer instructor of the Computer-for-Kids program since its inception. He has been assisted by instructors Frank Fu and Jenelle Leonard. Each graduate was awarded a laminated certificate acknowledging that they successfully completed the program. Gift bags prepared by instructor Leonard were

given to the graduates as a token of gratitude for their attendance during the eight-week class. As each one walked to the podium, the audience clapped loudly and many captured the presentation of certificates with their cameras. This was such a proud moment in their lives that the graduates stood tall and smiled proudly as the audience gave them a standing ovation. Acknowledgements and closing remarks were given by YATF Chairperson Jones. Thanks and gratitude abounds to all YATF members, volunteers, donors, and partners who continue to keep this program successful. Most importantly, much recognition goes to the families of the graduates who demonstrated the value of education bestowed on their children by way of active participation in the Computer-for-Kids training program.

A sincere and special thanks to Westminster Presbyterian Church Co-Pastors Brian and Ruth Hamilton who graciously opened their sanctuary for the graduation ceremony. It is not surprising that this event took place at their location, given that Westminster is hospitable to community groups and their respective outreach efforts. By providing their church space to foster goodwill and to celebrate accomplishments of their fellow Southwest residents, we are very fortunate to have them as a viable resource in our community and who also welcomed YATF to host future graduations at their church.

DC United Stadium at Buzzard Point Breaks Ground

DC United are one step closer in the journey towards their new home in Southwest Washington after players and staff joined Mayor Muriel Bowser, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, and other District officials for a demolition event in preparation for the groundbreaking for a new soccer stadium at Buzzard Point.

"Buzzard Point's future is bright—and this soccer stadium will make it that much brighter," said Mayor Bowser. "DC is proud of our hometown soccer team, and today, we move closer to having a new home for DC United."

The \$300 million state-of-the-art facility is a public-private partnership that will help revitalize a neighborhood on the banks of the Anacostia River, create nearly 900 job opportunities for

District residents, and strengthen a commitment to community and fan engagement.

"This building signifies the next step in our club's evolution, yet will continue to represent our core values as we become a catalyst in the economic development of this Southwest Waterfront district," said Jason Levien, United managing partner. "This stadium, previously only a dream, is now a tangible marker of our progress. Very soon we will hear the opening whistle for the first time, right here."

The 20,000-seat stadium, set to be completed in the spring of 2018, is expected to attract one million annual new visitors per year, and spur more than \$1.6 billion in total economic activity.

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Rwandan Leader and Author to Speak at Riverside

By: Tonetta Landis-Aina

For many Americans, the country of Rwanda has become synonymous with the tragedy of genocide. Books and films such as *Hotel Rwanda* have forever etched into our mind's eye the way in which brutality is both deep-rooted and terribly immediate. The story of Rwanda, however, should also teach us something else. It should teach us about the deep-rootedness and immediacy of reconciliation and of forgiveness. At least, that is what Joseph Sebarenzi, the author of the 2009 memoir *God Sleeps in Rwanda* believes. Sebarenzi, a member of the Tutsi minority, lost nearly all his family in the 1994 massacre. When the killing was finally over, he entered the process of healing by

becoming a politician, ultimately experiencing a meteoric rise to become the country's third most powerful leader as the speaker of the Rwandan Parliament. Still, his desire for the country to become a true democracy proved threatening to the political elite and led to his eventual exile. Sunday, June 26, Sebarenzi will read from his memoir, *God Sleeps in Rwanda*, and will take questions about his experiences and his hopes for Rwanda at 11:15 a.m. at Riverside Baptist Church. May such discussion be one more step in helping us see Rwanda as more than just a killing field. May we come to see in its costly lessons the reconciliation and forgiveness that we ourselves need. For more information, please email rsbc@RiversideDC.org.



Running of the Chihuahuas

By: Amy Herring

The fifth annual Running of the Chihuahuas took place Saturday, May 7 at the Wharf. This unique Cinco de Mayo celebration drew adults and families from the area to the Southwest Waterfront. Almost 100 Chihuahuas took place in the race; there could only be one winner, though, and Nutmeg took the honor.

In addition to the race, live music

and a dog costume contest entertained the crowds. Food trucks, sponsors, and vendors rounded out the free event, which benefited Rural Dog Rescue, an organization dedicated to saving the lives of dogs in shelters who are often overlooked for adoption or rescue. Sponsors and exhibitors included Wagtime, Howl To The Chief, K9 Anytime, Metro Mutts, Bone Jour Dog Grooming, and several other pet-oriented local businesses.



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Congratulations to Ms. Eula Ratliff, Seabury Ward 6's 2016 Senior Celebration Honoree!

Ms. Eula Ratliff, Seabury Ward 6 volunteer, was one of 43 honorees recognized at this year's Senior Celebration at the Washington National Cathedral. The Senior Celebration recognizes the many volunteer gifts that older adults give to their congre-

gations and community. Ms. Ratliff (pictured), receives her certificate of recognition from Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, bishop of Washington, at this year's Senior Celebration. Ms. Ratliff has volunteered at Greenleaf Senior Center for more than four years.



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DCHA GREENLEAF COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING



The District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) will be holding its third community meeting for Residents, Neighbors, and Community Organizations in the Southwest DC community to participate in redevelopment planning for the Greenleaf Gardens, Extension, Addition, Senior, and Mid-rise properties.

Get the latest news and ask questions about what is happening with the redevelopment master plan.

The third meeting will be:

Date: Saturday, June 25, 2016

Time: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

Location: SW Family Enhancement Center
203 N St SW, Washington, DC 20024
(Main Entrance to the Center on Delaware Ave.)

All are welcome!

For questions, please contact DCHA at 202-535-2751, 202-535-1000 or via www.dchousing.org/TALK.

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Sign language interpreters will be provided upon request. Please notify the Office of the ADA/504 Program at (202) 535-2737, DC Relay 711, or ada504@dchousing.org to request a sign language interpreter. Please allow at least three (3) business days to make the necessary arrangements.

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Dive In Movies: 8:00-9:30pm
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EVERY SATURDAY

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June 2: CLARENCE TURNER BLUES
June 9: THAD WILSON QUINTET
June 16: SHIRLETTA SETTLES & FRIENDS
June 23: MARSHALL KEYS JAZZ ENSEMBLE
June 30: SWAMPDOG BLUES BAND

June 3: SHARKNADO
June 10: FINDING NEMO
June 17: THE PERFECT STORM
June 24: SPLASH

June 4: } DC DRAGONS 8am
June 11: } YALA FITNESS 9am
June 18: } M STREET YOGA 10am
June 25: }

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WED 1, 4:30 P.M. Game Club. 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 Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Place S.W.

SAT 4, 9 A.M.-1 P.M. Southwest Community Yard Sale featuring dozens of tables from Harbour Square and Tiber Island. One block from the Waterfront Metro.

SAT 4, 10 A.M.-4 p.m. 2nd Annual Health Slam Jam. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (eye) Street, SW.

SAT 4, 1-2:30 P.M. YOGA NIDRA for the Self-Healing at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation, including a focus 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.

SAT 4, 3 P.M. Movie Madness. Children & families are invited to join us to watch a family-friendly film. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

SUN 5, 3 P.M. GARDEN CLUB. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for hands-on fun in the library's outdoor garden. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood 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 Neighborhood Library.

WED 8, 10:30 A.M. 1,2,3 Andres! Children & families are invited to join us for a special musical performance by Andres Salguero. The program is bilingual (Spanish and English) with new songs & words to learn as well as traditional songs. This highly interactive program brings the family together with opportunities to move, sing, dance and learn together! Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

WED 8, 1 P.M. Garden Party. Celebrate spring by tending the Southwest Library Garden. No gardening experience required. In case of rain, we will make pressed flower bookmarks. SW Neighborhood Library.

WED 8, 4:30 P.M. Create Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for arts & crafts activities for elementary and middle grades. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

FRI 10, 8-9:30 A.M. Councilmember Charles Allen, SW Office Hours. Starbucks inside Safeway, 1100 4th Street SW.

SAT 11, 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 Neighborhood 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 Neighborhood Library.

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

WED 15, 4:30 P.M. Father's Day Cards & Crafts. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us create cards and a craft for Dad's special day. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

THURS 16, 6 P.M. Clothing Swap. Get into spring cleaning! Bring at least two items of clean, gently used clothing or accessories to the Southwest Library and get free, new-to-you clothing in exchange. Un-exchanged items will be donated to the Goodwill of Greater Washington. Drop off clothes to Rebecca Tanen at the Information Desk of the SW Neighborhood Library.

SAT 18, ALL DAY. Summer Reading Kick-off. Stop by the library to sign-up for the annual Summer Reading. Program & enjoy special programs throughout the day. 10:30 A.M.— Story time. 11:00 A.M. - Firefighter/fire truck visit. 1:00 P.M.— P.A.L. (People Animals Love) Dog Visit. 3:00 P.M.— Retro Jumpers: Double Dutch). Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

SAT 18, 7 P.M. Faith & Film "Priest" 7pm Pizza/7:30 Movie & Discussion. Westminster Presbyterian Church

Community Calendar

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

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

WED 22, 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 Neighborhood Library.

THURS 23, 7 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. King Greenleaf Rec Center, 201 N Street, SW. Potential agenda items: Holiday Inn, Capitol, Slipstream. To be added to e-mail list for agenda Notifications Contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com

SAT 25, 1 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion. Copies of this month's selection, **"Cry the Beloved Country"** by Alan Paton are available for checkout at the information desk. SW Neighborhood Library.

SAT 25, 1-3 P.M. Thinking About Jazz: Focus on Cannonball Adderley. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SAT 25, 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 Neighborhood Library.

SAT 25, 7-9 P.M. Shirli L. Hughes and Ovation present "Something To Sing About!" A Praise and Worship Anniversary Celebration

SUN 26, 11:15 A.M. Riverside Baptist Church Book Club, hosting Joseph Sebarenzi, once the third most powerful man in Rwanda and his deeply compelling story. More information, email rsbc@RiversideDC.org

WED 29, 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 Neighborhood Library.

WED 29, 7 P.M. Meditation for Stress Reduction. Join meditation teacher David Newcomb for this 90 min workshop on meditation. SW Neighborhood Library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULT RECREATION, 10 A.M.-Noon, Saturdays, Ages 18 & up, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. SW. 202-645-7454

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

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

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

BABY/TODDLER STORY TIME 10:30 A.M., Mondays. Note: there is no story time on 5/30) Join us for fun songs, finger plays, baby bounces and rhymes as we work together to develop early literacy skills. Designed for children. Ages birth to 2 years and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

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.

CHESS with Brett. 4:30-6:30 P.M. Mondays 3rd – 5th graders and Fridays, 6th – 12th graders. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center, South Capitol & "I" (eye) Sts . email: randallrec@sashabruce.org

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the "littlest members" of a community of faith.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, 9 -11 A.M. Every 3rd Saturday, Rear entrance of Christ United Methodist

Church, 4th & I Sts SW, across from SW Library. \$5.00 donation.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 12 P.M.-2 P.M., Tuesdays, SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752. June 7 - Microsoft Word June 14 - Microsoft Excel June 21- Microsoft Powerpoint June 28 - No class scheduled

COMPUTER TIME, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday. Open computer use. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

DANCE CLASS, 6-8 P.M., Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays, Ages 14-19, Tiffany Keys. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

DIGITAL DROP-IN 3:30-4:30 P.M., Tuesdays. Southwest Neighborhood Library staff will be available to answer questions about your devices and give step-by-step instructions on how to download books, music and movies from the library's website.

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP, 6-7:30 P.M. Tuesdays. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

DRAWING: BASIC 101, 6 P.M. Tuesdays P.M. Ages 12-up. "For those who think they can't draw, but can." Supplies provided. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

DREAMING OUT LOUD (formerly Aya Community Market) 10 A.M-2 p.m., Every Saturday through November 26th. Location on 4th Street SW, across from the Waterfront Metro Station.

GAME NIGHT AT RANDALL Community Center, Mondays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Come and play Dominos, Checkers and Chess. Free for all ages. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 4298, 5:30-7 P.M., Wednesdays, with Monica Evans. Ages K-12. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

GIRLS SOFTBALL, 5:30-7 P.M., Tuesdays and 6-7 P.M. Wednesdays, Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, Ages 8-15. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

HAND DANCING, 12:00-3:30 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.

KING GREENLEAF BOY 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 TURNING 20 THIS YEAR! 10:30 A.M.-Noon, Every 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. We are a friendly community toastmasters club, dedicated to helping our members develop public speaking and leadership skills. Visitors are always welcome! For additional information, contact Vann-Di Galloway at (202)545-8155. Feel free to visit us to see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Neighborhood Library, Basement meeting Room.

MACHINE Pitch, 5-6 P.M., Monday and Wednesday, Michael Wilson, Ages 7-8, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

OPEN MIC NIGHT -Every Friday, 5:30-7 P.M. hosted by Sasha Bruce Youthwork. Free open space for Spoken Word, Poetry, Music, Rap, and Monologues. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center. More information Email: bford@sashabruce.org

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 Neighbor-

hood Library.

PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M., Ages 18 & up. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME, 10:30 A.M., Wednesdays. Join us for books, songs, rhymes, and finger plays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. An easy craft activity follows story time each week. Designed for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

RESTORATIVE YOGA, Every Tuesday, 7pm. Please join us for a weekly restorative yoga practice at the Southwest Neighborhood Library. Instructors from Yoga Activist will lead this free class, incorporating yoga props such as blocks, blankets, and bolsters for support. Come to the mat to relax, stretch, and strengthen. All levels welcome.

SALSA DANCING, 6:30 P.M TUESDAYS - Steve Surina will be leading classes in the exotic and fun dance of Salsa. Bring a partner or come alone, everyone gets to dance. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center. **New day and time starting Tues. June 7th.**

SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK at Westminster Presbyterian, **MONDAY from 11:00 A.M. - 12 noon and WEDNESDAY 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 CRAFTS, 6-7 P.M., Tuesdays with Michelle Edmonds, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPER #4751. The Monthly luncheon meetings **will resume on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 12:00 noon.** 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, Washington, D.C. 20024. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, group meeting, **7 P.M. Mondays,** Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M., Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 "I" (Eye) Street SW.

TEEN CLUB, 7-8 P.M, Every other Friday. Ages 14-19. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

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

T-BALL, 5-6 P.M., Tuesday and Thursdays, Paul Taylor, Ages 5-6. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

TINY ARCHITECTS, 12:30-2 P.M., Thursdays, Ages 3-5 experience the joy of building, creating and working with others guided by parents and volunteers. Building blocks and supplies provided. All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

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

YOGA FOR ADULTS AND TEENS, Tuesdays, 7-8 P.M. Led by instructors from Yoga Activists, All levels, from beginning through advanced, are welcome. Mat provided - or bring your own. No Class on Tues May 24th or May 31th. SW Neighborhood 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., Wednesday, Michael Wilson, Ages 6-12. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ZUMBA, 6:30 P.M. Wednesdays, FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center. New day and time starting Wed June 8th.

ZUMBA, 7:30-8:30 P.M. Mondays- Instructor Roshaunda Jenkins will lead this one-hour fitness and dance workout—all fitness level welcome! This class is free and no registration is required. A fast paced, aerobic dance fitness program. SW Neighborhood Library.



RANDALL REC

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the plan will include community input, and that's where you come in!

Help Shape Future Randall Activities and Events

Friends of Randall is surveying the Southwest and near-Southeast communities to document the types of programs and enrichment activities residents would like to take part in at Randall. Because of the speed with which events will move between the budget approval and September, we need for you to make your wishes known *now*.

What activities and programs would you like to participate in at Randall Center and on the

Randall Plaza? Want programs targeting specific age groups? Or art, music, dance classes, and events? Are there particular activities you would help get off the ground? Have your say by filling out the survey. Community survey results will be reported to DPR.

Ways to Take the Survey

You may fill the survey out online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/RandallSurvey

You may use the QR code below to link to the survey and fill it out using your smartphone. You will need a QR code reader app (free for both iPhones and android phones at various online sites and app stores) for your phone to scan the QR code and link to the survey.



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Thank You, Saadia!

Saadia Athias, a long-time resident of Southwest, recently moved—but not too far— to Southeast Navy Yard. Saadia has a long history within the Southwest community. Saadia has remained actively engaged as the elected second district representative for SWNA since 2009. She is dedicated to the mission of the nonprofit organization, which is “to help create rich and equal social, educational, and economic opportunities for residents of Southwest.” She is a resilient support teacher at local elementary schools for DC Public Schools, and is semi-retired as a federal emergency response official. Saadia implements year-round programs for arts and crafts at local recreation centers and after school programs. Other areas of support include her role as a Citizens Advisory Council representative, alongside the Metropolitan Police Department, and co-organizer of Southwest Safety Walkers in 2009. Saadia also serves as outreach coordinator for Southwest Emergency Preparedness Task Force, vice president for the Southwest Arts Fest (2012 and 2013), and local photographer for *The Southwester*. Other accomplishments include launching the re-birth of Lansburgh Park (2009) and the revitalization of the Randall Recreation Center (2009). Although her move takes her away from the SWNA board, she plans to stay actively involved as a volunteer. So ... we don't have to say farewell. We just have to say THANK YOU Saadia, and we look forward to working with you to further the SWNA mission to improve the quality of life for all residents in Southwest.

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