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## Bonding over Beautifying

By: **Katelynd Mahoney,**  
SWNA District 1 Representative

**W**hat do a tire, wine bottles, candy wrappers, and discarded cigarettes have in common?

If you said things you throw away, you'd be right. If you also said items that were picked up around the Southwest neighborhood, you'd be even more right!

On a frosty April 4 morning, a dozen neighbors banded together and helped to beautify the neighborhood by spending two hours picking up trash—26 bags of trash (and one tire)



*The team at Cantina Marina after the cleanup.*



*Above, selfie with all the findings.*

*At right, a tire and one of the bags of trash from the Duck Pond.*

to be exact! The day was quite successful, and the various teams covered 85 percent of their targeted areas. A pair of volunteers even assisted Amidon Bowen in cleaning up inside the school by washing walls and prepping rooms to be painted.

The idea of a Southwest neighborhood cleanup was created by Katelynd Mahoney, Stephen Ander-

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*At left, some of the volunteers at Cantina Marina.*

*Below, even the dogs of the neighborhood wanted to lend a paw!*



## Know Your Neighborhood: DC DMV Inspection Station

By: **Shannon Vaughn,**  
Editor-in-Chief, *The Southwester*

**Y**es, it's an eyesore. No, it does not fit the modern model that the neighborhood is becoming. But, boy is it convenient. Located right down the street, the Southwest location of the DC DMV, while it still has its faults and will continue to, has truly grown over the last few years.

After accessing the [dc.gov](http://dc.gov) website, the process to get your car inspected has become impressively easy. The traditional practice of lining up around the block well before the office opens are in the past. Now, by going to <http://dmv.dc.gov/node/137892> you can schedule a 15-minute appointment with just a few clicks of the mouse.

The email confirmation states, "Upon arriving at the inspection station, please proceed to the front of the line and let the inspector know you have an appointment by showing him/her your confirmation sheet." How great is that?

That is not to say that there are no hiccups along the way. My experience was pretty bad, but not because of the information technology the city has put in place. After buying my hybrid two years ago, I was mistakenly told by the dealership

in Maryland that the vehicle needed to be inspected in DC within a month of purchase. When I brought the car in I asked the inspection station team if that was true. They confirmed this fallacy. In fact, brand new hybrids do not need to be inspected for four years--another great DC policy.

Nevertheless, there I was two years after the first mis-inspection. At my appointed time I went back to the inspection station with my appointment confirmation email in hand, ready to quickly get through a tedium I still could not comprehend. I drove to the front of the line and was immediately told that I should not have to have an inspection for another two years--I concurred with slow head nods. They decided to call in the manager to weigh in. He said that since one of my *two* inspection stickers is about to expire that I have to go through again. I almost thought I was on Candid Camera. Alas, I went through.

Less than three minutes later, the car had gone through the station and I assumed I would soon be on my way. I assumed I would be back at my house within 10 minutes of having left. My new hybrid failed the inspection. *Where is Ashton Kutcher because I must be on 'Punk'd,'* I thought

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*Photo courtesy of Smithsonian Institution and the National Capitol Planning Commission.*

## Southwest Neighbors Join Smithsonian Project

**A**fter expressing concerns to the National Capitol Planning Commission regarding a proposal by the Smithsonian Institution to redesign the Enid Haupt Gardens behind the Smithsonian Castle, the Waterfront Gateway Neighborhood Association (WGNA) has been invited to serve as a consulting party on the Smithsonian South Mall project.

The Smithsonian proposal includes a new café on the east side of the Freer Gallery where the current Moongate Gardens welcome visitors, as well as a contemporary redesign of the iconic Parterre formal gardens immediately south of the Castle with skylights for the administrative offices below. The entrance pavilions to the Museum of African Art and the Sackler Gal-

lery would be removed, as would the Waterfall Garden, for additional special event and group staging space.

At the first consulting parties meeting March 30, WGNA joined the Commission on Fine Arts, the DC Preservation League, and the Smithsonian Associates in voicing concern that the historic nature of the gardens be respected. WGNA also requested that the green space needs of Southwest residents, as well as those of the future residents of The Wharf, the Portals, and Independence Quarter, be considered.

For more information: <http://www.southmallcampus.si.edu> and [www.dewaterfrontgateway.org](http://www.dewaterfrontgateway.org).



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## ANC 6D Update

By: Dave Balajthy

The ANC 6D held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 13th at 1100 4th St. SW. There was a short agenda with a few notable items. Walter Adams gave a presentation on behalf of Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Karl A. Racine. Adams emphasized the importance the office places on community outreach, consumer protection, and

affordable housing.

An update was also given on a number of Waterfront Station activities, including a scavenger hunt held on April 25th called "Hunt DC." Food trucks are in the area the first Wednesday of every month and the farmer's market is relocating to the vacant lot adjacent to the Waterfront Metro. Jazz on the Waterfront will begin on June 4th, being held every Thursday, June-September. An officer from the First District MPD also appeared and discussed a shooting on 2nd & I, as well as two recent robberies of the CVS on 4th St.

Shawn Seaman provided a Wharf Quarterly Update, with the first phase of the project to be completed in late 2017. Road work is expected to continue for another month and seven cranes will be added to the site in late April. The developers are working with DOES to add construction workers. Interested applicants should visit the trailer on the Wharf site on Wednesdays from 8-10am. The ANC also issued a resolution in response to clean-up efforts at Buzzard Point and to allow bus parking on 2nd St. for Nationals games.

## DC's Dwindling Affordable Housing Threatens the Stability of Families and the DC Economy

By: Ed Lazere, Executive Director,  
DC Fiscal Policy Institute

Sharply rising rents in the District have led to the virtual disappearance of low-cost private housing across the city, according to a new analysis by the DC Fiscal Policy Institute. Yet the District's economy has left nearly half of its residents with stagnant incomes. As a result, a growing number of residents are forced to spend the majority of their income on rent and utilities, struggling each month to maintain stable housing and afford other necessities like food and transportation.

These findings are outlined in a new report, *Going, Going, Gone: DC's Vanishing Affordable Housing*, released by the DC Fiscal Policy Institute. Here are a few highlights from the report:

**The number of low-cost apartments dropped nearly in half.** The number of apartments with monthly rent and utilities below \$800 fell from 58,000 in 2002 to only 33,000 in 2013, according to the report's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data.

**It now appears the private market has very few, if any, low-cost units.** The number of apartments below \$800 roughly matches the number of federally and locally subsidized housing units, which suggests that subsidized housing is now virtually the only source of inexpensive apartments.

"There is virtually no inexpensive housing left in DC's private market," said Wes Rivers, Policy Analyst at the DC Fiscal Policy Institute. "Without housing assistance, many families have no choice but to devote most of their income for rent."

Rents are rising for nearly all residents – from those needing low-cost housing to those looking for luxury apartments. However, the impact has been greatest on low- and moderate-income households whose incomes have not benefited from DC's recent economic growth:

**Very low-income households feel the greatest pinch on their budgets.** Two-thirds of low-income households spend more than half their income for housing.

**More moderate-income families are being squeezed.** Even households with incomes up to

\$54,000 have seen their rent increase dramatically, with one-third of those households now facing a severe housing cost burden.

Families that have to spend the majority of their limited budget on housing costs are forced to cut other necessities like food, health care, and transportation. The high cost of housing leads families to live in substandard housing, with problems like mold or rodents, and forces many to move frequently.

"Unstable and unhealthy housing puts stress on families that makes it hard for children to focus at school and for parents to keep a job, and leaves many at risk of homelessness. The lack of affordable housing affects the ability of residents to thrive and the city to remain economically strong."

The report offers recommendations to ensure that residents at a wide range of incomes can afford to live in the city and contribute to its vitality. This includes steps to preserving existing affordable housing and increasing the supply through efforts such as the city's Local Rent Supplement Program and the Housing Production Trust Fund.

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# Friends of Southwest DC Announces Triple Match!

**By: Joyce Bouvier, FOS Secretary, and Cecilie Jones, Board Member**

At the Friends of Southwest DC (FOS) annual meeting on March 17 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, the big news was a triple match being offered during its spring fundraising. Every dollar donated, up to \$10,000, by July 4, will be worth three dollars, thanks to an anonymous donor (see the ad in this issue of *The Southwester*).

President Coralie Farlee conducted the meeting, which was attended by donors and representatives of organizations that received FOS grants in 2014 and early 2015. Presentations concerning the grants were the highlights of the meeting. In all cases, FOS

grants benefit Southwest residents—in most cases our youth.

Julia Malecki and Rebecca Campana of Arena Stage described the two programs FOS helped support, Camp Arena Stage, a two-week summer program for youth; and Voices of Now, an after-school program with participants from Jefferson Middle School.

Brian McNally of DC Sail, which received a grant for multiple scholarships for a two-week program on the tall ship *American Spirit*, described that program.

Emma Ward of EmmaUS has taken Southwest Youth on educational trips to Philadelphia for several years thanks to FOS grants. She talked about the success she had in adding a visit for them to the

National Archives prior to going to Philadelphia.

Jane Jackson Harley, president of Kemet Productions, described the Hal Jackson's Washington Bears "How to Be a Man" mentoring program for young African American men. It offers an educational and broadcasting opportunity, providing experience with internet radio.

Vyllora Evans and Thelma Jones represented the Youth Activities Task Force of SWNA, which received funding from FOS for two \$1,500 scholarships in 2014.

Paul Taylor reported on "Summer in Lansburgh Park," sponsored by the Southwest Comm-Unity Forum and aided by an FOS grant.

The local Girl Scout trip received its first FOS grant this year, and troop leader Monica Evans told

of their planned overnight camp out trip to experience life on the Underground Railroad. The trip had been "snowed out" a couple weeks before but has been rescheduled.

Board member Donald Flanders was honored upon his retirement from the board of directors. Mr. Flanders had played an important role in the founding of FOS, originally incorporated in 1998 as River Park Friends. As president of River Park Mutual Homes, Inc. at that time, he appointed a committee to consider the feasibility of starting a grant-making nonprofit organization in Southwest DC.

Current board members are Coralie Farlee, president; C.W. Hargrave, treasurer; Joyce Bouvier, secretary; Cecilie Jones; Farley Fisher; Rodney Ross; and Jean Sammon.

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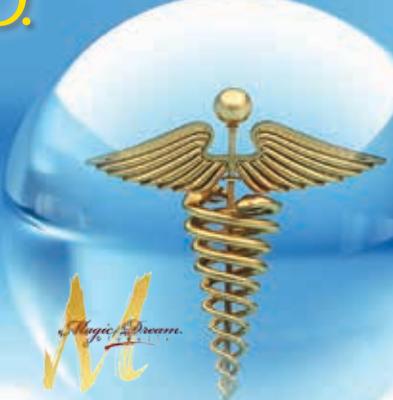
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## BONDING

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son, and Joseph Porcelli after the three attended the Ward 6 cleanup day put on by the Mayor's Office the week before. Knowing that the area would soon draw thousands for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival fireworks, the team set out to use various social media tools to gather a group over the next week. They received a lot of help from various businesses and groups in Southwest who spread the word over Twitter and Facebook. The group also utilized the neighbor networking website Nextdoor.com.

The entire group of neighbors met afterward at Cantina Marina to defrost and discuss how to make this project even better for the next time. Many neighbors spoke about how they didn't realize all of the trash that was around their



Discarded cigarettes found around the Duck Pond

community before the cleanup day. Everyone agreed that it should be more than a once a year opportunity, and it was suggested that a group try to come together quarterly.

The next Southwest cleanup will take place on May 23 and the group will meet just outside Safeway!

## There is Deepness Hidden In You!

By Pastor Ida Moss - [www.MyGreaterWorks.org](http://www.MyGreaterWorks.org)



Jesus would often end his teachings by saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." He would say, "Those who have eyes to see, let them see." Jesus was not talking about physical eyes and ears — everyone has those. He meant a third eye — another way of seeing the world that comes for a deepness hidden within us. We will never find peace if we look at life only through our physical eyes and ears. The struggles are too great, and the possibilities for disaster are many. But when we learn to tap into the power and strength that exists deep within us, God guarantees "a peace that passes all understanding!"

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The Southwest Emergency Preparedness Task Force, one of the task forces affiliated with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, is hosting a presentation on "The August 23, 2011 Louisa, VA Earthquake and Lessons Learned for Community Disaster Preparedness Going Forward."

The guest speakers will be Ms. Amanda Reidelbach, disaster relief & volunteer coordinator with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and Ms. Kim McCall, community outreach and engagement specialist of the DC Emergency Management Agency. Each will provide a short overview of the effects of the

earthquake in Virginia and the District, how the disaster response operations were coordinated, and what main lessons can be learned for communities throughout the area on how to be better prepared for disasters.

The presentation will take place on Wednesday, May 27 from noon to 1:15 p.m. and the location will be River Park Mutual Homes, South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW.

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- JUNE 6:** Workouts on The Water (every Saturday in June)
- JULY 2:** Jazz on the Waterfront (every Thursday in July)
- JULY 3:** Summer Sounds (every Friday in July)
- JULY 4:** Workouts on The Water (every Saturday in July)
- AUGUST 6:** Jazz on the Waterfront (every Thursday in August)
- AUGUST 7:** Summer Sounds (every Friday in August)
- AUGUST 8:** Workouts on The Water (every Saturday in August)
- AUGUST 15:** The Cantina Cup to support DC Sail
- AUGUST 29:** Mid-Atlantic Dragon Boat Race Summer Spectacular
- SEPTEMBER 3:** Jazz on the Waterfront (every Thursday in September)
- SEPTEMBER 4:** Summer Sounds (every Friday in September)
- SEPTEMBER 5:** Workouts on The Water (every Saturday in September)
- SEPTEMBER 26:** The Wharf Salutes the Arts in SW
- OCTOBER 10:** Gangplank Marina Home Boat Tour
- OCTOBER 17:** Pumpkin Palooza
- NOVEMBER 7:** Thanks for Giving
- DECEMBER 5:** Parade of Lighted Boats

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to myself.

The inspector handed me the inspection sheet and sure enough, there it was in black and white; I failed on the monitor check. Within seconds I was on the phone with the dealership and I was not happy. I made a same-day appointment and drove the 34 miles to the dealership for a full diagnostic check, given that the car is still under warranty, while I was about

to give them a mouthful. After a two and a half hour check-up, the dealership confirmed that the 'monitor' problem did not show up on their end and must have been an error on the part of the inspection station.

What could the discrepancy be? I was lost. I scheduled my next appointment...and passed with flying colors. After some thinking I decided it was one of two bad scenarios: the station monitors are broken or the inspectors at the service station did not realize that hybrids' engines turn off while they sit idle. But hey, at least the IT is spot on.

## Arena Stage Hosts 2015 Voices of Now Festival

**A**rena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater will host the Voices of Now festival, a four-day event featuring original works of theater written and performed by 11 different youth ensembles from the internationally renowned community engagement program.

The festival will bring together more than 100 artists, ages 11-25, from DC, Maryland, and Virginia who have been working with professional theater artists from Arena Stage this season to devise original one-act plays.

An additional forum hosted by the Wendt Center for Loss and Healing will take place on May 17.

Currently in its 12th year, Voices of Now is a season-long drama program that utilizes creative writing, improvisation, collaboration, movement, and performance to devise autobiographical theater pieces with ensembles of middle school, high school, and adult artists locally and internationally. Each ensemble's play poses challenging social questions relevant to the artists' communities and investigates those questions by recounting the artists' personal stories.

This year's plays examine topics including education equality, sex trafficking in the DC metro area, mental health, school culture, the experience of moving to the U.S. from another country, and the questions that emerge when grieving a loss.

### Voices of Now festival schedule:

#### Wednesday, May 13—7:30 p.m.

Balancing Act by the Key Middle School Ensemble  
Growing Roots/Cultivando Raíces by the Key World Ensemble  
Undercurrent by the Mentor Ensemble

#### Thursday, May 14—7:30 p.m.

Safety Net by the Glasgow Middle School Ensemble  
Honor Code by the Jefferson Middle School Ensemble  
Undercurrent by the Mentor Ensemble

#### Friday, May 15—7:30 p.m.

Push & Pull by the Burke School Ensemble  
Break Through by the Robinson Secondary School Ensemble  
Memory Loss by the Wendt Center Ensemble

#### Saturday, May 16—7:30 p.m.

The Space Between by the Mead Ensemble  
Cost of Living by the Advocacy Ensemble  
D.C. Traffic by the FAIR Girls Ensemble

All performances take place at the Arlene and Robert Kogod Cradle in the Mead Center, 1101 6th St. SW.

Tickets for the Voices of Now festival are FREE, though reservations are required through the Arena Stage Sales Office at 202-488-3300 or at [tickets.arenastage.org/single/](http://tickets.arenastage.org/single/).

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## Who We Are

**Name:** Melissa Rohan

**Home:** I have been calling DC my home since 2001 and moved to Southwest in 2005—I purchased my first home, a condo at Potomac Place Condominiums. Then, my husband and I moved into a townhouse so that we could start our family. We have three young children and I can't imagine raising my family anywhere else. We are truly a blessed family.

**Occupation:** I am the president and founder of Waterfront Academy.

**What is Waterfront Academy?** Waterfront Academy is a dual immersion (Spanish and English), faith-based Montessori school with emphasis on charity and stewardship in the Catholic tradition. We serve children and families from 18 months through third grade. We plan to serve children up through eighth grade in the near future.

**What is your role here?** Since I have three young children of my own, my role is limited during the normal school day. The head of school and teaching staff are wonderful. Since the staff is so great, I get to wear my "mom" hat most of the time. When I do put on the "president" hat, I am working with a fantastic group of directors managing the fiduciary responsibilities of Waterfront Academy.

**How has living in Southwest made it easier for you to do your job?** Living here in Southwest is the best of all worlds. It is a family-friendly neighborhood and we still



get to enjoy all the benefits of living in a city. This is the best place to raise our children. We get to see the Nationals play, we get to watch boats at Gangplank Marina, we get to take the Metro, we get to explore and learn at the Smithsonian museums, we get to play at the playgrounds and Southwest Duck Pond, and we get to check out books at the SW Library. Living here makes it easier to be a great mom.

**What do you look forward to most?** I am so grateful for all my blessings, and living here in Southwest is certainly one of those blessings. I am looking forward to my family and Waterfront Academy growing in Southwest.

## MAY

**SAT 2, 1-2:30 P.M. Yoga Nidra For Self Healing.** Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation with a focus on healing body, mind and spirit. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW.

**WED 6, 4:30-5:30 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. Southwest Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752.

**WED 6, 4:30-5:30 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. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752.

**SAT 9, 2 P.M. Mother's Day Crafts.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us in creating handmade gifts & cards in honor of Mother's Day. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Library

**MON 11, 7 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting.** 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Agenda at [www.anc6d.org](http://www.anc6d.org)

**WED 13, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Create Club.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for arts & crafts activities. Southwest Neighborhood Library

**FRI 15, 8-9:30 A.M. Councilmember Charles Allen,** Southwest Neighborhood Office Hours. Jenny's at the Wharf, 690 Water St., SW. (Note new location.)

**SAT 16, 2:00 P.M. Movie Madness.** Children & families are invited to join us to watch a movie together. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library

**WED 20, 4:30-5:30 P.M. LEGO Club.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library

**SAT 23, 11 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. SW CLEAN UP DAY,** Meet up spot will be in the field in front of Safeway. Help clean up our neighborhood! Come join your fellow neighbors for our quarterly Southwest cleanup day!! We will divide into teams and spread out over Southwest to continue to make our community one of the most beautiful in DC! If you are interested in joining, please contact Katelynd Mahoney at [katelynd.mahoney@gmail.com](mailto:katelynd.mahoney@gmail.com). Bags and gloves will be provided.

**SAT 23, 2:00 P.M. LETTERS TO VETERANS.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us to write letters to veterans in honor of Memorial Day. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Library

**SUN 24, 2:00 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. Southwest Neighborhood Library

**WED 27, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Family Karaoke Club.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us in karaoke singing. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library

**THURS 28, 7:00 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](mailto:cfarlee@mindspring.com). King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**SAT 30, 10 A.M.-12 P.M., Amidon Sidewalk Park Community Forum.** Come vote on proposed improvements to the park at 4<sup>th</sup> & G Streets SW.

**SAT 30, 1:15 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion** will feature the novel "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed. Copies of this month's title are available for checkout at the Information Desk. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 30, 2 P.M. Summer Reading Kick-off Party.** Children & families/caregivers are invited to join us in celebrating the start of the library's annual Summer Reading Program with stories, crafts, and activities. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

## WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

**AARP, SWWF Chapter #4751 Day Trip to Allenberry Resort & Playhouse-Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania** on Wed June 24, 2015, 9 am-6pm. Play: Lively Musical Comedy – "Damn Yankees" – Baseball lovers dream to win games. Package includes: Round Trip deluxe motor coach; Buffet luncheon, dessert, beverages; Taxes, gratuities, ticket to the play. Cost \$80.00 pp. Four payments of \$20.00 Beginning 09 February 2015. Final Payment due: April 15, 2015. Checks payable to SWWF/AARP Chapter 4751. Proceeds to support the SWWF AARP Chapter's Educational Awards/Scholarship Program.

## Community Calendar

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

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

Mail to: Ms. Inez Davis #3-16<sup>th</sup> Street N.E., Washington, DC 20002-6509. Contacts: Inez Davis, Membership Chair, 202-544-2313; Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, Chapter President, 202-554-0901 or [bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com)

**ADULT RECREATION, 10-12 Noon,** Saturdays, Ages 18 & up, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center**, 201 N Street SW., 202-645-7454.

**ADULT YOGA & TEEN, 6 P.M.** Mondays, FREE, Mats available. **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW, Use Eye Street entrance.

**AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M.,** Monday – Friday, Ages 6-14. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Paul Taylor, Gary Williams, Tiletia Harris-Walker. 202-645-7454.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS, 5-6 P.M.,** Tuesdays, Ages 5-14. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Tiletia Harris-Walker 202-645-7454

**AYA COMMUNITY MARKET, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.,** Saturdays, through November 21<sup>st</sup>. 425 M Street (across from Waterfront Metro). Enjoy local fruits, vegetables, eggs and assortment of other food products.

**BABY/TODDLER STORY TIME 10:30 A.M.,** Tuesdays. 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**, 201 N Street SW. Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker. 202-645-7454.

**BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church,** Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale. 400 Eye Street SW, 202-484-7700.

**BOOK & FILM CLUB, 5-6 P.M.** Tuesdays, **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW. Use Eye Street entrance.

**BOYS BASKETBALL, 6-7 P.M.,** Wednesdays and Fridays, Ages 7-10, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact: Paul Taylor . 202-645-7454

**BOYS BASKETBALL, 6-7 P.M.,** Mondays and 7-8 P.M. Wednesday, Ages 11-12, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact: Coach Paul Taylor. 202-645-7454

**CAREER & COLLEGE CLUB, 6 P.M.** Wednesdays, For Tweens and Teens at Sasha Bruce Youthworks at **Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW. Use Eye Street entrance.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church,** Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of Christ United Methodist Church 900 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

TUES 5	Email Basics
TUES 12	Microsoft Word
TUES 19	Microsoft Excel
TUES 26	No Class Scheduled

**COMPUTER TIME, 4-7 P.M.,** Monday-Friday. Open computer use. **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW. Use Eye Street entrance

**DIGITAL DROP-IN, 6:30-7:30 P.M.** Tuesdays. Learn how to use library applications on digital devices such as SmartPhones, Tablets and E-readers. **SW Neighborhood Library**, 724-4752.

**DRAWING: BASIC 101, 5 P.M.** Mondays. Ages 12-up. For those who think they can't draw, but can. Supplies provided. **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (eye) Street S.W.

**ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE, 6:30-7:30 P.M.** Thursdays. Practice your English with other English learners. Participants will read a variety of news articles and chat

with others in a relaxed and welcoming environment. **SW Neighborhood Library**, 202-724-4752.

**GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 4298, 5:30-7 P.M.** Wednesdays, Ages K-12, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact: Monica Evans, 202-468-9620

**GIRLS SOFTBALL, 5pm-6pm** Monday and Wednesday, Ages 8-11. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Coach: Safiyyah Aleem – Woods

**GIRLS SOFTBALL, 6pm-7pm** Monday and Wednesday Ages 12-15. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Coach: Safiyyah Aleem-Woods

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

**JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6-9 P.M.,** Fridays, **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 400 Eye Street SW. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

**JOB SEEKERS PROGRAM, 1-7 P.M.,** Thursdays. By Appointment Only (final appointment time available 6 P.M.) One hour length one on one appointments offering assistance with cover letters, resumes, applications and other aspects of the job search process. Call 724-4298 to schedule an appointment. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

**The KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M.,** every first and third Monday **SW Neighborhood Library.**

**THE KNITTY GRITTY COMMITTEE, 7:30-8:30 P.M.** Come join us every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month to knit, swap tips, and get to know your fellow neighbors. Staff will be available to teach basic skills such as casting on yarn, and the purl and knit stitches. Please bring your own needles & yarn. Children under 12 yrs of age must be accompanied by adult. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

**KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 10:30 A.M.-Noon,** every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work. **SW Neighborhood Library**

**LEGAL AID SOCIETY 9:30-12:30 P.M.** Tuesdays and Fridays is offering help in areas of Family Law, Public Benefits and more in Southwest. Free for DC residents who meet certain income guidelines. **Friendship Baptist Church**, 900 Delaware Ave SW. Call 202-863-9014 or Legal Aid Society 202-628-1161.

**MACHINE PITCH, 6:30-7:45 P.M.,** Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Ages 7-8, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact: Paul Taylor, 202-645-7454

**NARFE-The National Active and Retired Federal Employees, 1:30-2:30 P.M.,** every fourth Thursday through May. **SW Neighborhood Library**, basement meeting room.

**NO FLEX ZONE,** Anger Management Teen Group, **4:30 P.M.** Wednesdays, **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW. Use Eye Street entrance.

**PAJAMA STORYTIME, 6 P.M.,** Thursdays. Put on your pajamas, grab your teddy bear and join us in the Children's Room for a story time before heading to bed! We'll read stories, sing songs and perform finger plays together. For children of all ages and their families. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

**POLICE SERVICE AREA 106,** Community meeting, **10-11 A.M.,** every Last Saturday, **Senior Citizen Community Room** at 900 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**SASSY SENIORS,** Mondays & Thursdays. Monthly trips to play bingo, have parties, chat and chews, exercise and a great deal of other things. Come and sign up to participate. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker. 202-645-7454

**SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK, 11 A.M.-Noon** on Mondays, and Wednesdays 4-5 P.M., **Westminster Presbyterian Church.** 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.

**Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter #4751.** Monthly Luncheon meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 12:00 noon. Monthly Meetings are held every third Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Current AARP members and new prospective members are welcome. **River Park Mutual Homes Community Room**, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, [bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com) or 202-554-0901. COST: \$5.00 for lunch.

**SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA,** Alcoholics Anonymous group, **7 P.M.** Mondays, **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW. Use Eye Street entrance.

**SOUTHWEST SEWING & TAILORING CIRCLE,** 12 noon-2 P.M. Mondays, **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW. Use Eye Street entrance.

**SPANISH 101, 4-7 P.M.,** Monday-Friday. Self-paced online program. **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW. Use Eye Street entrance

**STEP 2 IT, 6-7 P.M.,** Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ages 18 & up. Come work up a sweat with Instructor Paul Taylor. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.**

**SWING TIME MUSICAL,** Set in a World War II era radio studio, this lively musical revue features a group of friends who are working together to put on their live, war bond radio broadcast. Lots of delightful surprises ensue, as well as wartime romance and plenty of comedy. The actors sing and dance to a live band, performing chart-topping tunes from the 40's like "Sing, Sing, Sing", "Minnie the Moocher", "Woodchopper's Ball", "La Vie En Rose" and more by greats like the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and Cab Calloway Showtimes: Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm; Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm; Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm; Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm; Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Location: **Burke Theater**, U.S. Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004. Tickets run from \$19-\$49. Swing Time offers discounts for groups, seniors, members of the military and children. Tickets are available at: <http://www.swingtimemusical.com/>

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

**TEE-BALL, 6-7 P.M.,** Mondays and 5pm-6:15 P.M. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ages 4-6, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact: Coach Paul Taylor. 202-645-7454

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

**TEEN CLUB, 7-8 P.M.,** Every Other Friday, Ages 14-19. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Angela Venable. 202-645-7454

**TEEN RELATIONSHIP GROUP, 5-6 P.M.** Thursdays, Come and talk about love, loss and relationships. **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW. Use Eye Street entrance.

**TOT LOT Program, 10-11:30 A.M.** Thursdays, Activity time for toddlers, ages 18 mos. to 3 years and parents/caregivers. Movement and activities that develop gross motor skills that can enhance balance, coordination, socialization, strength, self-esteem and reinforce cognitive development in a safe, nurturing and fun environment. **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW. Use Eye Street entrance.

**WALK FOR WELLNESS, 11-12 P.M.,** Tuesdays and Fridays, while walking to music, in the gym of **King Greenleaf Recreation 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.

**WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, Westminster Presbyterian Church,** 400 Eye Street SW, 4 P.M. Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine). 5:30 P.M. Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi). 6:45 P.M. Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). 7 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous SW Freeway Meeting.

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

**YOUNG MEN FUTURE LEADERS, 5-6 P.M.,** Wednesdays, Ages 6-12. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center** Contact Gary Williams.

**ZUMBA, 6 P.M.** Thursdays, FREE, **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Community Center**, 9 "I" (Eye) St & So. Capitol St SW, Use Eye Street entrance.

**ZUMBA classes, 7:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.** Wednesdays **SW Neighborhood Library.**

# Jefferson Academy Baseball Team's Date at Nationals Park

By: Malique Miller, 7<sup>th</sup> grader

On Thursday, April 2, after baseball practice, Jefferson's baseball coach, Mr. Ronald Hines, Sr. (Coach Horse), and a representative of the Washington Nationals baseball team, Mr. Bardach, carpooled us to the National's stadium. Upon our arrival to the stadium, we respectfully waited to meet our tour guide. When the tour guide arrived, he warmly greeted us and introduced himself as Mr. London. Some of us shook his hand and offered some small talk. This was the beginning of a memorable tour.

Our first stop was the basement of the stadium, where Mr. London graciously gave donations to our team: two L-screens, which is a pitcher safety screen; a box of baseballs; and a Nationals jersey for each team member with matching Nationals hats. After receiving these wonderful gifts, we headed back to the garage where we were parked to take pictures. There, our group took one picture with the uniforms on and another picture holding the new equipment.

From the garage we went through a tunnel leading to the baseball field. Here we stood on the field's dirt enjoying our experience and savoring



Photos by Perry Klein



the moment. We were not allowed to touch the grass on the field, but we were honored to have such an exciting view of the stadium and baseball field. Our last photo was taken on the baseball field with Mr. Horse, Mr. London, and Mr. Bardach. While standing on the field, the wonderful tour guide also shared with us what it takes to maintain the beautification of the stadium diamond cut grass. Mr. London mentioned that what we see is the result of a hard-working team

of groundskeepers and landscapers.

At the end of the tour, we shook hands and thanked Mr. London and Mr. Bardach for taking time from their busy schedule to give us insight into the stadium. We also thanked Mr. London and shared with him our appreciation for his generous gift donations.

Our Jefferson Academy baseball team includes Coach Ronald E. Hines, Sr., players Dwayne

Monroe, Maurice Plater, Malique Mller, Perrion Bellinger, Andre Porter, Junoven Smith, Jacob Nebinett, Ricquan Coleman, Kiven Rears, Donnell Winfield, Markell Howard, Nezer Harper, Marcell Robinson, Mikel Williams, and team captain Gassell Williams. The Jefferson Academy Middle School baseball team and family are thankful for the experience and hope to return. Catch the baseball team at a field near you!

## February Real Estate Update

By Jason Martin

	March 2015	March 2014	% of Change
Sold Dollar Volume	\$7,720,600	\$5,432,800	43.07%
Avg Sold Price	\$370,124	\$319,576	15.82%
Median Sold Price	\$320,000	\$305,000	4.92%
Units Sold	21	17	23.53%
Avg Days on Market	16	21	-23.81%
Avg List Price for Solds	\$379,810	\$319,664	18.82%
Avg SP to OLP Ratio	96.9%	97.3%	-1.86%

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