

## Arena Stage to Utilize the Sun to Power the Stars with Rooftop Solar Installation

**A**rena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater announced on Feb. 13 that it has commenced construction of a photovoltaic solar system on the theater's roof. The 452-kilo-watt (kW) project is consistent with the organization's long-stated commitment to give back to the local community. The system not only marks Arena Stage's dedication to the greater Washington, DC area's environment, but takes a leadership position in doing so among the region's performing arts community and local businesses alike.

"It was always part of the dreams in designing the Mead Center that the building would be environmentally friendly," shares Arena Stage Executive Director Edgar Dobie. "It took several years of research and discussion, and we are excited to have the beautiful and massive roof take advantage of such a natural energy



Workers install new solar panels atop Arena Stage.

source. I know that having solar panels on the roof would have delighted the building's architect, Bing Thom, and so I think of him and his passion in undertaking this

endeavor. EnterSolar is doing great things and we are proud to partner with them on this project."

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Building the chimney.



Laying the foundation.



Pouring the concrete.

## Chimney Swift Tower Installed at King Greenleaf

**T**he Earth Conservation Corps (EEC) has installed a chimney swift tower at King Greenleaf Recreation Center. EEC decided to build these chimney swift towers because the group has always been committed to the preservation of vulnerable populations in our ecosystem. Many of EEC's programs have historically been centered around migratory birds,

such as ospreys and wood ducks, and this project was a chance to help support yet another species of migratory bird. Chimney swifts typically build their nests inside of chimneys or hollow trees, but their habitats have been diminishing in recent years, which make towers like the ones constructed important for their survival. The program was an excellent opportuni-

ty to engage the surrounding community and its many "citizen scientists," whom EEC will be asking to help collect data on the presence of chimney swifts in and around the towers. The location of the towers in public recreation centers such as King Greenleaf will enable neighborhood residents take easily take part in the data collection process.





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# National Celebrities, Local Singers, a Smurfette, and a Magic School Bus



The GW Pitches

The 2018 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade presented by Events DC will feature an all-star lineup of talent including reality stars, musicians, and more at the annual springtime celebration on Saturday, April 14. One of DC's largest spectator events, the nationally syndicated parade will include celebrity performances, gigantic helium balloons, costumed characters, elaborate floats, and marching bands from across the country along iconic Constitution Ave.



Emma G



Summer

tution Ave. between 15th and 17th Streets NW. Group tickets for 10 or more are also available. Standing along the parade route is free and open to the public.

#### About the Sing into Spring winners

The GW Pitches is an all-female a cappella group founded in 1996 as the very first all-female group on The George Washington University's campus. The group has performed

for the U.S. Department of Energy, the White House, and a variety of other organizations in DC. Currently, the group is composed of sixteen members.

Born and raised near Washington, DC, Summer grew up in church and began singing solos as a young child. During her first solo at age seven, Summer recognized the incredible impact her special gift of song has on people when she witnessed an audience moved to tears by her performance. Singing became an outlet for Summer to share her soul, and inspire listeners.

Musician Emma G works full time as a street performer, and also plays in various clubs, bars, and community events throughout the city. Emma G describes her sound as soul pop-rock, whose sultry tones are punctuated with a gutsy quality that hammers home her messages of empowerment, love, and respect.

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#### Celebrities and other exciting parade elements confirmed to-date include:

- Honorary Grand Marshal Chef Carla Hall, co-host of ABC's Emmy Award-winning series *The Chew*
- 90s hip-hop trailblazers Arrested Development (of hit single "People Everyday")
- Pop/classical string quartet Well Strung (members on current season of *The Amazing Race*)
- Grammy-nominated country singer Ty Herndon
- *The Voice* season 11 contestant Billy Gilman and season eight contestant Sarah Potenza
- Gravity-defying extreme stunt pogo team XPOGO
- Miss America 2018 Cara Mund
- Giant colorful balloons including Smurfette, Peppa Pig, Magic School

Bus, Sam I Am, Domo, and more

The festival will also shine a spotlight on local talent from the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area through performances by the winners of the Sing into Spring competition, who were chosen on January 31 by a panel of industry judges at Arena Stage. Out of 17 contestants who went head-to-head to showcase their vocal abilities, one group and two soloists (The GW Pitches, Emma G, and Summer) have secured a coveted spot to perform for thousands in the parade. The National Cherry Blossom Festival Sing into Spring competition is supported by media partners 94.7 Fresh FM, WPGC 95.5, and El Zol 107.9.

Prime grandstand seats for the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade are on sale now and can be purchased at [nationalcherryblossom-festival.org](http://nationalcherryblossom-festival.org). The grandstand section offers reserved seating along Consti-



# Friends of Southwest Grant Helps Youngest at Amidon-Bowen

BY ALEXIS TUTTLE

This past summer, the Friends of Southwest DC (FOS) awarded close to \$5,000 to the Amidon-Bowen Elementary School PTA to purchase iPads for early childhood education classrooms. These iPads are now being used by our young students to enhance early literacy and engage in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. Amidon-Bowen had the opportunity to invite FOS board members to visit some of the benefiting students on Dec. 18, 2017, where three classrooms greet-

ed the board with huge enthusiasm and thank yous.

The FOS grant gave more than 100 Amidon-Bowen students the opportunity to learn from engaging and interactive educational programs that otherwise would not have been possible given the school's tight budget.

"These iPads are a great learning tool because they encourage independent exploration at differentiated levels in a fun learning environment," said Principal TaMikka Sykes. They also allow Amidon-Bowen greater flexibility in selecting applications and software that support



Amidon-Bowen students with the Friends of Southwest DC.



Amidon-Bowen students give thanks to the Friends of Southwest DC.

the school's focus on STEM and can be catered to various learning methods.

Amidon-Bowen's PTA seeks to engage the Southwest community in supporting opportunities and high student achievement for Amidon-Bowen students. The grant from FOS serves as an example of a community partnership that helps our students develop an early passion for STEM, achieve advanced literacy skills, and acquire technology skills.

"FOS is overjoyed to see our grant in action by the young children of Amidon-Bowen, using and sharing educational applications on these iPads" said Coralie Farlee, president of FOS.

Thank you to FOS for your continued support at Amidon-Bowen and your engaged interest in promoting the Southwest Waterfront community.

Since 1998, FOS has made grants totaling more than \$210,000. More than 30 local organizations have been supported and benefited from their generosity. FOS is run by community members who want to make a difference in Southwest and their time is completely voluntary. Because of that, they are able to put 95% of all income toward supporting programs. To find out more information or donate to FOS, please go to <http://www.friendsofswdc.org>.

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

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5:00 p.m. Vigil

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR

**Sundays,** 6:30 p.m. in the  
Parish Meeting Room,  
(Mid-block E St, down the stairs)

**March 4** - Gospa: The Miracle of Medjugorj (1995)

**March 11** - Letters to Father Jacob (2009)

**March 18** - The Monastery:  
Mr. Vig and the Nun (2006)

#### CHILI COOKOFF

**Saturday, March 10** — 6:00 p.m. in the  
Parish Meeting Room, Suggested donation \$5 per  
adult, children are free. The proceeds will benefit  
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#### PASSIONTIDE

"The Wisdom of the Cross"

**Saturday, March 17** — 7:00 p.m.

Confessions start at 6:30 p.m.

*Passiontide is a Lenten service involving readings, preaching  
and praying of psalms in anticipation of Holy Week.*

#### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM & EASTER

**Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper** — **March 29**

*Evening Mass* — 7:30 p.m.

**Good Friday** — **March 30**

*Stations of the Cross* — 12:10 p.m.

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

**Holy Saturday** — **March 31**

*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** — **April 1**

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

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# St. Dominic Church Blesses Shrine to St. Martin de Porres

BY FATHER GEORGE P. SCHOMMER

St. Dominic Church held a very special event on Tuesday, Feb. 6—the blessing of a new shrine to St. Martin de Porres in memory of Father Norman Haddad. The shrine is the result of acknowledging the allegiance of de Porres and Haddad in the humble, compassionate care of the poor, the sick, the needy and the marginalized.

De Porres (1579-1639) lived in Lima, Peru. He was the natural son of Don Juan de Porres, a Spanish nobleman, and Ana Velazquez, a freed black slave from Panama. He inherited his mother's features and color that were undesirable physical characteristics among his father's prominent social class. In addition to his physical features and color, de Porres was assigned the label of being illegitimate. As an adult, de Porres had great compassion and charity for the sick and the aged, bringing the gospel of hope and healing to those who were orphaned and homeless in the slums and barrios of Lima, to those suffering from stigmatized illnesses or lifestyles. His influence in caring for the poor and the sick of Lima resulted in the establishment of an orphanage and a children's hospital. De Porres also had a devotion to all God's creatures, especially those who were suffering. He had a special affection for animals, which is often displayed in Dominican iconography.

Haddad (1933-2016) was ordained on June 9, 1961, at St. Dominic Church where he served first as parochial vicar from 1962-1972, and then as pastor from 1981-1993. In 2008, he returned to St. Dominic to an active retirement, engaging in many ministries in the city and serving as sub-prior of the Dominican community. Haddad is remembered for many things in Southwest from his association with



Shrine in memory of Father Norman Haddad.

the Southwest community to his famous yard sales.

Brother Ignatius Perkins made the following comments at a presentation following the blessing: "If we have been awakened and informed of systemic changes in our world today, we cannot help but be aware of the plight of the poor, the disenfranchised, the unwanted and the unloved. We find such persons in our families, in the places where we work, in our neighborhoods and cities, and indeed throughout the world."

The new shrine welcomes all who identify with the background and history of de Porres; or desire his intercession for their particular needs. The St. Martin de Porres Society at St. Dominic Church continues the legacy of de Porres and Haddad through efforts of service to the poor and needy.

## CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WOMEN'S DAY 2018

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## SOLAR

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Developed by EnterSolar, the 452.3-kW system is comprised of 1,145 panels atop Arena Stage's roof. The system provides Arena Stage with significant financial benefits, and yields significant environmental benefits to Arena Stage and the greater capital region as well. Arena Stage going solar is the environmental equivalent to saving 45,231 gallons of gasoline annually, or taking 85 cars off the road.

"EnterSolar works with businesses of all types, nationwide. We are particularly proud to help Arena raise the curtain on solar in the nation's capital. That EnterSolar can help not only facilitate solar in the region, but also use it to benefit American artists is particularly gratifying," said Paul Ahern, president of EnterSolar.





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meet a new neighbor	eat at your favorite SW restaurant	post a photo of public art in SW	visit the Titanic Memorial	say hello to a SWBID Street Team member
enjoy a walk in any of SW's parks	attend Jazz or Blues nights at Westminster Church	volunteer in SW	visit the SW Library	visit Blind Whino
read the Southwester	attend a community meeting	SW BID	attend a show at Arena Stage	volunteer in SW
enjoy the Cherry Blossoms	meet a new neighbor	visit ARTECHOUSE	sign up for the SWBID's newsletter	support a local retailer
visit the Fish Market	work out in SW (yoga, bike, take a class, walk, etc)	take a book to the lending library at the Duck Pond	go to a Smithsonian in SW	attend a community meeting

HOW DO I PLAY SW COMMUNITY BINGO?

It's easy! Explore, support, and visit everything in Southwest. Enjoy the old and new. Be nice to your fellow Southwesters. Meet a new neighbor - cross off a square. Go to the library, attend a community meeting, or take a photo of public art - cross off more squares. When you get five in a row (diagonal counts!) you win; **you are a true SW Supporter**. The middle square is a free space for everyone! Post photos as you do the activities on any social media with **#SWbingo** and email us when you have five in a row. We will randomly select five completed cards to win a coffee hang out. That's right, you'll be connected to meet even more SW residents if your bingo card is selected! What are you waiting for? Play SW Community Bingo and enjoy some SWDC adventures!

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MARCH

**FRI 2, 6:30 P.M. Game Night,**1st Friday of every month. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water Street SW, 202-554-3222.

**FRI 2, 7:30 – 9 P.M. Friday Night Lecture: Habits of Happy People. Description:** Happiness is something that each one of us has the potential to experience, but often our habitual ways of thinking take us in the opposite direction. In this talk we will learn about some of the habits of happy people that will enrich our life’s experience. We will explore several meditations and ways of thinking that uplift the mind and how by carrying these with mindfulness into our day we can maintain a light, joyful attitude whatever life throws our way. Everyone welcome. **Kadampa Meditation Center DC,** 1200 Canal St. SW.

**SAT 3, 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon. Komen Toastmasters,** Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Feel free to visit us and see our communications and leadership program at work. Komen Toastmasters meets on the 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. SW Library, 900 Wesley Pl SW. 202-724-4752.

**SAT 3, 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Winter Play Date,** Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, 400 “I” Street SW. 202/724-4867 Betsy Wolf, PTA President.

**SAT 3, 2 - 5 P.M. The Preciousness of Tantra: Half Day Meditation Workshop. Description:** The teachings of Tantra are the most rare and precious within Buddhism. They show us how to overcome the limiting views of ourselves, others, and the world around us that leads to fear, anxiety, and other painful thoughts. Additionally, Tantra helps us create positive energy and wisdom through special meditations that lead us to enlightenment. We can bring a more profound spiritual awareness to our daily activities, creating a purity and bliss that benefit not only ourselves, but also others. Everyone is welcome. Kadampa Meditation Center DC

**SAT 3, 3:00 P.M. Wii Club.** Children ages 6–12 are invited to join us to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 900 Wesley Pl SW.

**SAT 3, 1 - 2:30 P.M. Yoga Nidra** — Meditate, Chant, Breathe, and Relax deeply with Yoga Nidra led by Pamela Wilson. Move toward healing your Mind, Body and Spirit. Bring a mat and light covering. Invite your family and friends. \$10 donation suggested. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street SW.

**WED 7, 10 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Waterfront Village Wellness Seminars:** Balanced Lifestyles, Harbour Square Community Room, 500 N St SW. \$10 voluntary donation includes a light lunch; free for Village members.

**WED 7, 4:30 P.M. Karaoke Club.** Children ages 6–12 and their families are invited to join us in karaoke singing. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**WED 7, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. Neighborhood Happy Hour Fundraiser for *The Southwester* at Gordon Biersch!.** Join your fellow neighbors on Wednesday, March 7 at Gordon Biersch (100 M.St. SE) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. as we have a first tasting tap of the March Madness—themed “Behind the Arc.” This Belgian-style Tripel comes in at 8.2% ABV, but is deceptively drinkable and smooth. Brewed with a unique yeast strain by Head Brewer Travis Tedrow, this Tripel has a citrus and lemon aroma and flavor. Proceeds benefit your local (and always free) newspaper, *The Southwester*.

**WED 7, 6:30 P.M. Aspiring Writer’s Circle,** SW Library.

**THURS 8, 6 - 10 P.M. WPFW Comedy Event Fundraiser.** Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**FRI 9, 8 - 9:30 A.M. Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6 Office Hours,** The Velo Cafe at District Bike and Hardware, 730 Maine Ave. SW. NOTE NEW LOCATION.

**SAT 10, 10 – 11 A.M. Introduction to Buddhist Meditation. Description:** This meditation class will give a broad introduction to Buddhist meditation, ideas, and practices. There will also be time for guided meditation and Q&A. This class is open to everyone and is a perfect place to start if you are new to Buddhism and/or meditation, and can help form a daily meditation practice & study. Drop-ins are welcome. Kadampa Meditation Center DC

**SAT 10, 10 - 11:30 A.M. Memorial Service for King Raymond Green,** founder of the 1970’s group Black Heat and sang with both the R&B groups, Flamingos and the Clovers.

**SAT 10, 7 - 9 P.M. Faith & Film presents “Lion”** - Release: 10/2016; Rating: PG; Runtime: 2hrs. Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India. Twenty-five years later, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, help him find his lost family. Free to the public. Doors open at 6:30. Snacks and Beverages provided. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**SAT 10, 3:00 P.M. Popsicle Stick Puzzles.** Children ages 6–12 are invited to join us to create puzzles utilizing popsicle sticks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**SUN 11, 2:30 P.M. P.A.L. (People Animals Love) Dog Visit.** Children ages 4-12 are invited to read aloud to a P.A.L. dog. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**SUN 11, 3-5pm Black Presbyterian United** presents Black History Month Program: African Americans in Times of War. Reception with Refreshment and Music. Free Admission. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**TUES 13, 1:30 P.M. Literary Book Group.** This month’s title is **“Alias Grace”** by Margaret Atwood. Copies are available at the information desk. SW Library.

**WED 14, 4:30 P.M. Create Club.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for arts & crafts activities. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**THURS 15, 4 - 6 P.M.** Learn about Southwest’s membership-based senior supportive service organization at the **Waterfront Village Open House & Informational Meeting** at Riverside Condominiums, 1435 4th St SW. Free; light refreshments offered.

**SAT 17, 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon. Komen Toastmasters,** meets on the 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. SW Library, basement.

**SAT 17, 3:00 P.M. Spring Crafts.** Children ages 4–12 are invited to create spring themed crafts. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**SUN 18, 7:30 – 9 P.M. Public Talk: Letting Go of Anxiety.** Many people suffer from feelings of fear and constant anxiety or are simply overwhelmed by the stress and demands of everyday life. During this talk, Kadam Morten will explore mindfulness methods, meditations and ways of thinking derived from Buddha’s teachings that will help us to become fearless in the face of adversity and deal with our negative emotions more confidently and effectively. Kadampa Meditation Center DC.

**MON 19, 7 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting.** 1000 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE. NOTE SE LOCATION and change to 3rd Monday this month.

**TUES 20, 7:00 P.M. Friends of Southwest DC (FOS) Annual Meeting.** All are invited to hear grantees report how FOS 2017 awards helped the grantee’s organization achieve its mission. Opportunity to discuss, ask questions. Coralie Farlee, President, 202-554-4407. FriendsSWDC@yahoo.com. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**WED 21, 12 Noon the Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter** will hold its 25th Anniversary Year. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Regina Harrison, Professor Emerita in Latin American Literatures and Comparative Literatures at the University of Maryland. **PROGRAM PRESENTATION WITH SLIDES** - Ruins and Rare Species: The Ecology of Tourism in Peru, (Machu Picchu) Tropical Forest Villages, Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands. The program coincides with our March 2018 Celebration of Women’s History Month. Current AARP members, prospective members, visitors, neighbors and guests are welcome. River Park-South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW, Washington, D. C. 20024. Lunch Available–COST: \$5.00. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbert-jones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

**WED 21, 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 21, 6:30 P.M. Fiction Lover’s Book Club.** This month’s title is **“Saints for All Occasions”** by J. C. Sullivan. Copies are available at the information desk. **SW Library.**

**WED 21, 6:00 P.M.** Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Support Group Meeting. Topic of discussion is male breast cancer survivors and men’s health. Refreshments and door prizes. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church. T. Jones 202-251-1639.

**THURS 22, 6:45 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D.** Alcohol license

applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. To be added to e-mail list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com. **1D MPD building, 101 M Street SW.**

**SAT 24, 3:00 P.M Lego Club.** Children ages 4–12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**SUN 25, 11 A.M. Palm Sunday Blues Worship.** Featuring local Blues artists sharing their musical craft and testimony. Come out for an inspiring time of worship and make new friends during fellowship hour immediately following service. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**TUES 27, 5:30 - 7 P.M. Theology & Brews.** All Young Adults (20s–30s) are invited to a monthly Theology & Brews gathering to explore the role of faith in our daily lives. Join us **the last Tuesday of each month** for brews and conversation about how we see faith intersecting with our work, relationships, and more. Come at 5:30 P.M. to catch happy hour at The Velo Café (\$1 off pints of beer and glasses of wine), and stay from 6 – 7 P.M. for conversation. The Velo Café (730B Maine Ave SW. Theology & Brews is an informal gathering space for people of all faith and non-faith backgrounds to come together to listen, talk, and learn from one another about life, spirituality, and culture. No pressure to come (or leave) with the “right” answer – we’ll talk deeply about the questions we have, listen to one another, and perhaps walk away with a deeper understanding of the evening’s topic. No cost to attend, but participants purchase their own beverages and food. Learn more and RSVP by visiting [www.stmatthewsdc.org/events](http://www.stmatthewsdc.org/events). *Theology & Brews is a ministry of St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church (222 M St., SW). Please contact katie@stmatthewsdc.org with questions.*

**WED 28, 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Waterfront Village Wellness Seminars:** Hospice and Palliative Care – River Park South Commons, 1311 Delaware Ave SW. \$10 voluntary donation includes a light lunch; free for Village members.

**WED 28, 4:30 P.M. Wii Club.** Children ages 6–12 are invited to join us to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**THURS 29, 4:00 P.M. Spring Dance Party.** Children ages 6–12 are invited to join us Dance Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**SAT 31, 1 P.M. Southwest Library Book Discussion.** This month’s title is **“Divided We Stand”** by M. Spruill. Copies are available at the information desk. SW Library.

**SAT 31, 3:00 P.M. Paper Flower Pot.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to make paper flower pots. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

## WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

**ADVICE FOR LIFE MEDITATION CLASS. Sundays, 10-11 A.M.,** Learn practical advice found in Buddha’s teaching as methods for solving our daily problems. There is a separate class for kids ages 5 - 12 running at the same time. Everyone is welcome. \$12 per class (\$6 for students/seniors/unemployed). **Kadampa Meditation Center DC, 1200 Canal St. SW, 202-430-6540.**

**ALZHEIMER’S ASSN CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP. 2nd Tuesdays of the month,** 10:30-11:30 A.M. Free and open to the Public. Location: Faith Presbyterian Church. 4161 S. Capitol St SW.

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

**BABY/TODDLER STORY TIME, Mondays, 10:30 A.M.** Join us for fun songs, finger plays, baby bounces and rhymes as we work together to develop early literacy skills. Designed for children ages birth to 2 years and their caregivers. SW Library.

**BASKETBALL at King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street SW.,** Ages 6U Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5–6 P.M.; 8U Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7–8 P.M.; 10 U Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6–7 P.M.

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

**BOOK CLUB, 7 P.M. every second Thursday** at River Park. Book to read: TBA. Contact Gale Dunn Kaufmann 202-484-8432 or Email [galekaufmann@verizon.net](mailto:galekaufmann@verizon.net).

**COLOR CLUB Mondays, 7:00 P.M.** Children and their families are invited to join us for Color Club. We’ll have special coloring sheets and supplies available. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, 9 - 11 A.M. Every 3rd Saturday,** Rear entrance of Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW, across from SW Library. \$5.00 donation.

**DC DRAGON BOAT CLUB. 8:30 A.M., Saturdays (beginning March 31.)** Interested in meeting new people, getting into shape, and enjoying the great outdoors? Come to The Wharf Recreation Pier and join a free paddling session with the DC Dragon Boat Club. Dragon boat is the fastest growing water sport in the world; it is a great workout that can be enjoyed by paddlers of all ages and experience levels. The DC Dragon Boat Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing dragon boating to the D.C. area. We are metro-accessible and offer regular practices, opportunities to race in local venues, and social activities. Beginners are welcome! The first three practices are free! Sign up at [www.dcdragonboat.org/](http://www.dcdragonboat.org/) Questions? Email [info@dcdragonboat.org](mailto:info@dcdragonboat.org).

**DIGITAL DROP-IN, 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. Tuesdays.** Help using library services on your digital device (tablet, smartphone, reader). SW Library.

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

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

**EVENING PRAYER, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M.,** St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

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

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

**GAME CLUB, 4:00 P.M. Fridays.** Children ages 6–12 are invited to join us to play board games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4298, 5:30-7 P.M. Wednesdays,** now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. Our multi-aged troop has girls from kindergarten to high school. Some of the activities we do are arts and crafts, camping, tea party, business 101, step show, career exploration, badges at the beach, movies, ice cream socials and so much more. If you are interested please call Monica at 202-468-9620 or Audrea Hennis, 202-744-9170. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

**HAND DANCING, 1 - 3:00 P.M., Saturdays** with Mr. Zeke. All ages welcome. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 201 N Street SW. 202-645-7454.

**INCOME TAX PREPARATION.** 2 P.M.–6 P.M. Mondays (March 5, 12, 19, 26) and Wednesdays (Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28). Please note sign up is available starting at 9:30 a.m.

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

**KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER DC, Thursdays, 7-8:30 P.M.,** Drop in Meditation Class. Through training in meditation we can learn to control of our mind and overcome negative states of mind and find stillness within. Fee \$12 per class (\$6 for students/seniors/unemployed) and **Sundays 10-11 A.M.: Advice for Life Meditation Class.** Learn practical advice found in Buddha’s teaching as methods for solving our daily problems. **There is a separate class for kids ages 5 - 12** running at the same time. Everyone is welcome. \$12 per class (\$6 for students/seniors/unemployed). **1200 Canal St. SW, 202-430-6540.**

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

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

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View our on-line calendar at [www.swna.org](http://www.swna.org)

Submit Calendar events to [calendar@thesouthwester.com](mailto:calendar@thesouthwester.com) by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.



# Onyx on First Residents Affirm Commitment to the District

BY SHAUN CARTER

Onyx on First, a 266-unit Class A residential high-rise community located at 1100 1st St. SE in the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood, welcomed Urban Investment Partners (UIP) as its new building owner and manager on Jan. 25. The completion of the sale marks the end of a one-year process in which the residents of Onyx asserted their Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) rights to have a voice in the ownership and management of their residential community. The \$95.5 million purchase price marks one of the largest tenant-led TOPA sales in District history.

Onyx residents received notice in Dec. 2016 that the building would be sold, and residents quickly formed the Onyx Tenants Association (OTA) to take control of the sale process. Together, they sought the counsel of Eric Rome of Eisen & Rome PC to help bring additional buyers and development partners to the negotiating table. The result was a competitive bidding process in which Onyx residents were the clear beneficiaries.

Onyx resident Robinson Cook said, "The tenants' association was critical in educating us about our rights, the process, and the parties who were interested in purchasing the building."

The OTA determined their key objectives for the sale: preserve the unique community feel of the building, including key staff members; bring new upgrades and features to the building that will improve the quality of life and living

experience for all residents; and ensure rent remains competitive for the thriving Capitol Riverfront neighborhood.

Following the receipt of offers from the original contract purchaser and a competing bid from UIP, the OTA voted to select UIP for building ownership and management.

Shaun Carter, OTA president, highlighted the strengths of UIP saying: "Through the TOPA process, we ultimately found a terrific, locally owned and operated development partner—Urban Investment Partners. UIP will be bringing incredible value to the residents of Onyx on First in the form of numerous additional and improved building amenities, the retention of key staff members, and a competitive rent rate agreement with existing residents. UIP committed to addressing each and every item that we asked for as residents during the TOPA process and then some. We look forward to partnering with UIP to see all of these wonderful improvements come to fruition."

Pete Bonnell, UIP principal, echoed their excitement to be part of the Onyx community, saying, "This is a wonderful example of the entire UIP team working with residents and their tenant association to achieve a great result for all of the people living at Onyx on First. We look forward to a successful transition and partnering with other tenant associations in the District."

Onyx residents will continue to see their favorite staff members and can look forward to new building upgrades beginning in the coming months.



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## CALENDAR

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

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

**PAJAMA STORY TIME, Thursdays, 6 P.M.** Join us for an evening story time where pajamas are encouraged but not required. These evening programs are designed to delight children of all ages. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

**PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.** King Greenleaf Recreation.

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

**SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK** at Westminster Presbyterian Church, **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. 400 I Street SW.

**SENIOR BINGO, Mondays & Thursdays, 1 P.M. - 3 P.M.,** King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

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

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

**TEEN CLUB, Mondays 6:30-8 P.M.,** King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**TINY TOTS ART CLASS,** Mondays, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M., ages 15 months-3 years, King Greenleaf Recreation.

**TINY TOTS NEED RECREATION,** Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M., King Greenleaf Recreation.

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

**WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 7 - 9 P.M.** First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments. **Christ United Methodist Church.**

**ALL-LEVELS YOGA CLASS every Wednesday from 8-9:00 A.M.** Bring a mat if you have one. No set charge; donations welcomed. For more information, call the instructor, Pamela Wilson, 202-746-6654 or email: [wilsonpj108@verizon.net](mailto:wilsonpj108@verizon.net). St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

**YOGA FOR ADULTS and TEENS, 6:30 P.M. Tuesdays.** All levels welcome. Bring your own mat or use a library provided mat. SW Library.

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

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

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



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## MARCH EVENTS

**Friday, March 2, 1:30 pm**  
Neighborhood Lunch - Gordon Biersch

**Wednesday, March 7**  
Wellness Seminars - Balanced Lifestyles, 10 am, Harbour Square  
Village Pot Luck Dinner, 6 pm, see website for location

**Monday, March 12, 9 am - 1 pm**  
Home Barbering Service

**Wednesday, March 14, 3 pm**  
Tech Talk, see website for location

**Thursday, March 15, 2 pm**  
Village Book Club - Politics & Prose

**Thursday, March 15, 4 - 6 pm**  
**Public Open House & Informational Meeting**  
**Riverside Condominiums - 1435 4th St SW**

**Wednesday, March 21**  
Day Trip to Gettysburg National Military Park, 7 am - 5 pm  
Aging 2.0: Livable Communities 5 - 8 pm - St. Augustine's Church

**Wednesday, March 28, 10 am**  
Wellness Seminars: Hospice and Palliative Care - River Park

**Thursday, March 29, 7:30 pm**  
Village Night at "Alabama Story" - Undercroft Theatre

**Tuesday, April 3, 7:30 pm**  
Village Night at "Hold These Truths" - Arena Stage

**Friday, April 6, 1:30 pm**  
Neighborhood Lunch - See website for location

**Every Thursday, 1 pm**  
Navy Yard Shopping Shuttle to Harris Teeter, Bank of America,  
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Learn where you can attend a Village public meeting or support its work as a volunteer or donor\* by calling 202-656-1834 or visiting our website: [www.dewaterfrontvillage.org](http://www.dewaterfrontvillage.org)

\* Waterfront Village receives neither District nor Federal public funds. We are a local, neighborhood 501(c)(3) organization wholly self-supported by membership dues and donations. Waterfront Village is a member of the national Village to Village network and operates under the auspices of the District Office on Aging.

## Do You Really Know the SWBID?

BY DONNA PURCHASE

Most Southwest residents and visitors recognize the Southwest Business Improvement District (SWBID) by the "men and women in blue" you see around the neighborhood. The team sweeps the curbs, removes trash, plants new trees, adds new neighborhood planters, and works daily to keep our community clean and safe.

Although "clean and safe" is a common motto for all BIDs, the SWBID team does so much more for the Southwest neighborhood. A BID is simply a tool used to help stakeholders collectively plan, fund, and implement projects and supplementary services in their community. It is up to each BID and its stakeholders to determine what that means for their community.

The SWBID team works on projects that bring excitement, activity, and pride to Southwest DC. They work with neighbors to host events like MarketSW, Duck Drop, Sunday Suppers, Light Up SW, and Pocket Change. At their offices on Fourth St. SW, they also convene stakeholders and energize community groups on a range of topics including transportation, hospitality, building management, and the arts.

And those men and women in blue are the SWBID's neighborhood ambassadors.

"The ambassadors are the face of the SWBID, and we couldn't have asked for a better group" says Steve Moore, executive director of the SWBID. "They take tremendous pride in making Southwest a great place to live."

Beginning next month, *The Southwester* will introduce you to the ambassadors. The first article will focus on Terence Matthews, the first person to be hired by the SWBID. Matthews grew up in this neighborhood, so he brings a special love of Southwest to his job.

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