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What's in a Name: A Series on Shakespeare, SEU, and Southwest, Part 3

By: Katelynd Mahoney,
SWNA Fundraising Chair

Author's Note: This is part three 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.

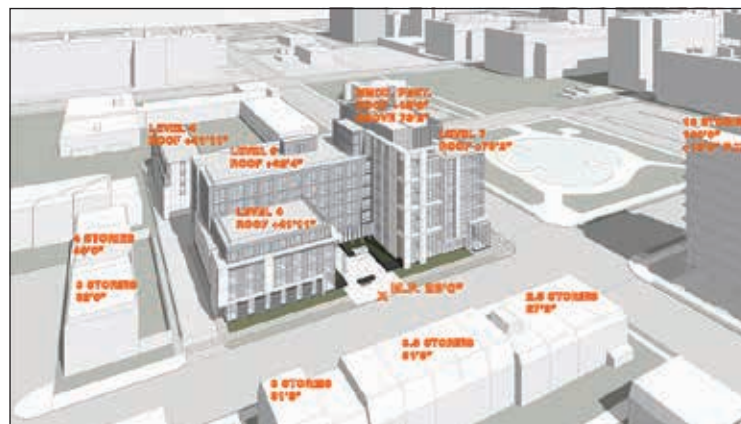
This series, started in Sept. 2015, continues to focus on the site at 501 I St. SW, which is now owned by the Shakespeare Theater Company (STC). Past parts of the series have featured on the debate that has arisen by those for the mixed-use project and those who are against. This month's portion of the ongoing series will focus on the Planned Unit Development (PUD), which was filed with the city on Febr. 3; the changes that have occurred since the community last saw this project; and, finally, the concerns that still exist and continue to arise around "The Bard" project.

In the months since the last feature of this series in Oct. 2015, The Bard has filed the necessary PUD with the city in order to move forward with the development of the site. In this PUD,



View of The Bard at 6th and I Streets SW from the Southwest.

available via The Bard's social media pages as well as the DC Office of Zoning, STC and Erkiletian seek to prove that they have meet the criteria put forth by the DC City Council's Small Area Plan, which was adopted by the council last summer. They also, and perhaps more importantly to the process from here on out, seek to win approval of the re-zoning of the land purchased by STC for \$6.5 million in May 2014.



Measurements of the various heights of the proposed development called The Bard in relation to other buildings in the area. Photos: Shalom Baranes Associates

Seeking to rezone the parcel of land from R-3 "Institutional" to "SP-2," The Bard features a few hurdles. The first of which being that non-profit offices are a special exception use under the SP Zoning District, a zoning designation that is used to act as a buffer between adjoining residential and business space. The STC non-profit space would include not only the offices, but also a conference room, costume fabrication

space, storage for production, craft space, and sound studio. There would also be two rehearsal stages included within the STC portion of the development, though not included within the office space designation.

The developers of The Bard are also seeking additional flexibility from a handful of other zoning regulations, including: court require-

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On right, JMA Solutions founder and president Jan Adams donating \$7,000 to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

Southwest Business Gives Back

By: Audrey Hinton and Thelma D. Jones

"I go through life with my hands open," stated Southwest resident Janice "Jan" Adams, president and CEO of JMA Solutions, an 8(a), Service Disabled Veteran consulting firm located in Southwest DC that provides program management expertise to the federal government. "I donate as much to charity as I can." These words epitomize Adams's commitment to giving back not only to organizations in Southwest DC but also to other local and national organizations as well. Adams recently donated \$7,000 to the SWNA Educa-

tion and Scholarship Task Force (ESTF).

"This is one of the single largest contributions since the task force's inception in 1974," noted Vyllorya Evans, ESTF chair. In 2015 Adams donated more than \$223,000 of JMA's \$33 million revenue to charities. She not only contributes to charities of her choice but she also donates to charities that her employees support. Some of these charities are: Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, USO, So Others Might Eat, the United Negro College Fund, National Black

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A Celebration of 20 Years of Service

By: Marie Sharp and Marcia Bellamy

Co-pastors Revs. Ruth and Brian Hamilton were honored at Westminster Presbyterian Church with a weekend of celebratory events with the theme of "through the years."

The celebration started at Friday Night Jazz. The signature event of the celebration was a brunch and program on Feb. 13 celebrating their first 20 years of service at Westminster and in the Southwest community. Members of the congregation provided music and words of appreciation. Performances by musicians from Jazz Night and Blue Monday Blues kept the event festive. Councilmember Charles Allen delivered congratulations and a proclamation from the city council. Minister of Music Shirli Hughes created a delightful comic reflection on the years the Hamiltons served Westminster Church. An abundant meal topped off the joyful event where community residents, church members, family, friends, neighbors, and guests could join together to express appreciation for the Hamiltons.

Sunday morning's worship service brought the previous pastor, Rev. Jeanne MacKenzie, back to the pulpit along with Parish Partner, Rev. Harry Stock. A special visual memorial center, displaying pictures of members and friends of Westminster brought their spirit into this time together. Those who attended had the opportunity to write messages direct-



Photos courtesy of Perry Klein.

ly to the Hamiltons and add their signature to the photo-matte that will be displayed in church to commemorate the celebration

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Amidon Boys Are Track & Field Champions; Girls are Runner-up

By: Marty Welles

Coach Frank Briscoe took two strong teams into the 2016 DCIAA Indoor Track Championship on Jan. 13, 2016 and came out with the Boys Championship Trophy and Girls Runner-Up Trophy. More than 11 boy and girl elementary school teams and about 200 students from around

the District of Columbia competed at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex. The Amidon-Bowen boys were led by team medalist fourth grader Ryan Johnson, who added 24 points to the team total and finished first in the Boys Long Jump (10'04") and first in the Boys 400 Meter Dash (1:17.09). Kyla

Jackson, also a fourth grader, added 18.5 points to the team total and finished first in the Girls 1600 Meter (6:45.11) and first in the Girls 1600 Meter Sprint Relay (5:52.03). Darryl Knight (fifth grade) finished first in the 1600 Meter (06:13.8); first in the 800 Meter Run; and first in the 1600 Sprint Relay. Darryl was also the Boys DCIAA 2015 Cross Country Champion.



Amidon-Bowen boys hoist the 2016 DCIAA Indoor Track and Field Championship Trophy.



Amidon-Bowen girls finish second in the city.



Boys 55-meter hurdle is contested by two Amidon-Bowen boys (in orange).



The start of the 1,600-meter run is a crowded affair. Amidon-Bowen boys nearly swept the event with first, second, and fourth place finishes.



The Amidon-Bowen girls champion 1600 sprint relay team discusses their pre-race strategy—run as fast as you can!



Councilman Allen's Books from Birth Program Launches

**By: Georgine Wallace,
President, Friends of the SW Library**

Fourteen months ago the Southwest Neighborhood Library was honored to be the location of Councilman Allen's announcement of his intent to introduce legislation to create a new early childhood literacy program, Books from Birth. On Thursday, Feb. 4, his vision became reality. The program was launched at the Children's National Medical Center with Mayor Muriel Bowser, DC Public Library (DCPL) Executive Director Richard Reyes-Gavilan, Education Committee Chairman and At-Large Councilman David Grosso, and various other dignitaries in attendance.

The Books from Birth program will send a book to every participating child from birth until the age of five. Parents or legal guardians may register a child at this website: <http://dclibrary.org/booksfrom-birth>. Every month the child will receive an age appropriate book, as well as information on relevant programs at DCPL. Books from Birth is open to all DC residents regardless of income. If multiple children under the age of five

are in a household, each child can be registered individually and receive a book. Assistance with the registration process is available at your local library.

DCPL is partnering with the Imagination Library (www.imaginationlibrary.com) to mail the books and assist with the program logistics. Founded by country music icon Dolly Parton in 1995 to foster a love of reading among the children in her home county in Tennessee, the Imagination Library now partners with more than 1600 local governments and groups across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom to distribute books to more than 750,000 children per month.

"I can't imagine a better partner than the DC Public Library to implement this program. The Mayor and DCPL have had a great focus on early childhood literacy," Allen said. "Working together with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Books from Birth will build on the outstanding early literacy work DCPL is already doing and the Imagination Library's years of experience running successful early literacy programs like this around the world. I have no doubt Books from Birth will prove to be enormously popular with families across the District,

but most importantly, will succeed in helping to close the city's achievement gap before it starts."

The achievement gap Councilman Allen mentions refers to recent studies that stated less than half of third graders in the District score proficient or advanced in reading. Exposing children to books at home prior to school attendance and encouraging parents to read to them improves literacy rates and expands vocabulary. Books from Birth begins shipment at birth or early infancy because reading and singing aloud to infants introduces key learning concepts such as numbers, letters, colors, and shapes. Babies begin to develop listening, vocabulary, and memory skills at a young age. The more parents



read to a child, the more words he or she hears and the larger their vocabulary. If parents would like tips on how to read to their infants, the Sing Talk and Read program and story time sessions offered by DCPL can provide guidance.

The question often arises about what kinds of books will be sent to the children. Councilman Allen recently highlighted one book, *Last Stop on Market Street*. The book was selected and distributed to children through the Imagination Library several months prior to its winning the 2016 Newbery Medal Award, a Caldecott Honor, and a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor, among other awards. Other book selections include classics such as *The Little Engine That Could*.

If you know families with children under five, please tell them about Books from Birth. This program is especially helpful to those not living close to a library or who find going to the library on a regular basis a challenge. Also note that the names and addresses of participants in the program will never be used for purposes outside of the program. The information will never be used for telemarketing purposes. Other questions about the program can be answered by sending an email to booksfrombirth@dc.gov.



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NSCP Third Annual Teacher Appreciation Event

By: Bruce DarConte

Near Southeast Community Partners

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Near Southeast Community Partners (NSCP) and our partner Nando's Peri-Peri in Yards Park hosted our third annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner on Feb. 4, 2016.

This year, NSCP featured teachers from Amidon-Bowen Elementary (our Adopt-a-School Partner) and Van Ness Elementary, which reopened this school year. Thirty-five teachers, along with Principal Izabela Miller and Head of School Cynthia Rivers-Robinson, enjoyed a

family style dinner and drinks. Our friends at Edgewood Brookland Collaborative provided dessert. NSCP works closely with the Amidon PTA to help make these events a success.

Teacher Appreciation was started three years ago as a way to thank these dedicated people for their hard work to give their students the best education possible. Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen and his family joined us for dinner again this year and also thanked the teachers for all that they do for the kids. It was great to see everyone mingle, eat some great food and enjoy the evening.

Look for our forth-annual event next February.

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weekend.

The weekend celebration reflected the Hamiltontons' impact on the Southwest community. Their 20-year journey here has been none

short of a divine appointment, where they have worked hand-in-hand with residents for renewal and transformation. This dynamic duo continues to walk by faith into the hearts of its parishioners and neighbors envisioning with them a southwest community that is accepting, caring, and risk-taking—a community where God's love for all people inspires us to love one another.

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JMA SOLUTIONS

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Coalition of FAA Employees, Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, Jefferson Academy and Amidon-Bowen Elementary School (Adopt-a-School program), and numerous others that can be found on JMA’s website. “Through her generous donations of uniforms and school supplies, and by her support of our athletic teams, Jan has made the hard work of building an awesome school just that much easier. We are so thankful for Jan and JMA solutions,” said Natalie Gordon, principal of Jefferson Academy.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, the daughter of a hard-working steel mill employee and a beautician, Adams’s road to success was not always an easy one. At age 23, she found herself a divorced mother of two young children, on public assistance, living in government housing, and on welfare. Wanting a better life for her family, once her children were in school full time, Adams went to work at General Motors at night and attended Youngstown State University during the day. Anxious for a life that would give her both job security and an opportunity to see the world, Adams joined the United States Air Force in 1976 at age 27. She traveled the world with her two children in tow.

Adams retired in Dec. 2000 with 24 years of service, as a chief master sergeant (E9). Upon her retirement, a former colonel offered her a contractor position with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). She did so well that others encouraged her to start her own company.

In Sept. 2005, Adams established JMA Solutions and worked as an independent consultant. Three years later she hired her first employees to support her first government contract, awarded to provide air traffic control expertise to the FAA. JMA currently employs 150 individuals who assist government clients with capabilities

from engineering services, air traffic support, and information technology expertise, to name a few. Her personal specialties are program management and task force leadership. Although faced with the absence of a line of credit because of the previous banking crisis, which resulted in the likelihood of not making payroll, Adams pressed onward in the midst of her challenges and remembered encouraging words from her parents.

Adams has been recognized numerous times for her outstanding accomplishments in growing a successful business. JMA was one of the 500 fastest-growing private companies in America in 2011 and 2012; it received the FAA 2011 Small and Disadvantaged Business of the Year Award and was one of Black Enterprise’s Top 100 Black Owned Businesses (BE100) in 2015. Adams is a board member of the DC Chamber of Commerce (COC) and holds membership in the COC, the Air Traffic Control Association, and Women in Aviation, to name a few.

Adams was asked to give advice to our community’s youth. Her advice, which not only resonates with youth and her employees, but also with all ages, is to dream, set goals, and be passionate about following those dreams and reaching those goals. She also advises young people to be dedicated and committed and avoid giving up on things that don’t work out immediately. Adams is not all work and no play. She enjoys music, reading, watching and attending sporting events, and attending the Arena Stage theater.

For more information on Jan Adams and JMA Solutions, visit www.jma-solutions.com.

Jefferson Academy Trojans Trekking to Ecuador

Nearly a dozen Jefferson Academy students plan to travel for spring break to Ecuador for a nine-day trip of cultural immersion and community service in late March. They will study the rich history and culture of Ecuador, as well as work side-by-side with members of an indigenous tribe on a

development project. Students are seeking last minute donations at www.gofundme.com/jef-fgoestoecuador to raise \$15,000 and make this exciting trip possible. Jefferson Academy is located at 801 7th St. SW. Phone: (202) 729-3270. Website: www.jeffersontrojans.org.

Basketball Clinic (age 18 and up)



Al Wood – All American college basketball star of UNC Chapel Hill. He set scoring records in the ACC and NCAA, was a member of the 1980 U.S. Men’s Olympic Basketball team, and became the fourth player picked in the first round of the 1981 NBA draft. He is a



gifted motivational speaker, trainer team builder, and evangelist who inspires young people of all ages.

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THURS 3, 7 P.M. Women Breaking Barriers: From Voting to Sports, Women’s History Month lecture presented by Bonnie Morris, Ph.D. SW Neighborhood Library.

SAT 5, 1-2:30 P.M. YOGA NIDRA for the Self-Healing at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (eye) Street, SW. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation, including a focus on setting your intention. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net.

SAT 5, 3 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. Southwest Library.

SUN 6, 3:00 P.M. Spring Concert “Full Circle”, featuring Marvin A. Ford, pianist and vocalist, a sermon in song. Sponsored by the Senior’s Ministry. Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave SE. 202-479-2623.

MON 7, 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 current title. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

WED 9, 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.

WED 9, 7 P.M. Craft Nights for adults and teens. Materials provided. SW Neighborhood Library.

FRI 11, 8-9:30 A.M. Councilmember Charles Allen, SW Office Hours. Starbucks inside Safeway, 1100 4th Street SW.

SAT 12, 9 A.M-5 P.M. Workshop: Homosexuality and the Bible, led by Parish Partner, Rev. Harry Stock. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Call Church Office to register. 202-484-7700.

SAT 12, 3 P.M. Build-it Studio. Children aged 6-12 are invited to join us in creative, hands-on fun building structures using everyday materials. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

SUN 13, 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 14, 7 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd floor. Agenda at www.anc6d.org

WED 16, 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.

WED 16, 5:30-7P.M., Ward 6 Health Initiative-Nutrition Workshop: Reading Food Labels. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 19, 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 Neighborhood Library.

SAT 19, 7-8 P.M. Faith and Film Ministries, Documentary on The Rosenwald Schools. Tells the story of Julius Rosenwald, philanthropy and social activist, who had a deep concern over the racial inequality in America. This documentary is a testament to his impact on our country and the African American community, during the early 20th century. **Pizza and beverage, film starts at 7:30 PM, followed by discussion lead by Aviva Kempner, Film Producer.** RSVP wpcdcoffice@gmail.com or call 202-484-

Community Calendar

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

7700. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SUN 20, 11 A.M. Palm Sunday Celebration: The Jesus Journey, Experience the life and passion of Jesus as told through Word, Song, Blues and Dance. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

WED 23, 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 23, 7 P.M. Graphic Novel Book Club for Adults and Teens. Please check at information desk for this month’s title. SW Neighborhood Library.

THURS 24, 6:30-8:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Annual Seder Meal - all welcome. Reservations required. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 202-484-7700.

THURS 24, 7 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street SW. To be added to e-mail list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com

FRI 25, Noon-1 P.M. Good Friday Service (including Lenten Labyrinth Walk), Westminster Presbyterian Church.

FRI 25, 7 P.M. Good Friday Service, St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, at Christ United Methodist Church, in the Fellowship Hall.

SAT 26, 1 P.M. Monthly Book Discussion. Copies of this month’s selection, “The Book Thief” by Marcus Zusak, are available for checkout at the information desk. SW Neighborhood Library.

SAT 26, 3 P.M. Kids’ Environmental Film Festival. Children & families are invited to join us to watch short films and do activities about taking care of our planet. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Library.

SUN 27, 10 A.M. Easter Sunday Service; 11:30 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, at Christ United Methodist Church, in the Fellowship Hall.

SUN 27, 11 A.M. Easter Sunday Worship Service and Children’s Easter Egg Hunt on church grounds at 12 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

TUES 29, Friends of Southwest DC Annual Meeting. Report of 2015 year; grantees will report on uses of FOS funding; participants may comment on FOS mission, operations, and future. Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, SW. Info: Coralie Farlee, President, Friends of Southwest DC, 202-554-4407..

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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 5-14, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 202-645-7454. www.dpr.doc.gov

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. 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, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

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

BOYS BASKETBALL, 5-6 P.M., Tuesdays & Thursdays, Ages 5-6. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

BOYS BASKETBALL, 6-7:30P.M., Tuesdays & Thursdays, Ages 7-8. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

CHESS with Brett. 4:30-6:30 P.M. Mondays 3rd-5th graders and Fridays, 6th-12 graders. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center, South Capitol & “ I” (eye) Sts SW. For more information 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.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 10 A.M.-12 Noon, Tuesdays, SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.
March 1- Internet Basics
March 8 - No Class
March 15 - D.C. Public Library Website
March 22 - Email Basics
March 29 - Microsoft Word
April 5- Microsoft Excel

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 5-19. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

DIGITAL DROP-IN, 6:30-7:30 P.M., Tuesdays. Library staffers answer questions about using electronic devices including tablets and smartphones to access library services and resource.

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.**

FRENCH LANGUAGE 101, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday. Self-paced online program. **Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.**

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.

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, 10:30 A.M.-Noon, Every 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. Feel free to

visit us to see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Neighborhood Library, Basement meeting Room.

LENTEN LABYRINTH WALK, Noon-1 P.M., Fridays, (No 25th), Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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 Neighborhood Library.

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

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

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30 A.M., Wednesdays. Join us for books, songs, rhymes, and finger plays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. An easy craft activity follows story time each week. Designed for children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

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.

SALSA DANCING, 6 P.M. WEDNESDAYS - 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.

SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751 will hold its **12:00 noon Luncheon Meeting on March 16, 2016.** SPEAKER: Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton. This program coincides with the 2016 National Women’s History Month Theme: Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government. Current AARP members and new prospective members are welcome. River Park Mutual Home’s Community Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW., For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901. COST: \$5.00 for lunch.

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

SPANISH LANGUAGE 101, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday. Self-paced online program. **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.

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. SW Neighborhood Library.

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Postal Museum Staff Make Valentines with Kids

On Feb. 10, the Southwest Library hosted staff from the Postal Museum, who helped the kids create beautiful cards for their Valentines.

CALENDAR

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

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DCHA GREENLEAF COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING



The District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) will be holding its second 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 second meeting will be:

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2016
Time: 11:00 – 2:00 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.

Requesting a Reasonable Accommodation
The District of Columbia Housing Authority provides reasonable accommodations to all applicants, residents or participants with disabilities. If you or a member of your household has a disability and requires an accommodation to participate in any of our programs, please notify the office providing the program or the Office of the ADA/504 Program at least 72 hours prior to the start of the program on (202) 535–2737. Callers with a hearing impairment can call the DC Relay Service by dialing 711.

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.

AVISO IMPORTANTE
Este documento contiene información importante. Si necesita ayuda en Español o si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este aviso, por favor llame DCHA al (202) 535–1000. Infórmele al representante de atención al cliente el idioma que habla para que le proporcione un intérprete sin costo para usted. Gracias.

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SHAKESPEARE

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ments ("Given the configuration of the building on the lot, which is driven in part by the location of the building's core, providing a confirming closed court would result in a loss of building efficiency"); flexibility from loading requirements (the SP-2 zoning requires one 55-foot berth, one 200-square-foot platform, and one 20-foot-deep space. The measurements for this project's loading facilities are: one 30-foot berth, one 100-square-foot platform, and one 20-foot deep space); flexibility from penthouse setback (zoning regulations require that all penthouses be set back from the exterior walls of the building a distance equal to the height above the roof on which it is located. The penthouse is set back sufficiently to provide at least a one-to-one setback from the public street, however, in this case the penthouse is face on-line with the floor below on the eastern side of the property facing Amidon-Bowen Elementary); flexibility for compact parking requirements (this property is required to have 70 spaces in total and configured in specific ways based on 40% of spaces going to compact cars. Shakespeare has provided the correct number but has not configured them accordingly). Finally, Shakespeare seeks additional areas of flexibility in case of future needs, which they cannot predict at this time. This includes being able to provide a range of dwellings up to 146, reconfigure the interior of the building, a number, location, and arrangement of parking spaces for the project, provided that the total number does not go below the minimum for the PUD, and lastly to vary the final selection of the exterior materials within the color ranges and material types as proposed, based on availability at the time of construction, without reducing the quality of the materials and to make changes to the window frames and trim as long as they're still within code.

Since the first presentation of the building, some changes have been made to the project. These changes include bringing the building down in height from nine stories to seven, now totaling 73 feet and two inches at the highest point (which faces the Duck Pond and stretches the entire block along I St. SW) and stepping down to 62 feet and four inches (the majority of this property comes in at this height and is featured in the center of the development and also along the H St. SW side of the block) before reaching its lowest point at 41 feet and 11 inches (along the 6th St. SW side as well as a portion of the H St. SW side of the development). It has dropped in reduction of number of units from 173 to 136 by eliminating a handful of studios and instead making three-bedrooms. Rental units will total 102 and of that there will be nine Inclusionary Zoning units (two studios, five one-bedrooms, and two two-bedrooms). The remaining units will be used for the actors of the plays conducted by the STC, with the actors only residing "in the residential units for the run of a particular show, which from rehearsal to performance may be approximately 10-12 weeks" (PUD page 23).

In fact, The Bard has highlighted these changes to the local community with the tagline "The Community has spoken and we listened." They used these changes as the basis to restart communication with the community and those who are interested during the span of a couple of hours in what were called community information meetings. Although less of a meeting and more of a walk-through forum, the two community information meetings occurred at Blind Whino, and were sparsely attended both evenings. All information about the changes to the project were communicated through poster boards, with the appropriate representatives also in place to discuss when needed. The first of the

two meetings was held on Monday, Feb. 1, only two days before the PUD was filed with the city, and the second community meeting to discuss the changes was held on Tuesday, Feb. 16, nearly two weeks after the PUD filing. The timing of these two meetings, occurring so close to the PUD filing, had many attendees questioning how public comment could even be incorporated into the PUD before it was filed with the city. If The Bard is looking for community input during this process, how that could be achieved at this point, particularly given the changes that occurred, was not immediately clear. When asked about how community comments from the redesigned PUD could be incorporated into the plans, Bo Shuff, Mayor Muriel Bowser's former campaign manager, who is coordinating community outreach for the project, had an answer for that: The DC Office of Zoning allows for both spoken and written comment from interested parties. People who are interested in presenting comments on this project should file their testimony with the city.

Despite the changes, some in the community are still against this mixed-use project, and have become frustrated by what one resident has described as the developers being "tone-deaf." Andrea Pawley, who heads up the blog called "Eye on 501 SW," has been a frequent vocal opponent to the project. She, along with 50 neighbors of households within the immediate vicinity of the proposed development, recently submitted a letter, which is available on Pawley's blog, to Meredith Moldenhauer, the land-use attorney representing the development, asking that the parties of The Bard refrain from submitting the PUD. The signers note that they were never notified of the changes that occurred to the proposed development (contrary to a signed letter stating that the developer would communicate regularly with the surrounding townhomes). They also note that per the council-adopted Southwest Small Area Plan, the developers were "encouraged to continue the dialogue with the Southwest neighborhood through the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Amendment" (page 97), and that as of the date of the letter had yet to participate in that process with the community. (When Mr. Shuff was asked about this at the recent community meeting, he said that the STC and Erkiletian had already participated in this process by community meetings held since 2014 through the Feb. 1 meeting.)

Other concerns raised within this letter, and elsewhere, include the effects that this proposed development will have on Amidon-Bowen, which shares a property line along both the eastern and northern sides of the block. Concerns range from everything including shading the large and much-used playground, and even potentially leading it to not drying or thawing; to creating a noise canyon that will illicit complaints from the residents who would be residing in the apartments associated with this development; to the safety hazards of increased traffic by having such a high-density building. Many in the townhomes continue to point out the fact that the STC knew that they would need to bring in market rate apartments to make this project work, so then why buy this parcel of land that would need to be re-zoned in such a dramatic way. They also highlight among their concerns that despite repeated comment from different people and organizations, the developers of the project continue to push for a complete re-zoning of the site. Pawley, in a recent interview, said to this: "Who else needs to tell them no?"

Although no date had been set for the Zoning Commission at the time this issue went to press, the community should expect a date in the coming weeks. *The Southwester* will continue to follow the story of 501 St. SW.



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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.

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Monday—Friday: 11:55 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

Lenten Reflections: Remember to Live! Embracing the Second Half of Life

Saturday, March 5 ~ 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room

Lenten Event — "Passiontide"

Saturday, March 12 ~ 7:00 pm — 8:00 p.m., in the Church.

Religious Movie Seminar

Sundays ~ 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room
 Mar. 6 — Henry Poole is Here (2008);
 Mar. 13 — Millions (2004)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 19/20 ~ Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper — March 24
 Evening Mass — 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday — March 25

Stations of the Cross — 12:10 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion — 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday — March 26

Morning Prayer — 9:00 a.m. in the Priory Chapel

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night — 7:30 p.m. (2 ½ hrs)

Easter Sunday — March 27

Celebration of the Resurrection — 10:30 a.m. Mass only

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 3 ~ Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy Devotion & Confessions — 3 p.m.

Daily Lenten reflections at: DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

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