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OPED: It's Just Not Right

There is lots of talk and anticipation of a new soccer stadium coming to Buzzard Point. The new stadium will bring thousands of fans and visitors to an area that has been a heavily utilized industrial area for decades. A trip down to Buzzard Point reveals concerning images and overwhelming smells of surface levels of contamination that is also hidden below huge piles of dirt and byproducts of industrial waste, including in the soil in the old Buzzard Point Substation. The highly contaminated substation will remain a part of Buzzard Point. It is not clear whether any remediation will actually take place on this site to prevent the continued exposure of residents, visitors, and fans to hazardous airborne chemicals that exist in the old substation. The toxic dusts can be seen constantly blowing toward the residential community, especially on hot days when clouds of cement dust come out of the Superior Concrete material plant. The plant is currently in the footprint of the soccer stadium as well as other

sites down on Buzzard Point.

Residents of the near-Buzzard Point residential community have had to tolerate the ill health effects that may come with inhaling constant airborne toxic chemicals from the salvage yard that has ground-zero levels of contamination and other contaminates sites in the area. Some sites also have groundwater runoff of chemicals that include petroleum. The health and level of exposure to airborne chemicals of these residents appear to have been placed on the back burner behind the city meeting contract requirements with DC United. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) will perform a voluntary cleanup of Buzzard Point in preparation for the soccer stadium. However, there has been no public meeting held to discuss DMPED's Voluntary Cleanup Action Plan, including the thousands of pages of documents that are included in the plan. A request for an extension of the comment period by the Anacostia Watershed Society that

was signed by ANC commissioners was denied because of the timetable laid out for the delivery of this plan in the agreement between the city and DC United. The rush to build the soccer stadium appears to be taking a priority over the health and well-being of the residents in Southwest. It is not fair to the community to not be given an opportunity to discuss the types of contaminants that exist in Buzzard Point, including how they will be remediated without exposing residents to more airborne contaminants than they are already exposed to daily.

It is not clear why the District has not performed a health assessment of the near-Buzzard Point residential community prior to allowing Pepco to construct the Waterfront Substation and prior to DMPED's Voluntary Cleanup Action Plan in Buzzard Point. Pepco was given approval to construct the Waterfront Substation by the Public Service Commission without a serious look into the health impact that the project will have on the near-Buzzard Point resi-

dential community pre- and post-construction. Substations release low levels of electromagnetic radiation in addition to what people are exposed to in the environment. There is concern as to why an additional substation will be constructed right next to residents that have existing health disparities that may stem in part from years of exposure to the contaminated soil and industrial activities coming from Buzzard Point. Many of these low-to-moderate-income residents live in garden-style apartments and homes that have only window air conditioning units that cannot filter high levels of contaminated dust. The residents on this end will also be the closest to the construction of the new South Capitol Street Bridge. Southwest, like other areas in the city, is facing being overburdened by huge development projects and tremendous traffic congestion that threaten the very quality of the lives of residents including their health. There needs to be a better level of transparency as it relates to the mass cleanup of Buzzard Point in preparation for the soccer stadium and considering what the community is already dealing with.

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

By: Katelynd Mahoney
SWNA Fundraising Chair

Author's Note: This is part two 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.

Last month this series began by focusing on members of the community who, for various reasons, are not supporters of the current mixed-use proposed project that will be built on the old Southeastern University (SEU) site, at 6th and I Streets SW. The Shakespeare Theater Company (STC), in partnership with Erkiletian Construction Corporation, acquired the nearly one-acre site for \$6.5 million in May of 2014. STC was looking for 10 years to consolidate its current administrative offices, costume shop, rehearsal studios, and actor apartments. About 75 employees will be working from this site. Erkiletian was brought in as a partner to build the attached but separately operated nine-story (eight plus a penthouse) high-rise, 173-unit residential portion of this project. Officially, the combination of the STC offices and rehearsal studios and the high-rise residential tower is the mixed-use project called "The Bard."

For the second portion of this series, a focus was placed on speaking with members

of the STC community and Erkiletian. However, the scheduled in-person interview did not occur, and all questions were answered via email only by managing director Chris Jennings.

The most common concern from the immediate neighbors continues to be the height of the proposed building in relation to the immediate surrounding area, particularly the townhomes and Amidon-Bowen Elementary School. In the current rendering, the building will range from three stories at its shortest point to nine stories at its tallest. Jennings informed *The Southwester* that the design is still evolving, with the design team currently working on its sixth design, and that they continue to take the concerns of the neighbors seriously. Each new design, Jennings said, reflects "compromises, height reductions and a significant reduction in massing." These changes are a direct response to community comments and concerns, and, Jennings hopes, is a strong basis for the trust that will be needed as this project continues.

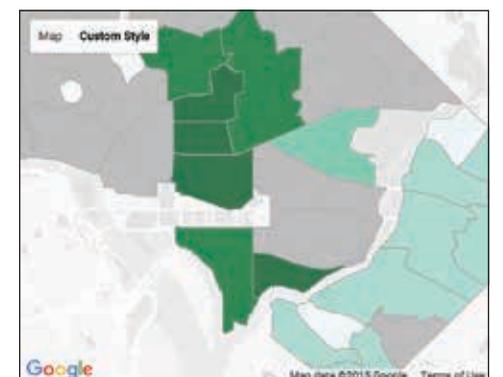
The word "trust" is mentioned in reference to this development quite frequently, by all involved. In fact, in an Aug. 21 *Washington City Paper* article, Councilmember Charles Allen (Ward 6) is quoted as saying that the parties must "trust each other." Otherwise, he says "there isn't a path forward." For many neighbors and community members, the distrust is related to their percep-

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DC Gentrification by the Numbers

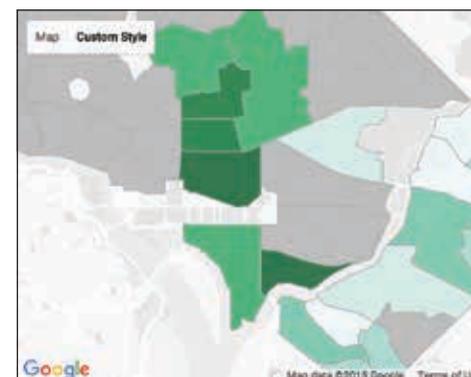
By: Kate Rabinowitz,
Founder of DataLensDC

Gentrification is a much discussed topic in DC, along with many other American cities. The term describes a shift from a poorer neighborhood often populated with minority families to a wealthier neighborhood often populated with white singles and couples. Many District residents see the effects of gentrification around them daily, passing by the luxury shops in downtown or a construction site for a new high-end apartment building. What is to come for our neighborhood once The Wharf and the Capitol Riverfront are fully built out?



Change in Proportion of African Americans (%), 2000 to 2010

Source: Census, courtesy Neighborhood Info DC.



Change in Income (%), 1999 to 2012

Source: American Community Survey, courtesy Neighborhood Info DC.

Let's look at gentrification by the numbers over the past decade to better understand what these changes look like and where they are occurring. To do so we need to look at a couple key gentrification metrics—changes in income and proportion of African Americans—for neighborhood clusters that were below median income in 2000. The maps show the change in two metrics over about a decade each for the selected neighborhoods.

(Note: Neighborhoods above median income are grayed out in the below maps. A darker green indicates greater gentrification-like change.)

See "Gentrification," page 4

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Thursday, Oct. 15 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at 301 Water St. SE in Capitol
Riverfront. Sales benefit *The Southwester*. Details, page 4.

Doggie Day Swim at Randall Pool



(Photos courtesy of Perry Klein.)

After the Randall pool was closed for the season, it was opened on Sept. 12 for Doggie Day Swim. Many of the dogs were from the PAWS of SW group, founded to build and maintain the off-leash dog park at Lansburgh Park located on Delaware Ave., between M St. and I St. SW. See www.pawsofsw.org.

At left, Manvi Drona, with her dog Dexter and friends at the Randall Pool on Doggie Day Swim.



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Amidon-Bowen Opening Day 2015

By: Bruce DarConte
President, Near Southeast Community Partners
Amidon PTA/LSAT

Opening day at Amidon-Bowen is always exciting and this year was no exception. The positive energy shown by all involved, especially the students, was truly encouraging.

With all of the planning that goes into making Opening Day a success, this year was truly special.

A collaborative effort by Principal Miller, the Amidon PTA, Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative, ANC 6D Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton, Christ United Methodist

Church, the SW Kiwanis, Near Southeast Community Partners, SWNA, the Fun Bunch, Greenleaf Midrise Residents Council, the Washington Nationals, and a host of volunteers made it all possible. Food items were donated by Potbelly on 3rd St. SW and Harris Teeter in Yards Park. Breakfast was served by the community volunteers.

The list of distinguished guests to help usher in the 2015 school year was lengthy.

As the students began to arrive in the playground, they were greeted by a contingent of eight soldiers from the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) Headquarters Command Battalion, led by Commander Lt. Col. Johnathon Kupka and Command Sergeant Major Kenyatta Mack. JBM-HH's annual support of the first day of school is coordinated by JBM-HH Community Relations Officer Leah Rubalcaba and School Liaison Officer Ann Daffin. School supplies and library books were also collected and presented to school Principal Izabela Miller.

Emerging from the side door entering the playground was Teddy, the Racing President from the Washington Nationals, who clearly had drawn a lot of attention as nearly every student ran over to greet him. Teddy entertained the group with his usual antics, although I'm not sure who enjoyed it more, the adults or the students.

McGruff the Crime Dog was on hand visiting with everyone along with First District Commander Jeff Brown.

Opening Day would not be complete without a visit from our Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen and Community Liaison Naomi Mitchell. Councilmember Allen visited with students, teachers, parents, and Teddy.



Teddy greeting the students.



Teddy the Racing President from the Washington Nationals at Amidon-Bowen's new playground.



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NSCP Selected as Adopt-a-School Partner to Amidon-Bowen

By: Bruce DarConte, President,
Near Southeast Community Partners

Near Southeast Community Partners (NSCP) was proud to be selected by DC Public Schools (DCPS) as the Adopt-A-School partner to Amidon-Bowen Elementary School.

This program is designed to facilitate and foster school-partner relationships that are uniquely tailored to support both the school and partner's shared priorities. Schools and partners will receive guidance, tools, and support from the DCPS School Partnerships team to ensure

the relationship is a success for all.

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NSCP is proud to represent Amidon-Bowen and has already hit the ground running on this important partnership.

Due South Brings Southern Sophistication to Navy Yard

By Julia Cole, Copy Editor, *The Southwester*

Get ready, readers! Due South is the latest addition to the plethora of bars and restaurants located in the ever-growing Navy Yard/Capitol Riverfront Neighborhood, and with it comes southern fare with an upscale twist. We recently attended the restaurant's grand opening celebration to test things out and get the scoop on the neighborhood's newest go-to spot.

Situated at 301 Water St. SE, in the same building as neighborhood favorites Ice Cream Jubilee, Osteria Morini, and Agua 301, Due South brings upscale southern cuisine to the area without the pretension that brand-spanking-new DC restaurants often feature. The restaurant has a rustic-industrial vibe noticeable from the moment you walk in the door thanks to its deep brown leathers, stained hardwoods, and accents of iron and rope. The bar runs along the wall to the left, and a right turn brings you into the main dining area, complete with a glass-walled private room in the back that can be reserved for special events. The restaurant also features a wrap-around patio perfect for enjoying the dog days of summer.

As for the menu, Chef Rusty Holman, who is also the mastermind behind sister restaurant Bayou, takes his inspiration from the flavors and dishes of the southeastern United States. The offerings blend southern food with sophistication and refinement, putting a new spin on famous dishes including shrimp and

grits and pulled pork. The menu will also change seasonally, so new fall and winter dishes should be entering the rotation soon.

We had the pleasure of tasting an assortment of appetizers and entrees during the grand opening, as well as sampling some of their delicious drink options. Among the highlights were a mini version of their lump crab cakes, squash puppies that are given a hint of spice thanks to the jalapeño aioli, a juicy pulled pork sandwich complemented by buttermilk slaw, and crispy smoked chicken wings. We were able to wash it all down with shoo-fly punch, a refreshing cocktail blending bourbon and ginger beer, as well as the myriad beer options from the bar and select wines.

Due South also caters to the DC brunch crowd with a menu available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays complete with a bottomless mimosa option for \$14. The brunch options include such treats as a pulled pork benedict, a BLTE (classic BLT with the addition of a fried egg), and brisket hash.

Due South is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., with the bar area staying open past midnight every night.

Due South is active on social media. You can find them on Facebook, Instagram (due-south_dc), Snapchat (DueSouthDC), and Twitter (@DueSouthDC). Reservations can be made through OpenTable.

Cheers!

Grand Slam for Amidon PTA Back-to-School Night at Nationals Park

By: Martin R. Welles, Esq.
President, Amidon PTA

A huge cadre of children, parents, teachers, and staff attended Amidon PTA Back-to-School Night on Sept. 9 at Nationals Park. In what has become an annual tradition, the Nationals have partnered with Amidon-Bowen Elementary School and the PTA to make Back-to-School Night a fantastic success.

This year, family night at the school took place from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. and then many families and teachers walked over to the Nationals Park to watch the Nats take on the New York Mets. Early in the game, Bryce Harper hit a home run that landed in the bullpen—really close to our section. For a moment, many of the children raised their hands to try and

catch the ball. The kids also managed to convince "Terrance" the Nationals' crowd-pleasing cheerleader to spend some time in our section.

It was also \$1 Hot Dog Night, so everybody could enjoy a Nats dog. Of course, the Racing Presidents had a special \$1 Hot Dog-themed race where a giant mustard-covered hot dog popped out of the box near the finish line, causing all but Teddy to faint. Because of the 7:05 p.m. start time, many of the kids did their homework before going to the game and were able to stretch their bedtime into the late innings—with many staying past the seventh inning stretch.

While the Nats season is coming to an end, Amidon-Bowen Elementary School and the PTA appreciate the support of the Nationals. Go Nats!

GENTRIFICATION

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Changes in median income vary greatly across neighborhoods. Median family income in Southwest grew to just under \$97,000, an increase of nearly 50% from 1999 to 2012. The Near Southeast/Navy Yard area experienced an astounding 147% growth from 1999 to 2012, in part because the poorer neighbor to Southwest was playing catch up. Median income there grew from just under \$38,000 to more than \$93,000.

It's been widely reported that the District is no longer the "Chocolate City." No neighborhood cluster saw an increase in the proportion of African Americans over the decade. This is unsurprising east of the Anacostia where neighborhoods are upward of 97% African American, and largely stayed at that level. West of the Anacostia was a different story, with neighborhoods like Navy Yard, which experienced a 48%

decrease in proportion of African Americans, and Southwest, which saw the proportion of African Americans fall by 28%. If the two maps look nearly identical that's because the correlation between the two is -0.92, which is to say median income growth has a strong and negative relationship with the proportion of African Americans for the neighborhoods shown. Since these neighborhoods saw a rise in population, a decrease in the proportion of African Americans does not mean that many African Americans have left those neighborhoods, but does speak to the changing racial landscape.

More about DataLensDC: Using open-source data and applications, DataLensDC presents readers with insight into the District's character, trends, and hacks. The website was founded in the summer of 2015 by Kate Rabinowitz, lover of all things data and District. For more information, see DataLensDC.com.

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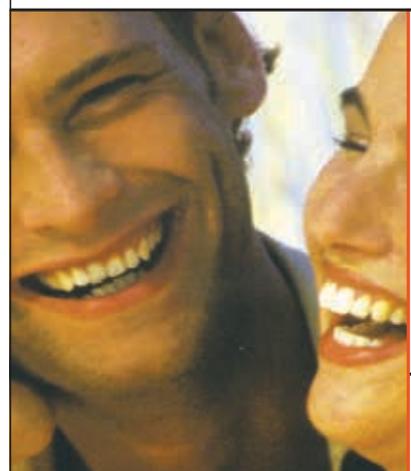
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SHAKESPEARE

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tion of lack of outreach to and communication with not only the local residents, but also the larger community. Neighbors also noted that the extensive studies that the development team has done have not been released and, as was highlighted in the first portion of this series, none of the social media or website pages from The Bard include the information about the height of the building, nor that a zoning change needs to happen. Others are uncomfortable with the fact that STC has not been forthcoming with the information that this will be a mixed-use project. Jennings disagreed with this notion saying that STC is "being forthright about what we want to do with the Bard and the benefits it can bring to the community." As for community

outreach, Jennings says they have received more than 3,000 emails, calls, and postcards sent in to support the project, though there was no further clarification on who the senders were, or even where they reside. This outcome is a direct result, he says, of the telephone town halls, in-person meetings with immediate neighbors, and larger community meetings at Arena Stage. It is unclear going forward whether STC will change its tactics or not continue the flow of information and communication with the community.

It has been expressed by many neighbors who may not support The Bard development, that they do support STC and understand the desire, and need, to consolidate the STC office space. What was not understood, however, was the partnership with a for-profit business to create this mixed-use development, and why a capital campaign was not created in order to fund this project. The Bard is seen by STC, according to Jennings, as an "extension" of STC so that the company "can build on our history and secure our future." Later in the interview, when asked why a capital campaign or the like was not utilized to fund this effort, Jennings highlighted the fact this project will, in fact, need both the capital campaign and the mixed-use development. He said, "(P)artnering with Erkiletian is helping us to reduce costs, but the Bard still requires a major capital campaign in addition to the significant fundraising we already do to enable our commitment to providing high-caliber classic theatre productions and enriching educational experiences." Jennings noted that this development would continue to provide not only the facilities, but also the cost savings, by owning and not renting, which are needed to continue its work as a major arts institution in the DC area and also one of the country's leading professional theatres.

One of the most common themes that STC

repeats relates to the community benefits that will further enhance the neighborhood. During some of the few community meetings, a member of the STC staff always highlights the educational offerings such as camps and classes that will be offered to Southwest when The Bard comes to the area. When asked what else this project would add to not only Southwest DC, but also to the greater DC community, Mr. Jennings said, "STC and Erkiletian agree with Councilmember Allen that this project has immense potential for Southwest and would add to the growing cultural hub in the area." He continued, "(O)ur goal is to be an active partner in the community, adding value to it. STC hopes to bring cultural and artistic resources and that will enhance and benefit the entire community. We're already exploring how we can work with the community to provide programming support to the Southwest Duck Pond and artistic activities for the nearby schools, Amidon-Bowen Elementary and Jefferson Academy Middle. The Bard would also give STC the facilities and cost savings it needs to continue its work as one of D.C.'s major arts institutions and one of the country's leading professional theatres." Whereas the community benefits of this deal are much welcomed by the Southwest community, others have commented that these additions to the schools and the Southwest Duck Pond would happen regardless of STC coming to Southwest.

As for the future of this project, there are

some hurdles, and a tight timetable for STC and Erkiletian to overcome in order to begin the next phase of The Bard. The primary hurdle is the need for rezoning of the property, as it is currently zoned to be "R-3," which according to DC zoning regulations means that this specific parcel of land is currently zoned for only single family homes, a church, or a school. In mid-July, the DC City Council adopted the Southwest Small Area Plan, and recommended that land-use designation not be changed until the developers could "address community concerns." This recommendation has led many to question what STC would do if the land were not rezoned. The answer Jennings gave: "STC purchased this site and intends- as is urgently required- to develop a viable home for its operations." A timeline for the project was asked for in order to help with this article, but one was not provided. Jennings did point out, however, that they are focused on community engagement at this time, and the project needs to move forward "urgently" as STC is facing leases that will expire in June 2016.

For the immediate future, though, it seems that many of the specifics are still undecided. With a Planned Unit Development still not public at the time of printing, and the need to re-zone the parcel of land, it will be some time before the Zoning Commission gives the go-ahead to this project, if it ever does. *The Southwester* will continue to follow this story over the coming months.

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Welcome to the Neighborhood: Brothers of St. Dominic Priory

Names? (Front to back, left to right) Bros. John Sica, Michael Weibley, Athanasius Murphy, Joseph-Anthony Kress, Louis Bertrand Lemoine, Patrick Briscoe, Dominic Verner, Gregory Pine, Clement Dickie, and Raymond Snyder, O.P.

Where did you move from? We are from all over the United States: New York, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Indiana. For the last four years we have been living in the Dominican House of Studies in Northeast DC.

When did you move here? We moved in August 2015 because the Dominican House had no more space with the arrival of the new seminarians. St. Dominic Priory, here in Southwest, is home to three groups: friars working in the parish; older, wiser friars in the retirement home; and friars in the last stages of preparation for the priesthood. We will be here for one year until we complete our studies and are ordained.

What is your first impression of Southwest? This neighborhood has so much to offer! It's beautiful and abundant with cultural opportunities. There is so much going on

here! As soon as we got here, we were walking to Nats games. We've been to Hains Point for miniature golf—it's the oldest continuous miniature golf course in the country! Transportation is great—living in the city but close to I-395! It's great for walking through the neighborhood. It's so close to such great art on the Mall and to the bike trails on the Waterfront. There is energy in the day and peace at night. It's quiet on the weekends! It's a two-block walk to L'Enfant Plaza, i.e., shops, post office, and five of the six metro lines.

What are you looking forward to most after moving here? We want to get to know our new neighborhood and also have our neighbors get to know St. Dominic's better. We hope to see the area grow and have people come to St. Dominic's for special events. We look forward to the completion of construction on 4th and 6th Streets, which will make the neighborhood even more bike friendly.

Know someone who just moved in that you would like to recommend? Send a photo and answers to the above questions to editor@thesouthwester.com.

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SAT 3, 1-2:30 P.M. YOGA NIDRA at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I 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 3, 3 P.M. Pillowcase Project. Children ages 8-11 are invited to join us to learn about safety preparedness and participate in a hands-on activity. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Library.

MON 5 & 19, 7 P.M. MONDAY EVENING MOVIES, Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WED 7, 4:30 P.M. Game Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us to play board games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

FRI 9, 3 P.M. Harry Potter Fun Day. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for Harry Potter crafts & a movie. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SAT 10, 3 P.M. Weekend 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.

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. Southwest Neighborhood 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. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SAT 17, 10 A.M.-3 P.M. Friends of SW Library Fall Book Sale. Most books \$1 or less. SALE PROCEEDS SUPPORT EVENTS. AND SUPPLIES FOR THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY. Questions? Have Books to Donate? Email us at friendsofswlibrary@gmail.com. Follow us: Facebook – Friends of Southwest Library, Twitter - @SWdclibrary

SUN 18, 1:30-4 P.M. Friends of SW Library Fall Book Sale. Most books \$1 or less. [Same as Saturday, October 17th].

WED 21, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. SSWF AARP Chapter #4751 and District of Columbia Office on Aging will sponsor the Chapter's 4th Annual Community Health and Wellness Fair. River Park Mutual Homes' Community Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW. Open to the entire Washington DC Senior Community, their families and friends. The Health Fair provides health screenings, healthy food choices, yoga and physical fitness exercises, nutrition, legal, visual, hearing, public service information and education and many other services. A box lunch will be available for attendees. Guest Speakers: Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember and the Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

WED 21, 2 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.

THURS 22, 7 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, SW Neighborhood Library Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com. SW Neighborhood Library.

SAT 24, 3 P.M. Movie Madness. Children & families are invited to join us to watch a family-friendly film together. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

MON 26, 7 P.M. The Holocaust as History and Warning. U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, DC 20024. Today, fears that were familiar in Hitler's time are being revived, asserts Yale professor Timothy Snyder. Join us for a discussion of his new book, *Black Earth*, which offers a provocative new perspective on the origins of the Holocaust. Snyder's

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analysis urges us to learn the lessons of the past—and better understand our own nature—before it's too late. Speaker: Timothy Snyder, Housum Professor of History at Yale University. QUESTIONS/CONTACTS: Registration Assistance, 202.488.0460, calendar@ushmm.org. Ticket Price: Free

WED 28, 9:15 am-3:30 pm. George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates Breast Health Screening on the Mammovan. You are eligible if you are age 40 and over, have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months, have not experienced breast symptoms such as a lump or breast pain, do not have breast implants, have not been treated previously for breast cancer and have a primary care physician (medical doctor necessary). Mammograms are free for women who meet financial eligibility requirements. Also participates with most health insurance plans. To make an appointment, call Community Breast Care Navigator Thelma D. Jones at (202) 251-1639 or (202) 488-3746. Please have your doctor's contact information available when calling. Mammovan visit cosponsored by Safeway.

WED 28, 4:30 P.M. Children's Book Club. Children ages 8-12 are invited to join us to discuss a book together. Please call or stop by the Children's Room to find out the latest pick. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

THUR 29, 6:30 P.M. SOCIETY OF THE SPECTACLE: SW Library's Literature Book Club, 6:30 P.M. We will discuss 'The Haunting of Hill House' by Shirley Jackson. SW Neighborhood Library.

THURS 29, 7 P.M. Breast Cancer Awareness – a panel discussion providing information on diagnosis, treatment and recovery. SW Neighborhood Library.

SAT 31, 3 P.M. Halloween Party. Children and families are invited to join us for holiday-themed stories and activities. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SAT 31, 1:15 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion. Copies of this month's selection, "All Aunt Hagar's Children" by Edward P. Jones are available for checkout at the information desk Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

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

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

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M. Monday-Friday, Ages 6-14, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. SW. 202-645-7454. www.dpr.doc.gov

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

AYA COMMUNITY MARKET, 10 A.M.-2 P.M., Saturdays, through November 21st. **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., 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, Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale. 400 Eye Street SW, 202-484-7700.

CHESS with Brett. 4:30-6:30 P.M. Mondays 3rd-6th graders and Fridays, 6th-12 graders. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center 9 "I" Street SW. 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.

Oct 6 — PC Basics

Oct 13 — no class scheduled

Oct 20 — No class scheduled

Oct 27 — Introduction to the Internet

Nov 3 — DC Public Library website

COMPUTER TIME, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday. Open computer use. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center, South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

CREATE AN ONLINE RESUME with LinkedIn, 2:30 P.M., Wednesdays. Join the 21st century and learn how to create and upload a resume online to LinkedIn, an online professional networking site. SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.

DIGITAL DROP-IN, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Tuesdays. Download free books, music, movies and magazines to your device or computer! If you have a question about how your digital device works, let us help you find the answer. SW Neighborhood Library staff will be available every Tuesday to answer your questions and give step-by-step instructions. SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.

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. South Capitol & I (Eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

FAMILY FILMS OUTSIDE SCREENING, 7 P.M. Fridays, Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center. South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground. Bring your lawn chairs, blanket and favorite snacks. Check FACEBOOK for more information.

FOOTBALL, 5-8 P.M., Monday & Friday; 8A.M.-4 P.M. Saturday, Ages 5-14. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

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

HAND DANCING, 12:30-3:30 P.M., Saturdays with Mr. Zeke. Ages 18 & older. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SENIORS, 1-2 P.M., Wednesdays. Ages 55 & older. 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, 1-6 P.M., Thursdays. By Appointment. 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. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW.

KNITTY GRITTY COMMITTEE, 7:30-8:30 P.M. Come join us every 3rd 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 1st & 3rd Saturday, Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Neighborhood Library.

LITTLE FARM STAND-CSA Program & Farmstand, Saturdays. **12-2:00 P.M.** Offering Seasonal Produce May-November at the Duck Pond on 6th & I Sts SW. Free delivery to your doorstep within Washington, DC. Discounted rate for New SW members. www.LittleFarmStand.com

MUSIC MOVE, 6:30 P.M. Thursdays, Ages 3-5. An aerobic dance program incorporating music and dance into a story time program. [No class on 8TH and 22nd]. SW Neighborhood Library.

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 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.

RESUME and COMPUTER ASSISTANCE, 1-3:00 P.M., Wednesdays. SW Neighborhood Library.

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

SKILLS & SCRIMMAGES BASKETBALL, 7-8 P.M., Fridays. Ages 8-14. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751. The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter and the District of Columbia Office on Aging will sponsor the Chapter's 4th Annual Community Health and Wellness Fair on **Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 10:00 am- 2:00 pm** at River Park Mutual Homes' Community Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. **The Health and Wellness Fair** provides health screenings, healthy food choices, yoga and physical fitness exercises, nutrition, legal, visual, hearing, public service information and education and many other services. **GUEST SPEAKERS:** Charles Allen, Ward 6 Council member and the Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia. The Health Fair is open to the entire Washington, DC Senior Community, their families and friends. A box Lunch will be available to attendees. For further information, contact Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, **7 P.M. Mondays,** Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center, South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

SPANISH 101, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday. Self-paced online program. **Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center,** South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

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

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.

VOLLEYBALL, Tuesday & Thursday, 5-6 P.M., Ages 8-13 King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

WALK FOR WELLNESS, 11 A.M. -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.

YOGA FOR TEENS and ADULTS, 7 P.M., Tuesdays, All levels welcome. Presented by Yoga Activists All fitness levels welcome for this free yoga program, with Yoga Activist instructor Mary Koehler. Mats are provided, or you can bring your own. SW Neighborhood Library.

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

YOUNG MEN FUTURE LEADERS, 6-7 P.M., Wednesdays, Ages 6-14. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ZUMBA, 6 P.M. Tuesdays & Thursdays, **FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center,** South Capitol & I (Eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

ZUMBA for Adults 7:30 P.M. Mondays- A fast paced, high energy workout session. [No class on Mon. Oct. 12]. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

Pop-Up Park Takes Over 4th Street SW

These two photos of the DC Office of Planning's pop-up parklet were taken outside the 4th Street CVS by Tamara Vatnick of the DC Office of Planning.



On Sept. 18 a "Pop-up Park" appeared on 4th Street in front of CVS. This particular parklet was set up by the DC Office of Planning, and was one of 34 pop-up parks set up in DC for national Park(ing) Day.

Park(ing) Day allows groups to create a temporary "pop-up" parklet in a metered space typically reserved for on-street parking. The event takes place in cities around the world on the third Friday of September and encourages people to re-think how we allocate public space.



South Korean Artist Makes U.S. Debut at Blind Whino

On October 3, Blind Whino will open the first United States solo exhibition of the Korean illustrator, cartoonist, and animator Kim Jung Gi, titled *Vivid Visions: The Art of Kim Jung Gi*. During the show, the artist will create a hand drawn/illustrated wall mural on site, measuring approximately 36" h x 120" w, comprised of three different panels inspired by *Star Wars*. Art Whino will produce limited edition prints of each of the panels and will make them available for purchase soon after the exhibition opening.

Gi is an established artist from South Korea, whose stunning work has attracted the international attention of millions of fans over recent years. He has the keen ability to visualize his drawings before making any marks, relying on mental images only, using no sketches, nor references to photographs when drawing. Gi illustrates what he sees, working from an absolute photographic memory, creating astounding perspective in his large-scale images, often with a "fisheye" view. Using ballpoint or black felt pens as his tools of choice, he challenges himself to speed sketch images and scenes as quickly as possible, making for mesmerizing time-lapse videos of his drawing process.

Gi's central themes include a mix of reality and fantasy. He depicts soldiers, battles, warriors, samurais, hackers, and snipers. He refer-

Opening Reception: Saturday, Oct. 3 (8 p.m.—Midnight) at 700 Delaware Ave. SW

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Kim Jung Gi Live drawing session: Saturday, Oct. 3 (5 p.m.—8 p.m.)

Exhibition dates: Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 to Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016

Gallery hours: Wednesday to Sunday, Noon—6 p.m.

ences video game culture, spy games, historical and contemporary events, battles, war, insurrection, political unrest, and the shock of the future. Women play an important recurring role in his work, and are often depicted as fighters, militants, protesters and leaders that are strong and powerful, beautiful, sometimes sexy, and always evocative. Often this is in contrast to the testosterone-heavy narratives or scenes he portrays in both urban and rural settings.

During the reception Gi will sign and personalize copies of his different sketchbooks, containing hundreds of pages of drawings. Additional signed copies of his books will be available through the run of the exhibition.

Thanks to...

The Southwest Comm-Unity Forum would like to recognize all the organizations that made the ninth annual "Summer In Lansburgh Park" a huge success: Blind Whino, Friends of SW, the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force, the DC Department of General Services, the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, ANC 6D, and the First District Police Dept.

Student Thanks Community for Trip to Japan

By: Vyllorya Evans (Jawanzah Crockett contributed to this article.)

Jawanzah "Jay" Crockett, a 2015 Wilson High School graduate, went on a three-week journey to Japan to learn Japanese language and culture. During the trip, he met students and adults from all walks of life and from different places around the world. For the first two weeks, Jawanzah studied at the NILS School in Fukuoka, Japan, learning to read, write, and speak Japanese. Classes were held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and for the rest of the day he studied the language and would often venture off into the city with classmates to enjoy lunch and to explore the city. He arrived in Fukuoka during a four-day-long Buddhist holiday. During his third and last week in Japan, Jawanzah traveled to Tokyo, Japan's largest and most popular city, to test his knowledge of Japanese language. In Tokyo, he

explored the city's many attractions, including Shibuya (downtown hub), Akihabara (technology epicenter and main tourist shopping destination), and Shinjuku (small mini-city within Tokyo). Also during his stay in Tokyo, he reconnected with an old friend who was an exchange student in DC a few years earlier. Jawanzah said, "My trip to Japan was great; I loved everything about it. The people are very helpful and treat you as a local. I miss Japan a lot and I hope to go back to study next year. My long-term goal is to become fluent in the Japanese language and pursue a career as a translator and interpreter for businesses."

Jawanzah would like to thank everyone who made his trip possible, including District of Columbia Public Schools, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA), the Southwest Waterfront community, Safeway, Inc., and the Crockett family.

Women's Voices Theater Festival at Arena Stage

By: Sheila Wickouski

The Washington theater season this September and October kicks off a historic first with The Women's Voices Theater Festival. First Lady Michelle Obama will serve as honorary chair of this unprecedented two-month effort.

Arena Stage, led by artistic director Molly Smith, is one of seven originating theaters of the citywide festival, which involves more than 50 professional theater companies. Each of the participating theaters will feature a world-premiere play or musical that was written, devised, or adapted by a female playwright.

In addition, playwrights, directors, performers, artistic leaders, and collaborators will lead discussions and workshops on the local playwrighting landscape, women in musical theater, gender parity, playwrights as hybrid artists, female leaders in the entertainment industry, feminist theater, training for women in stage combat, and the historical silencing of women's voices.

At Arena Stage, these two world premieres promise to provide thoughtful fun.

WHAT: *Destiny of Desire* by Karen Zacarias (until Oct. 18)

WHERE: Kreeger Theater

ABOUT: *Destiny of Desire* is a fast-paced comedy that starts with a stormy night in Mexico when two baby girls—one born for privilege and one into poverty—are switched at birth.

WHAT: *Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End* by Allison Engel and Margaret Engel (Oct. 16–Nov. 8)

WHERE: Arlene and Robert Kogod Cradle

ABOUT: *Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End* is the story behind the beloved award-winning humorist who captured the frustrations of her generation by asking, "If life is a bowl of cherries, what am I doing in the pits?"

SPECIAL EVENT AT ARENA: *Subverting Expectations: Women's Work in Theater*

ABOUT: A discussion with playwrights Allison Engel, Margaret Engel (*Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End*), and Karen Zacarias (*Destiny of Desire*) on October 11, 2015, at 3:30 p.m.

INFORMATION: Festival and Festival-related event visit womensvoicestheaterfestival.org.

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