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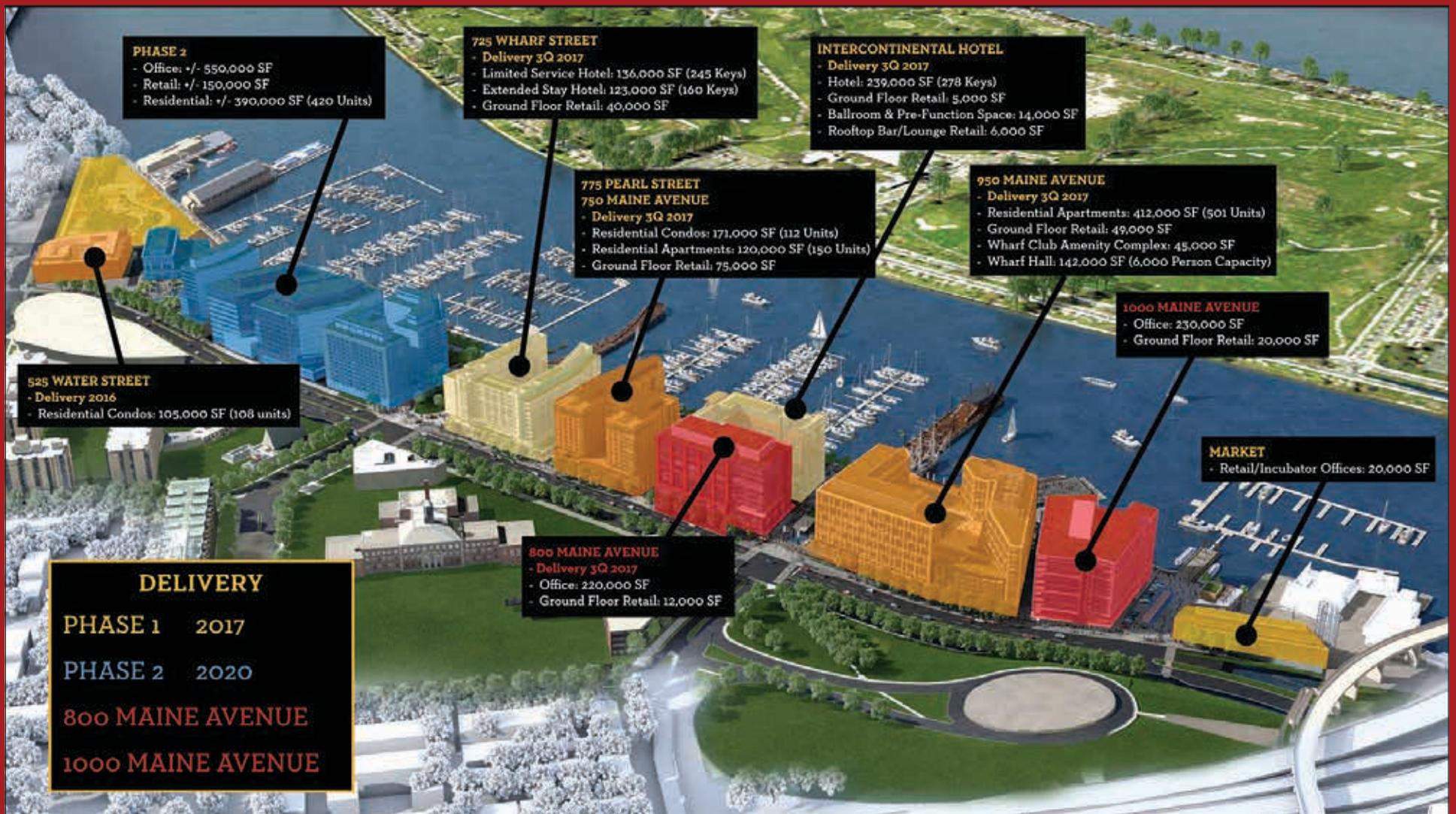
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One Year to Go!

Phase 1 of The Wharf is on track to open Oct. 12, 2017

The Growing List of Restaurants Coming to The Wharf

As The Wharf takes shape, the growing list of food and entertainment options has been hard to keep track of. We hope this list will help:

Five new concepts were added this month, which are:

Eric and Ian Hilton, renowned for creating neighborhood mainstays including Georgetown's Chez Billy Sud and The Gibson along 14th St. NW, will open **The Brighton**, a high-energy waterfront pub.

Chef K.N. Vinod and Surfey Rahman, the DC area-based hospitality veterans behind Indique and Bombay Bistro, after more than a decade of serving diners some of the most celebrated and exciting Indian cuisine in Washington DC and Maryland, will open a new Indian dining concept.

Cathal Armstrong will open **Kaliwa**, a new dining destination with a distinct Filipino, Thai, and Korean menu.

Nick Fontana, Bruce Gates, and Henry Gandy, the team behind DC's original dock



bar, Cantina Marina, are bringing a small-format, live music venue and tavern named Pearl Street Warehouse to the waterfront.

Nick Stefanelli, the chef behind Masseria,

is opening a three-story Italian market and restaurant that will include an 80-seat trattoria, a rooftop bar, an Italian eatery, a butcher shop,

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Mandarin Oriental Selects Amidon-Bowen as 5K Beneficiary

Mandarin Oriental, located at 1330 Maryland Ave SW, announced it selected Amidon-Bowen Elementary School as the beneficiary of the hotel's annual

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Op-ed: Proposal for Historical Marker Commemorating James Creek Canal

Fellow Southwest residents,

May I please present a modest proposal for a historical marker here in the District, which I think would help our residents remember a forgotten bit of our history and would cost very little? For several years I have studied the history of Buzzard Point and in fact published the only history of that area (*Buzzard Point, DC: A Brief History of a Brief Neighborhood*) with the financial support of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and of the Capitol Riverfront BID.

Absolutely all the older remnants of the Buzzard Point area below Q St. except the power plant have disappeared and it is a blank sheet for developers now. (I have written a landmark nomination for the power plant, which has been sponsored to Historic Preser-

vation Review Board by the DC Preservation League.) However, the James Creek Canal and its preceding creek were long associated with the life of that community (it was finally filled in in 1930) and the canal's route is still seen along Canal St. SW.

I would like to suggest that we place a simple bronze plaque along that street, probably along the edge of King Greenleaf Recreation Center to remember the old canal. The C&O Canal in Georgetown is preserved, and the Washington Canal is known both from its lockhouse at 17th and Constitution Ave NW and the new Canal Park in Southwest where it progressed to the Anacostia. A simple plaque—perhaps a very brief explanatory history and even a picture (the Historical Society of Washington, DC has some very good

ones)—would help educate current and new residents of the little-known history of their neighborhood and give the place some sense of heritage.

The James Creek Canal was not a major factor in the District's history but it brought high hopes in its time and was delineated in the L'Enfant Plan. It was, I understand, a rather minor undertaking in our history, but then, I am suggesting only a very modest commemoration of it. I hope you will find this proposal interesting and, naturally, will be happy to talk with you further about the idea.

Yours truly,
Hayden M. Wetzel

Councilmember Charles Allen To Chair Subcommittee on Local Business Development and Utilities

Today DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announced his intention to reorganize the council committees to create a new subcommittee on small business to be chaired by Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen. The subcommittee will have responsibility for several issues impacting small and local businesses and entrepreneurs across DC. The agencies under the subcommittee's purview will include: the Department of Small and Local Business Development, the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, the Public Service Commission, and the Office of People's Counsel.

The new subcommittee will have over-

sight of DC's successful Main Streets programs, operations of the Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), the Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) program, alcoholic beverage licensing and enforcement, and utility and telecommunications regulation.

"While there are only a few months left in this council period, I look forward to chairing this subcommittee for the final months of the year. I plan to focus on supporting our growing local businesses and continued oversight of important programs like CBEs, Main Streets, and BIDs. I'm excited to see the upcoming launch of the Made In DC program, which I authored earlier this year, and talking with our

local entrepreneurs about how to make DC a friendlier place to start and run a successful business," Allen said.

"Local businesses are the engines of our neighborhood economies. They build the character of our communities, activate our streets, and pour their profits back into our neighborhoods by employing nearby residents and sourcing through nearby vendors. With many owners living and working locally, it means our small businesses are closely tied to our neighborhoods and deeply invested in their future. Local business development means creating more local jobs and building stronger neighborhoods," Allen said.

Waterfront Village Ready to Set Sail!

By: Bob Craycraft

The effort to provide supportive services to seniors in the Southwest Waterfront and Navy Yard who wish to age in place in their homes is quickly becoming a reality!

Waterfront Village joins senior villages in Capitol Hill, Dupont Circle, Georgetown, Foggy Bottom, and six other District neighborhoods as part of a national network of nearly 200 such community-based organizations of neighbors helping neighbors, supported by a network of local and national vetted vendors and service providers.

"The Village is a dream come true for me," notes new resident Ann Kurzius, who was recommended to Waterfront Village by her realtor. "Moving from the suburbs into the District was a positive lifestyle change for me that I anticipated for years, but also sort of scary. Thanks to the Village, I had events to go to where I met neighbors and made new friends. It would have taken me years to become so engaged in a new neighborhood—if ever."



contractors are already vetted, and the Village can even set up appointments for us and have a volunteer join us to take notes—something we always forget to do. We figure the Village will keep us in this house an extra 10 years."

Arts lover Jennifer Crier Johnson agrees. "One of the things we love most about living in Southwest is its proximity to the downtown arts community and the Kennedy Center. But, with my mobility problems on the Metro, attendance at some events is becoming ever more limited. With the Village's Metro meet-ups and transportation options, arts events will be much more accessible."

Waterfront Village offers several member benefits, including an events calendar which launched in September. Pending donations and membership goals that the organization's board has set to ensure the Village's financial solvency, the group hopes to launch a Member Services Center in late 2016 and, by early 2017, home and transportation services.

You can help! Tax-deductible donations can be made at www.dewaterfrontvillage.org,

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National Cherry Blossom Festival's Barbara Ehrlich Named Volunteer of the Year

Barbara Ehrlich, an active member of the Southwest DC community, has been named Volunteer of the Year by the International Festival and Events Association (IFEA) for her 25 years of service with the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

Ehrlich played a significant role in the creation of the Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival. Through her dedicated engagement and strong ties to the community, Ehrlich worked with the festival's staff to rally support and participation for the first-ever Fireworks Festival in 2004, which had just 200 attendees. Today, this event attracts more than 50,000 people to the Southwest DC community each spring. As a member of the Southwest Waterfront community as well as a volunteer for the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Ehrlich has joined the neighborhood together as one group of volunteers.



Barbara Ehrlich

"Through Mrs. Ehrlich's efforts, Southwest DC has been named 'the home of the cherry blossoms,'" said Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen. "Through her volunteer efforts for the past 25 years, Mrs. Ehrlich's impact has been an immeasurable contribution to the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC. Without her volunteer efforts, the organization, coordination, and resource development that makes the Southwest DC event so outstanding would be difficult to maintain or grow in the future."

Since 1991, Ehrlich has provided essential support to the festival through her roles on various committees. As a member of the festival's Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Ehrlich has actively participated in strategic and program planning, budgeting, special projects, and more. She currently serves as the board's secretary.

"Barbara exemplifies the National Cherry Blossom Festival's spirit and joy," said Diana Mayhew, president of the National Cherry Blossom Festival. "She is

truly a 'super citizen,' and has been instrumental in the evolution of the festival throughout the years."

Ehrlich also took initiative in coordinating three goodwill trips to Japan. While in Japan, Ehrlich developed relationships with city officials in order to strengthen the festival's legacy of honoring the original 1912 gift of trees from Tokyo. She has since hosted dignitary groups from Japan at her home, providing festival hospitality and developing long-standing relationships. Through these relationships and the groundwork that Ehrlich laid, the festival was able to build a strong foundation and flourish into a world-renowned event.

As this year's Volunteer of the Year winner, Ehrlich will be the guest of the IFEA and Zambelli Fireworks at the IFEA's 61st Annual Convention, Expo & Retreat, Sept. 27-29, 2016 in Tucson, AZ. She will be recognized and presented with her award during the IFEA Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

After Almost a Decade, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Breaks Ground

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, located at 3rd and M Streets SW, broke ground at the site of its future church in Southwest DC on Sunday, Sept. 11. The previous church building, on the same lot, was demolished in 2008. The church hosted a ceremony and invited community members to attend the event, featuring a BBQ lunch, face painting, a balloon artist, games, and a DJ.

The Trammell Crow Company/St. Matthew's/CSG Urban Partners, LLC development team has teamed up to construct a much larger footprint for the new facility in Southwest. The unique worship space will feature a

cafe, educational rooms, a community center, and church offices. The larger portion of the project will be the construction of a 221-unit high-rise apartment building, with 10 percent reserved for affordable units, priced to provide attractive apartments available for rent to professionals such as school teachers, police officers, and DC firefighters.

For the past eight years, St. Matthew's has been worshipping with its sister Evangelical Lutheran Church of America congregation, First Trinity Lutheran Church, near Judiciary Square.

Reading Is Fundamental Celebrates 50 Years of Inspiring Children to Read

Reading is Fundamental (RIF), the nation's largest children's literacy organization, celebrated its 50th anniversary of inspiring children to read, learn, and grow by hosting a virtual birthday party at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School in Washington, DC. Award-winning singer and actress Jordin Sparks; passionate advocate, actor, and musician Tray Chaney; and notable children's author Tara Lazar joined DC councilmembers, parents, and DC Public School officials to commemorate the milestone. The event featured live performances, a "Happy Birthday" sing along, a children's story read aloud, and birthday cake for fourth grade students. In addition, all the students at the school received birthday-inspired activities and free books, including Dr. Seuss' *Happy Birthday to You!* and Tara Lazar's *Normal Norman*. The anniversary celebration was sponsored by State Farm[®], who made a \$10,000 donation for books for the school library.

"Since 1966, RIF has been an important and influential voice in support of children's literacy and, in partnership with a grassroots network of hundreds of thousands of RIF volunteers in schools and communities nationwide, we have impacted the lives of more than 40 million children," noted Alicia Levi, president and CEO of RIF. "Communities and government officials across the country took part in today's celebration by issuing a RIF Day Proclamation to recognize the amazing impact RIF has on the lives of children."

The story of RIF began half a century ago with a simple yet innovative idea—deliver free books to children who don't have one to call their own. Since Margaret McNamara first founded RIF in 1966, the organization has become an important and influential voice in support of children's literacy.

"I love to read books and as a child, I would

stay up way past my bedtime and read in my bed with a flashlight," singer Sparks said. "Having the opportunity to inspire the students at Amidon-Bowen and others of all ages who tuned in proves to show just how much I believe in Reading Is Fundamental's mission. I am incredibly honored to support them."

"I am a huge fan of Reading is Fundamental and the work they do to improve reading skills for kids," noted actor and musician Chaney. "As a father, I know first-hand the importance of reading aloud to children and helping them discover the adventures found in a good book. I truly believe we can all make a difference in the lives of young people simply by reading together."

"As a children's author, I know not every child has a book at home to read. That's why it was so much fun to see the kids dive in to the free books they received as part of Reading Is Fundamental's 50th anniversary celebration," said *Normal Norman* author Lazar. "Ensuring kids have access to books is vitally important to setting them on a path to read and learn and I'm so glad to be part of RIF's rich legacy."

For schools and community organizations who were not able to join in the live broadcast, a recorded version is available on RIF.org/50. Parents, teachers, and program coordinators can continue the emphasis on literacy by downloading free birthday-themed literacy activities to extend learning. In addition, book lovers can promote reading by taking an online pledge to read books to a special child in your life and downloading RIF's free 50 e-book library provided by ustyme. *Normal Norman* books were supplied by Sterling Publishing and *Happy Birthday to You!* books were supplied by Penguin Random House to all the students at Amidon-Bowen to own and take home.

A full array of photos from the live broadcast and RIF Day events can be viewed via Flickr.



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SWNA Computer-for-Kids Classes Held Over the Summer

By: Jenelle Leonard

This summer, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force (SWNA YATF) conducted a Computer Training Program for Kids at the James Creek Resident Council computer center from July 26 to Aug. 11. The nearly four-week training program provided basic computer training that included hardware, software, keyboarding, internet overview, and a brief intro to the Microsoft Suite of products—Windows, Word, and PowerPoint. The students, who ranged in age from 5–14 years old, worked toward completing their PowerPoint presentation by end of the session. Classes were held twice a week from noon to 1:30 p.m. with students being served a healthy snack at the end of each session. Each student receives a desktop computer similar to the one he or she trained on during the program, with a limit of one computer per household.

Eleven students completed the program with nearly perfect attendance. They were prompt and often so engaged in their work that they stayed after class. Some even said they would practice keyboarding at home on their keyboard handout. As they discovered new tips and techniques, they would get so excited. It was a joy to watch them work on their individual projects and share their work with other students and even adults. Their creativity and individualism were illustrated in their work. It was also a great opportunity for the students to learn more about how to use computers both for school and at home. They really enjoyed spending time in the computer



Photo: Perry Klein

lab at James Creek as a way to productively pass the time away during the hot summer days.

The culminating activity was a graduation ceremony held on Friday, Aug. 19 at King Greenleaf Recreation Center for students completing the program, including Dequan Banks, Akeyla Collins, Manaya Collins, Serena Cross, Vernita Hagans, Marcell Reynolds,

Terrence Turner, Breana Vann, William Wilson, Willow Wilson, and Wesley Yates.

More than 50 proud parents, relatives, and friends attended the graduation ceremony and reception. Quantay Oliver, housing manager at James Creek, brought greetings and inspiring words of encouragement to the students. Featured speaker Joe Paul, an author and leadership strategist, shared a message that was

powerfully motivating and uplifting. Paul is also founder of the Student Leadership Boot Camp, a leadership and professional development training organization dedicated to creating mission- and vision-driven student leaders across the world.

Special thanks to the site coordinator, Christine Spencer, who was instrumental

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(Registration for competitions available on site)

Pumpkin Palooza is a FREE community event produced by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront in partnership with On Tap Magazine and Cantina Marina. Please consider walking, taking Metro, using Capital BikeShare or alternate means of transportation, as no public parking is available at The Wharf. The event is located at 600 Water Street SW and is within four blocks of the L'Enfant Plaza and Waterfront Metrorail stops. The Wharf is a new, mixed-use, waterfront development led by PN Hoffman and Madison Marquette that is now under construction. The first phase of The Wharf will open on October 12, 2017. When complete, The Wharf will feature approximately three million square feet of new residential, office, hotel, retail, cultural, and public uses including waterfront parks, promenades, piers, and docks. More information is online at www.wharfdc.com. General information is available at 202-688-3590.



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Florida.

In this lecture, Lt. Col. Mau will discuss her journey accumulating more than 2,300 hours in the F-15E and F-35A, in her presentation *Views from the Cockpit of the F-35*.

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Fifth grade authors with Amidon-Bowen Principal Tamikka Sykes.

Back to School

My name is Aanisah Myers. I am a fifth grader at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School. Getting back to school was exciting. I am mostly excited about meeting our new principal, Ms. Sykes, also advancing in math and reading! Math is my favorite subject. I also like reading and writing because you can express yourself after reading a book. So far, my classes are going well because I am learning more

every day.

For example, in reading we are learning about inventors and the characteristics of successful inventors. The first day of school we learned about the famous inventor Archimedes. Archimedes studied physics and mathematics. He was one of the greatest mathematicians of all time.

I want this to be my best year at Amidon-Bowen!

COMPUTER-FOR-KIDS

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in facilitating and scheduling the program, recruiting neighborhood students, and providing student assistants Dayonna Queen and Asia Spencer. Also, thanks to SWNA Technology Task Force Chair Perry Klein for his leadership efforts in the maintenance and upgrade

of the James Creek computer lab's equipment, and for delivering nine refurbished computers to the students' families. Thanks to YATF Chair Thelma D. Jones for her guidance, support, and securing dynamic speakers for the graduation ceremony.

Applications are being accepted now for the next Computer Training Program for Kids, slated to start in early October.

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Photo courtesy of Rayna C. Richardson.

Sassy. Sweet. Unique.

That's the catchy tagline for PinUp Preserves, the Southwest Farmer's Market's newest vendor. PinUp Preserves' business owner, Rayna C. Richardson, was on her way to work at Arena Stage when she



her kitchen, Rayna had to ask herself, "Where does this fit into my life?" Lucky for us, Rayna started PinUp Preserves a little more than a year ago to great success!

Rayna credits her entrepreneurial skills to her freelancing experience, which has many parallels to running a business. Over the years, she has learned how to identify good business opportunities and how to scale up production without compromising quality, all while bringing artistic creativity and vision to her branding and production. Balancing PinUp Preserves and her job as a costume technician at Arena can be challenging, but Rayna says the rewards more than make up for a busy lifestyle.

While growing up on Long Island in New York, Rayna learned an appreciation for hand craftsmanship with her family. They often spent quality time together making things from scratch—cooking baked goods and family meals or knitting sweaters and blankets. It's no surprise that when Rayna started making jams, she also developed creative new recipes and made enough to give cans away as holiday gifts. But when the jam started taking over

PinUp Preserves will be at the Southwest Farmer's Market every Saturday this fall until the end of our market season on Nov. 19. There, you can find Rayna selling all-natural jams and preserves made with locally sourced ingredients from Great Country Farms (VA) and Ryan's Fruit Market (VA). You can also follow @pinuppreserves on Facebook and Instagram, as well as visit their website at www.pinuppreserves.com.

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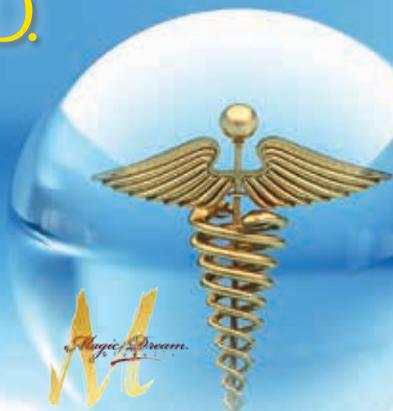
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The Woman Behind SW Farmer's Market's Sun World Sun Stall

While strolling through the Southwest Farmer's Market on a Saturday morning, you can often smell the distinct fragrance of coffee pan-roasting at the Sun World Sun Market stall. There, customers steal quiet moments together over a plate of Ethiopian food and traditionally prepared coffee or iced ginger tea. Owner Alemtsehay Adnew frequently sits with her customers during their meal, sharing tidbits of her life story while answering questions from passing customers about the spice mixes, imported textiles, clothing, and jewelry colorfully arranged on her market tables.

Alem is originally from Dessie, Ethiopia, where her mother taught her to cook at a young age. Alem's love for feeding others influenced her entrepreneurial pursuits in her home country before seeking refuge in the United States. Selling Ethiopian wares in DC was just a dream when Alem approached the Latino Economic Development Center in 2015 to seek business development support. That's when she met Chris Bradshaw, Dreaming Out Loud, Inc.'s (DOL) executive director and founder of the Southwest Farmer's Mar-



Dreaming Out Loud fellow Molly McFarland.

ket. Alem joined DOL as a market vendor last year, and has been working with DOL

to the human, financial, and social capital needed to help marginalized community members create economic opportunity for themselves and their neighborhoods. Alem's first step as a DREAM-er was securing DOL's endorsement for a KIVA Zero Interest Loan. DOL offered technical support to Alem during the application process, and she received a \$2,500 crowd-funded KIVA ZIP loan to obtain essential supplies for her business. Alem purchased new market and catering equipment to use at farmer's markets, as well as at catered events.

For Alem, the real motivation behind Sun World Sun Market is providing for her children in the United States and Ethiopia. She hopes to eventually run the business full-time, so she has more financial freedom and free time to spend with her family. In her words, "I am proud and grateful that I have been able to follow my dreams and start this business. DOL has helped me take my business to the next level and truly demonstrate to myself what I and my business are capable of!"

ever since to develop Sun World Sun Market as a viable business and income source for her family.

Earlier this year, Alem asked Chris whether there was a way for DOL to help her expand the business. Chris told her about DOL's Ready for Entrepreneurship Accelerator Modules (DREAM) program. DREAM aims to create an ecosystem of support that provides access

So if you're craving freshly roasted Ethiopian-style coffee, you can find Alem at the Southwest Farmer's Market on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (425 M St SW, across from Waterfront Metro Station). She is sure to greet you with a smile and a gracious offer to sit, relax, and commune over the best cup of coffee in Southwest DC.

Arena Theater Lights Dimmed for Zelda Fichandler

Zelda Fichandler (1924-2016) was an extraordinary woman who not only was the co-founder and first artistic director of Arena Stage, but whose influence on American regional theater is legendary.

In memory of Zelda Fichandler, Arena Stage dimmed the theater lights before the start of *Born For This: The BeBe Winans Story* on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m. That day marked the 66th anniversary of Arena Stage's first performance: *She Stoops to Conquer* on Aug. 16, 1950.

Memorial events planned at Arena in October are:

- *The Words of a Visionary*, in the Molly Smith Study on Sunday, Oct 23 from 2 to 7 p.m., and
- *A Memorial Service*, at The Fichandler Stage on Monday, Oct. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Further information about the memorial events will be announced on Arena's website: <http://www.arenastage.org/zelda/index.shtml>



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Thelma D. Jones Receives Top Volunteer Award for Excellence in Cancer Advocacy

Thelma D. Jones was named the State Lead Ambassador (SLA) of the Year by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) for her tireless volunteer and advocacy efforts to help make cancer a national priority.

This annual award is presented to a volunteer who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in advocating for cancer-related public policy.

“As the ACS CAN lead ambassador in the District, Thelma has inspired her fellow residents to advocate for the many cancer patients and survivors in Washington, DC and across the country,” said Chris Hansen, president of ACS CAN. “We are grateful for Thelma’s outstanding contributions to public policies that can reduce death and suffering from cancer.”

ACS CAN is the nation’s largest cancer advocacy organization and supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. As the lead volunteer ambassador for DC, Jones works with lawmakers, staff members, and other volunteers to set legislative campaign goals for the state.

As a volunteer advocate for ACS CAN Jones participated in the National Moonshot Summit with Vice President Joe Biden at Howard University this past June. She has spoken to members of Congress alongside Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as part of the ACS CAN One Degree Campaign; served as a panelist on the topic of breast cancer with Dr. Jill



Thelma D. Jones (center) is flanked by (left to right) Amber Stevens, state lead ambassador from Louisiana; Gary Reedy, CEO, American Cancer Society and ACS CAN; Chris Hansen, president of ACS CAN; and Jeff Martin, senior director, field advocacy training for ACS CAN.

Biden and Kathleen Sebelius, who was serving as secretary of health and human services at the time; and has been nominated as a White House Champion of Change.

Jones founded a breast cancer support group in Washington, DC to provide people with a supportive and safe space to share information and discuss their diagnosis for the first

time. The group has been named the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Support Group.

The award was presented on Sept. 11 in Washington, DC as part of the annual ACS CAN Leadership Summit and Lobby Day. More than 700 cancer patients, survivors, and their loved ones traveled to the nation’s capital to meet with their elected officials and urge them to make cancer a national priority.

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a cheese counter, and a bakery. Stefanelli’s yet-to-be-named Italian market has an anticipated opening of Spring 2018.

These five new restaurants add to a growing list that includes:

Potomac Distilling Company, a multi-story rum distillery with an inventive new twist on a Tiki Bar from “master mixologist” Todd Thrasher.

Del Mar by James Beard Award-winning chef Fabio Trabocchi will pay homage to the seaside town of Mallorca. The two-level waterfront Spanish and seafood restaurant is destined to become a standout in the DC restaurant scene.

Hank’s On the Water by Jamie Leeds, one of Washington’s most highly recognized chefs, is a reinvention of her famed Hank’s Oyster Bar. Hank’s On The Water will be known for its simple, approachable seafood menu, consisting of “urban beach food” in small and

large plates for sharing—in an incomparable waterfront setting along 7th Street Park and Wharf Street.

Rappahannock Oyster Bar, by cousins and fourth-generation oyster farmers of Chesapeake Bay Travis and Ryan Croxton, will open. The new location will occupy the restored historic oyster shed (circa 1912) at the Municipal Fish Market and will have 40 seats indoors and another 80 outdoors.

Requin by *Top Chefs* Mike Isabella and *Top Chef* finalist Jennifer Carroll will open. Their restaurant, situated on the edge of District Pier, will bring the Mediterranean coast of France to The Wharf. The riverside restaurant will have an extensive European wine menu and a social-centric sharing menu. The restaurant’s indoor-outdoor setting will have expansive waterfront views.

Kirwan’s by Ireland native Mark Kirwan will be an authentic Irish pub that will honor the rich Irish heritage of the Southwest Waterfront. Live Irish music will complement the convivial scene.

The Village Board of Directors would like to express their thanks to Friends of Southwest DC and The JBG Companies, owners of L’Enfant Plaza, for their underwriting of the majority of the Village’s legal, regulatory, and technology startup costs.

Bob Craycraft is a Village volunteer and acts as the organization’s registered agent. He may be reached at info@dcwaterfrontvillage.org or 202-656-1834.

WATERFRONT

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where you can also provide critical seed money by becoming a member. (Your benefits start immediately but your 12-month membership term only begins when your benefits package is fully activated.) You can also add your name to a growing list of neighbors willing to help as volunteer drivers, friendly companions, and administrative support.

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MON 3 7 P.M. "In the Arena," an occasional discussion series. This discussion, featuring **The Little Foxes** by Lillian Hellman. Copies of the play are available for checkout at the Information desk. Southwest Library.

WED 5 4:30 P.M. Karaoke Club. Children ages 6-12 and their families are invited to join us in karaoke singing. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SAT 8 12 noon-1.30 P.M. YOGA NIDRA at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 "I" St SW. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation, including a focus self-healing. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net.

SAT 8 3-5 P.M. Anacostia Community Museum Rhythm Café presents: Michael Bowie Quintet-Latin Music Tribute. **7-9 P.M. Faith & Film Presents:** Traces of the Trade (A Story from the Deep North). Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street, SW.

SAT 8 10:30 A.M. Drive in Theatre. Children ages 3-6 are invited to join us in the Children's Room to build a box car and watch a short movie. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SUN 9 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.

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

SAT 15 10 A.M.-4 P.M.- Racial Awareness and Mindfulness Festival of the Arts. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 15 3 P.M. - Wii CLUB, Children ages 6-12, are invited to join us to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

MON 17 7 P.M. - ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4th Street SW, 2nd floor. DCRA meeting room, at 7pm. Agenda at www.anc6d.org

WED 19 10 A.M.-2 P.M. - The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter and the District

of Columbia Office on Aging will sponsor the Chapter's 5th Annual Community Health, Wellness and Information Fair at River Park Mutual Home's South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue, SW. The Fair provides: Hands-On CPR Training, Medical Professionals, Health Screenings, Yoga and Physical Fitness Exercises, Nutrition, Dental, and Legal Services, Visual and Hearing Screenings, Fire Safety, Public Service Information and Education and many other Services. **GUEST SPEAKER: Charles Allen, Ward 6 Council Member. The Health Fair is open to the entire Washington, DC Senior Community, their families,** neighbors and friends. A box Lunch will be provided to attendees. For further information, contact Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

WED 19 4:30 P.M. - LEGO CLUB. Children ages 4-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SAT 22 3:00 P.M. Build-it Studio. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us in creative, hands-on fun building structures using everyday materials. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SUN 23 3-5 P.M. "Choraleers" Senior Citizen Anniversary Concert (SE Seniors Wellness Center). Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SUN 23 4:00 P.M. - A BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS In front of the NEW St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Building, 555 Water Street SW (across from Arena Stage). All creatures great and small welcome! Treats for animals and their humans will be served!

WED 26 4:30 P.M. Wii Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

WED 26 7:30 P.M., Dancing Mindfulness-meditation and movement, SW Library.

THURS 27 7:00 P.M. - ABC Committee, ANC6D. Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. To be added to e-mail list for questions, agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com. King Greenleaf Rec Center, 201 N Street, SW.

FRI 28 3:00 P.M. Spooky Movie Marathon. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join

us for Halloween movies! Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SAT 29 1:00-3 P.M.- Thinking About Jazz presents Horace Silver: Getting to the Nitty Gritty. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 29 3:00 P.M. Halloween Party. Children are invited to join us for Halloween stories & crafts! Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SAT 29 1 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion, Copies of this month's title, **District Comics** ed. by Matt Dembicki, are available for checkout at the information desk..

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A/A Meeting, 7-8 P.M. - Wednesdays, Ages 18 & up. King Greenleaf Recreation Center,

201 N St. SW. 202-645-7454

ADULT RECREATION, 10 A.M. - Noon, Saturdays, Ages 18 & up, King Greenleaf Recreation Center,

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

202-645-7454.

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

ARTY AFTERNOON, 3:00 P.M., Tuesdays through Aug. 16. Join us in the Children's Room for fun arts and crafts. For children ages 4-12. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

BABY/TODDLER STORYTIME 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 Library.

BINGO for SENIORS, 1 - 3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, ages 55 & up, Gary Williams, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

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

BOOK CLUB, 7 P.M. every second Thursday at River Park. Book to read: TBA. Con-

tact Gale Dunn Kaufmann 202-484-8432 or Email galekaufmann@verizon.net

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.

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

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

COMPUTER CLASSES, 12 - 2 P.M., Tuesdays, SW Library.

October 4 - Email Basics

October 11 - No Class scheduled

October 18 - No Class scheduled

October 25 - Microsoft Word

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

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

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

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL, 5 - 6 P.M. Tuesdays. King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

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

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

KING GREENLEAF BOYS BASKETBALL Season, Ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10. And 11-12. Call to sign up. Contact Paul or Michael 202-645-7545. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

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

Komen Toastmasters, 10:30- Noon. First and third Saturday of each month. Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills?

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Community Calendar

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Peninsula 88 Coming to Buzzard Point

The maxim is “Little flower farms do not last forever,” right? Or maybe, nothing (meri)gold can stay. “I’m grateful to Capital City Real Estate for the opportunity to build DC’s first urban flower farm on their land,” said the Little Flower Farm’s Founder Steph Clark, and what a success it has been. A land that sat undisturbed from nothing more than a few dry docked boats for years turned a muted peninsula into a vibrant, yet quiet, corner.

The owners of the land hope to keep that same spirit with their coming project, Peninsula 88. With hopes to deliver the project in 2018, Capital City Real Estate’s Director of Acquisitions & Development Jerry Zayets said, the condominium building “will be a quiet oasis that’s close to the hustle and bustle of the city, but it is removed at the same time. You can have the urban lifestyle but have a quiet escape, too.” Zayets hopes the “spa-like oasis” will reconnect District residents with the water again. From a green roof to storage space for residents’ kayaks and standup paddleboards, Peninsula 88 should be far enough from the DC United stadium to minimize the sound but also farther than the 75 feet from the bulkhead so as to allow for underground parking for residents. Only time will tell. Until then it is best to stop and smell the flowers.

More information can be found at <http://www.peninsula88.com/>



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FANTastic March, a 5K fundraiser.

On Saturday, Oct. 29 at 9 a.m., hotel colleagues and guests will lace up for the Sixth Annual FANTastic March. The race begins at the hotel’s front drive and winds around the National Mall before returning to the hotel for a celebratory breakfast and silent auction at approximately 11 a.m.

The fee to participate in the walk is \$45 per person and includes pre-race snacks and stretching session, event t-shirt, and post-race breakfast.

In addition to the 5K run/walk, hotel colleagues will also hold various charitable events internally, such as raffles, snack sales, car washes, silent auctions, and more. The funds raised by Mandarin Oriental, Washington DC will be used to assist the school in their mission to deliver a safe and nurturing

environment that sets high expectations for its students and provides them with the tools to attain academic success.

We are delighted to once again provide much-needed support to our local area schools. In 2012, the hotel’s charitable efforts raised more than \$40,000 to help rebuild the Title 1 School’s library. This year’s funds will go toward the purchase of computer carts, providing computer access to all students. The carts allow up to 30 laptops to be secured,

recharged, and rolled from classroom to classroom. Currently, the school’s computer lab only has 25 desktop computers and a limited number of computers spread across the classrooms.

**REGISTER FOR THE EVENT
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CALENDAR

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Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Feel free to visit us and see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Library, basement, 202-724-4752.

NARFE: The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association **1:30-2:30 P.M.** meets the fourth Thursday of the month, September through May at the SW Library.

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

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

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

SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK at Westminster Presbyterian, **MONDAYS from 11:00 A.M. - 12 noon** and **WEDNESDAYS from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster’s Wellness program.

SENIOR ARTS & CRAFTS, 2-3 P.M., TUESDAY - King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-554-7945.

SOUTHWEST DC FARMERS MARKET 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. every Saturday thru Nov. 19, 2016 Location: 425 M Street SW across from the Waterfront Metro Station (green line).

Farmers/Vendor profile: 12-15 vendors; diversified products from coffee, meat/eggs, baked goods, prepared foods, farmers.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751. Monthly Meetings are held every third Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Current AARP members, prospective members and visitors are welcome. Costs: \$5.00 for lunch. River Park Mutual Homes Community Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert, bettyjeantolbert-jones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

SPOOKY STORIES, Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M. Join us in the evening to hear us tell spooky stories. Designed for children ages 9 to 12. SW Library.

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7 - 8 P.M., Wednesdays, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 “I” (Eye) Street SW.

TEEN GAME NIGHT, including Wii, 7 - 8:15

P.M., Thursdays, Ages 13-18. SW Library.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB, 7 - 9 P.M., First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments. SW Library Community Room. (basement)

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

YOUNG MEN FUTURE LEADERS, 5 - 6 P.M., Wednesdays, Michael Wilson, Ages 6-12. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ZUMBA, 7:30-8:30 P.M. Mondays, Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31. No class scheduled on Oct. 10th due to Columbus Day holiday observance. Come join the party! Instructor Roshaunda Jenkins will lead this one-hour fitness and dance workout — all fitness levels welcome. The class is free and no registration is required. Dance your way to fitness! SW Library.

SW Residents Respond to Change Through Playwriting and Visual Art

By: Jeff Gilliland,
Communications
Associate, Young
Playwrights' Theater

What is Southwest DC? What do the past, present, and future of the neighborhood look like to its residents, as the community changes around them? These questions and more lie at the heart of Crossing the Street: SW Is..., a new public arts project underway in Southwest, led by local arts educator Young Playwrights' Theater (YPT).

SW Is... is part of Crossing the Street, a District-wide creative placemaking initiative sponsored by the DC Office of Planning (DCOP). As the DCOP prepares to release an updated DC Comprehensive Plan and the first-ever DC Cultural Plan later this year, they have engaged 15 local nonprofits to curate projects fostering civic interaction in neighborhoods experiencing rapid demographic and social change. YPT was selected as the curator for Southwest, and has spent months canvassing the neighborhood, organizing community leaders, and asking residents, "What is Southwest?"

SW Is... officially launched on Aug. 20, and has already engaged Southwesterers of all ages in a conversation about life in the area. "Southwest is a very diverse neigh-

borhood, filled with people from various backgrounds who are united by their sense of community," says YPT Creative Programs Director Thembi Duncan, who is spearheading the project. "We are honored to give residents, especially young people, a space to share their thoughts and feelings creatively."

The project has taken the form of free, all-ages playwriting workshops in com-

munity spaces around the neighborhood, along with interactive public art pieces designed by local artist Asha Santee. Keep an eye out for the interactive art pieces in October! SW Is... will culminate in a performance event on **Saturday, Oct. 22**. From noon to 3 p.m., professional actors and community members will read theatrical pieces inspired by Southwest at important sites around the neighborhood.

Southwest DC.

Share your thoughts on social media. Tweet, Facebook, or Instagram @YPTDC with the hashtag #CrossingtheStreetSW to get in on the conversation!

For more information about SW Is..., visit yptdc.org/Events/SpecialProjects. Let your word be heard, Southwesterers!

Afterward, all are invited to gather in The Lot for a festive celebration of Southwest's history and culture. **All SW Is... events are free, family friendly, and open to the public!**

Want to take part in Crossing the Street: SW Is...? Though writing workshops have already ended, there are still many ways to get involved with the project:

Visit the art installations in October! The main piece will be near The Lot, with others scattered around Southwest. All installations will allow visitors to interact and engage creatively. Post your photos on social media using the hashtag #CrossingtheStreetSW!

Come to the final performance! Bring your family to the North Lot (behind the Safeway complex) on Oct. 22 for a day of fun, fellowship, and art dedicated to



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