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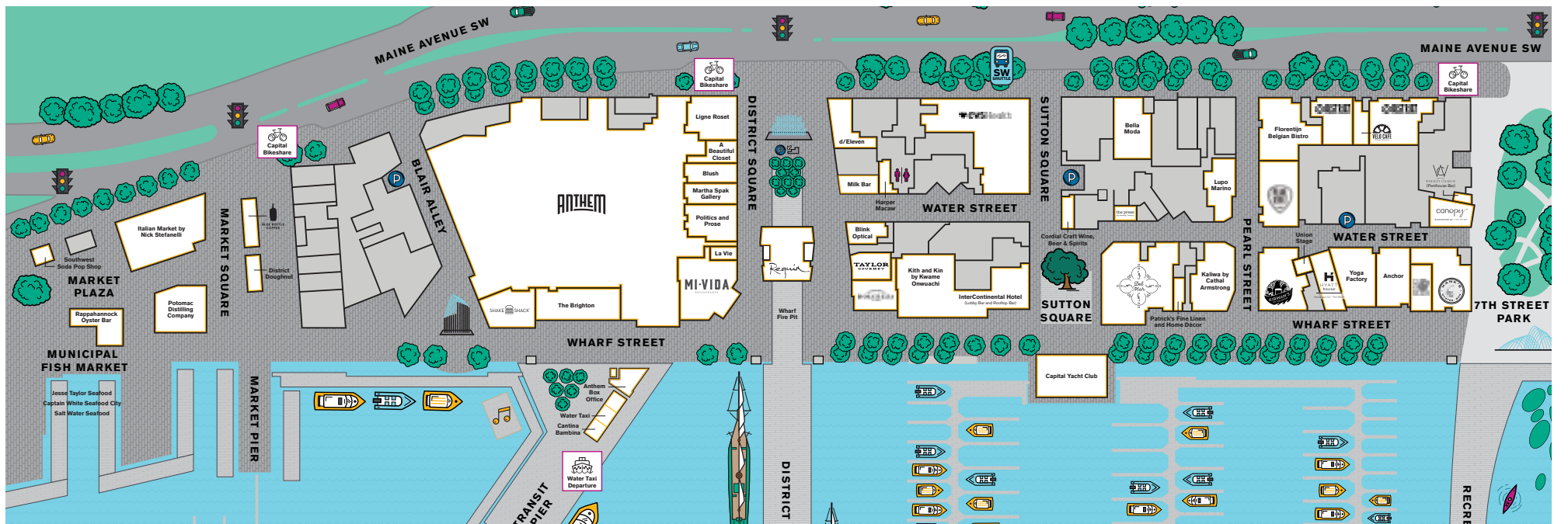
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On Oct. 12, The Wharf finally opens along the Washington Channel in Southwest Washington, DC. Image credit: Illustration courtesy of The Wharf

IT'S HERE: THE WHARF OPENS

BY: SHANNON VAUGHN

After more than a decade of starts and stops, The Wharf finally arrives. On Oct. 12, the Southwest waterfront will begin a new era bringing the nation's waterfront on par with other great waterfront cities.

As professor Robert Lewis says, "Washington has comparatively little residential, commercial, or cultural structures occupying its shorelines. A few developments, such as the Watergate complex and Kennedy Center, have river views and proximity but without river connectivity." The Wharf has both proximity and river connectivity. The 60-foot-wide Wharf Street promenade will separate the Washington Channel from the capital's most anticipated venture in decades.

TRANSIT

The Wharf will be served from the water's edge for patrons coming or going. Public docking will allow guests arriving by water to tie up and visit the many shops along the promenade. For those looking to escape by water, they will be able

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to take the **Water Taxi** from Transit Pier to Nationals Park, National Harbor, Old Town Alexandria, or Georgetown. There is also a free **Wharf Jitney** from the Recreation Pier to ride across to East Potomac Park.

District Pier, The Wharf's largest pier is a dramatic gathering place and backdrop to festivals. Market Pier is for direct waterside access for boaters and visitors to the Market Square and the Municipal Fish Market. Besides the Water Taxi, Transit Pier is a bustling launch pad that will also have a number of things to do, from live concerts to ice skating in the winter. Patrons will be able to rent kayaks and paddleboards from the public-access **Recreation Pier** (or bring your own), and take them directly onto the water.

On the Maine Avenue side of the mile-long venture, Capital Bikeshare will add two new docks open at 9th St. SW and near the **Fish Market**, joining the current dock near Arena Stage/Gangplank Marina.

The Southwest Shuttle will offer free rides to L'Enfant Plaza Metro/VRE station (7th St. and Maryland Ave. SW), the National Mall (7th St. at Independence Ave. SW), and L'Enfant Plaza/International Spy Museum (10th St. SW).

GREEN SPACE

The Wharf is home to 10 acres of parks and open green spaces as well as four distinct piers for recreation and transpor-

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A Letter from the President of SWNA

BY: BRUCE LEVINE, SWNA PRESIDENT

As we prepare to enter into a new chapter in the history of our Southwest neighborhood with the opening of The Wharf on Oct. 12, I am pleased to announce to you the new Board of Directors of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA). Our organizational mission is to work to enhance the quality of life of all Southwest residents and I think we are now particularly well-positioned to do that.

We announced earlier this year that we would transition to a new organizational structure by which a sitting board would identify and vote on candidates to fill vacancies, and this year, we had the simultaneous task of reducing the size of our board to seven members. The result of our recruitment process is that the following Southwest residents have been voted onto the SWNA board and will be installed in October:

Joe Paul
Donna Purchase (incumbent)
Nicole Renard
Andrew Roszak
Lisa Taylor

I will continue in the position of president for the next year, after which the board will elect someone to serve a two-year stint. Another individual who was elected will not be able to serve and so we will be electing another board member soon.

Even as our new board organizes and undertakes strategic planning, look for continued and enhanced communications online and via *The Southwester*—yes, this newspaper is published by SWNA—to build community in Southwest, to keep our citizenry well informed, and to make sure our dynamic quadrant remains the uniquely desirable location that it is today.

Westminster to Screen *The Good Breast* in Honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In observation of Breast Cancer Month, Westminster Presbyterian Church's Faith & Film Ministries is partnering with the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund in presenting the documentary *The Good Breast*, an official selection of the 2016 Bentonville Film Festival.

The documentary shares the diverse emotional journeys of four women and their surgeon as they face the challenges of breast cancer. Their experiences reveal



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how the breast is far more than just an organ, but contains within it all the history, suffering, and power of female identity. In the documentary, veteran surgeon Dr. Lauren Schnaper advocates for breast conservation and debunks breast cancer myths. She believes that fear, ignorance, and pink-ribbon culture are fueling an explosive rate of unnecessary mastectomies in the United States. The story blends medical archival footage with extensive "collateral damage" suffered by the strikingly different women who undergo post-mastectomy breast reconstruction. These women allow us to have intimate access to their search for the "good breast."

Introducing the film and facilitating questions and discussion following will be the film's director, professor Berna-

dette Wegenstein. She is an Austrian-born linguist, author, and professor at Johns Hopkins University, where she is also the founder and director of the Center for Advanced Media Studies. Her past documentaries include *Made Over in America* and *See You Soon Again*. "I decided to situate the film exactly in that vulnerable gray zone between medical practice and lived experience," she said, "looking for a dialogue between the two."

The documentary will be shown at Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 400 I St. SW on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Seating starts at 6:30 p.m. and the introduction and showing of the film begins at 7 p.m.

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Politics and Prose Offers Free Trial Store Memberships to SW Residents

Politics and Prose, DC's premier independent bookstore, has announced the opening of a new location at The Wharf! The store will occupy about 2,300 square feet in what's being called District Square, alongside an impressive array of other tenants—including 6,000-capacity music venue The Anthem. Politics and Prose has an impressive array of author events lined up for the fall, and is offering free trial store memberships to Southwest residents. For more information please visit politics-prose.com.

Kirwan's, a True Irish Pub

BY: SHANNON VAUGHN

When owner Mark Kirwan describes his Irish pub coming to The Wharf, he says, "I put my name on it so you know I believe in it. This is a real Irish feeling, not a Disneyland Ireland experience." And that holds true, down to the pictures on the walls of Kirwan and his family.

Kirwan's Irish Pub is anything but a bar-in-a-box. The interior décor was handmade in Ireland, shipped over in four shipping containers via the Baltimore harbor, and installed by Irish carpenters. The blend of salvaged and new wood mixed with the Irish floor tiles and light fixtures gives this pub a truly Irish feel.

A slight nautical theme throughout the bar pays homage to Southwest. That nod comes thanks to all the time Kirwan spent at the Library of Congress researching the Irish and Scottish coming to the Southwest waterfront when it was a trading port and home to many of the city's poorest, long before the Urban Renewal of the 1960s.

It has been a long time coming, says Navy Yard resident Kirwan, who was the first tenant to sign a letter of intent with The Wharf six years ago. The Irish gastro-pub was awarded an excellent location at

749 Wharf St. SW at the corner of Pearl St.

The pub will include two patios along the water on either side of Wharf St. The three bars inside the restaurant will serve traditional Irish food with a twist. The combination of prime steaks and in-house ground burgers mixed with fish and chips will offer patrons the option of either a quality sit-down meal or a quick bite to eat. The menu will "strongly emphasize local foods," Kirwan says.

The downstairs bar will compete with the upstairs bar with open views of the Channel, and will even feature three fireplaces. Be sure not to overlook the whiskey bar in the back of the restaurant, which will offer many Irish favorites that are not easy to come by in the District.

Kirwan's is poised to be the prime waterfront meeting location for Southwest neighbors. "We want to be the neighborhood bar. We want Bob who lives on Gangplank Marina; we don't want the suits." While the pub works out the final steps, Kirwan expects to have live music more than half the week as well as happy hour specials. One thing for sure is that the pub will aim to be "the rugby bar in the District," says the former high school rugby coach. Rugby or not, visitors to Kirwan's are sure to get a true Irish experience.



ANTHEM

Foo Fighters? Sure. But The Anthem Is Much More

BY: THE SOUTHWESTER STAFF

The most anticipated opening at The Wharf come Oct. 12 might not be any of the dozens of restaurants and shops, but instead the building underneath The Channel apartments. It is a building that "has the illusion of a stadium, but the intimacy of a nightclub," according to Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl. The idea that the three-story concert hall that has capacity for 2,500 to 6,000 people seems unheard of, because it is.

The I.M.P. team of Seth Hurwitz and Rich Heinecke—yes, the same guys behind 9:30 Club, Lincoln Theatre, and

Merriweather Post Pavilion—have created something the United States has not seen. That's because Hurwitz has been "looking for a mid-size music location for over 10 years" and finally found it. The Anthem is a music hall the fans and the performers will both love no matter their location.

The "Super Excellent Seats" on the second and third balconies are canted perfectly to align with the stage. That means that no two seats are the same thanks to computer-aided design and the same sound team as 9:30 Club and Merriweather. That small detail on the seats is surprisingly thanks to Monty Hoffman,

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Freer/Sackler Gallery Reopens: an Interview with Curator Carol Huh

BY: SHEILA WICKOUSKI

As the Freer Gallery of Art and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery prepare for their joint reopening, we talked with one of our neighbors, Carol Huh. Carol was the first curator of contemporary art at the galleries, which are devoted to Asian art. In the last 10 years, she has been involved with many exhibitions at the Sackler and now is part of a team that is readying for the reopening, which will take place on Oct. 14-15.

What can visitors now expect from the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery?

The Freer has been closed for renovation since January 2016 in order to return the museum's interior to its original 1923 design and also upgrade the climate control and security systems and install new technologies that enhance the visitor experience. The closure has given our curatorial team the unique opportunity to reinterpret our collections and re-imagine the galleries so we can continue to engage the public through relevant, thematically arranged displays.

Charles Freer believed that beauty transcended any specific time or place, so even though the collection ranges from American art in the late 19th and early

20th centuries to art from ancient China, the objects on display all reflect his belief in the transcendent, universal language of beauty.

Similarly, the Sackler features four exhibitions that span across Asia and across centuries, so we're really excited to have such a wide-ranging display of beautiful, timeless objects and stories in both galleries.

What is it like to be a curator at the Sackler? What have been some of the challenges for you as curator in the renovation process?

As with any renovation, available work space shrinks. During the Freer closure, staff had to be moved into the Sackler and spaces for public programs were reduced. All of this made us cozy office mates in the Sackler! Nevertheless, everyone has worked very hard and been very supportive of each other.

As a curator, I am surrounded by experts in their fields and nourished daily in an environment that fosters intellectual



Carol Huh

growth. One of the joys is also spending time with extraordinary objects, and the rich history of peoples, ideas, and places they embody. One of the challenges has been access to our collections.

As a preeminent research institution with a world-renowned collection, we also often get requests from scholars, artists, and other members of the public to view objects. Access has been extremely limited since the Freer has been closed and staff busy preparing over a dozen exhibitions for the grand reopening.

What are some of the things for visitors to look out for that you think are most special in the Sackler Gallery reopening?

We are opening four exhibitions at once—with objects from Egypt, China, Korea, Southeast Asia, Tibet, and India, among others, and dating from 2008 B.C.E. to 2010 C.E. There will be much to see and think about! The exhibitions will have immersive elements—an entire Tibetan shrine, a video installation of a day in the life of a Sri Lankan stupa, and a walk through a gleaming landscape by a contemporary Indian artist.

What are some of the public events planned at the opening weekend?

We will have a wide array of events. Special highlights are:

From 6 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 14: "Disruption: Video Art from Asia," a screening of provocative works by Shahzia Sikander, Ahmad Ghossein, Sun Xun, Moon Kyungwon, and Tuan Andrew Nguyen in the Freer's Meyer auditorium.

Also planned is a return of the groundbreaking "Culturrunners RV," which has been touring the U.S. with artists from Saudi Arabia. There will also be a major projection mapping event on the façade of the Freer (Mall side).

On Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. I will be in conversation with internationally acclaimed artist Subodh Gupta, whose installation "Terminal" will be on view in the next installment of the Sackler contemporary series. South and Southeast Asian Art Curator Debra Diamond will also be in conversation with filmmaker Stanley Staniski, who produced a film in the "Encountering a Buddha" exhibition that explores the cycles and practices of contemporary Sri Lankan Buddhists. Finally, Tommy Wide will be in conversation with members of the Silk Road Ensemble.

On both Saturday and Sunday, in addition to all the Sackler has to offer, visitors will be able to visit the incredible, thought-provoking thematic galleries in the Freer, and curators will host casual gallery talks that will take place throughout the weekend.

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founder and CEO of PN Hoffman, half of the Hoffman-Madison development team behind the \$2.5 billion Wharf project.

What would seemingly be a less-than-perfect pairing, Hoffman and Hurwitz are anything but. The yin to Hurwitz's yang, the polished Hoffman is credited with rejecting the DC government's recommendation of an art gallery and instead wanted a music hall. The gruff, straightforward Hurwitz was the ideal match for one simple reason: Both men have mastered the customer experience. It also helps that both men are self-made.

Whereas other music promoters have been bought out, Hurwitz has thrived while staying local. The I.M.P. team is the most iconic music promoter in metro DC area. In 2013, *Rolling Stone* magazine named 9:30 Club, which opened in 1980, the best music venue in the United States. That's not by mistake, but instead by instincts, diligence, and detail in order to deliver the best customer experience.

From the second you walk in you are met with an over-the-top experience. The large space has an industrial feel blending dark wood, black metal, and gray

concrete—a theme throughout the venue. Looking up in the entrance hall you see four glass square windows that are actually the floor of the infinity pool of The Channel above. (Don't worry, bathing suits are required.) Speaking of the neighbors upstairs, the concert hall is built with advanced soundproofing and air gaps to mitigate against sound vibrations.

As you enter, you naturally flow to the left toward the stage. Although a 6,000-person venue might sound big, The Anthem impressively feels intimate. For neighborhood comparison, it feels most like **Arena Stage's** Fichandler Stage and a theater in the round format. Even from the back of the house, you still feel like part of the show. The sight lines cannot be beat from the main floor up to the third-level balcony's General Admission standing areas. Seven large bars are spread throughout (bathrooms, too) to hopefully keep lines short. Large, open staircases and generous standing room should ensure space from your fellow concertgoer.

The rest of the numbers at The Wharf might sound astounding (three million square feet over 24 acres along a one-mile stretch), but The Anthem's sell-out capacity of 6,000 will not.



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tation. **Seventh Street Park** is a lush and energetic green space for relaxation and outdoor workouts featuring walking trails, benches, and stand-up desks. **Waterfront Park**, a 3.5-acre park right at the edge of the Wharf with rows of willow trees, shady trellises, and room for bocce is dedicated to DC Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton. **Banneker Park**, beginning a \$4 million renovation, sits just north of Market Square and connects The Wharf to the L'Enfant Plaza promenade.

RESTAURANTS & BARS

First things first, our two favorite Southwest Waterfront staples, **Jenny's at The Wharf** (on the Southwest waterfront since 1981) and **Cantina Marina**, will remain for the time being (until closing and reopening with Phase 2 of The Wharf in 2021). Fret not, **Cantina Bambina** will be open along Transit Pier in case you need a quick bite to eat before you shuffle off to **The Anthem** for a concert or hop on a water taxi.

New restaurants to the neighborhood will span the world and the seas. **Kaliwa** will add a second Asian restaurant, while **Florentijn** will be the first Belgian restaurant. Competing for best mussels along the water will be **La Vie**, a coastal cuisine restaurant. Joining them will be **Hank's Oyster Bar** and **Rappahannock Oyster Company** for all the bivalves you can handle.

From the same team behind Southwest's Station 4 comes Italian restaurant **Lupo Marino**. And **Stefanelli's Italian Market** is a three-story spot offering various spaces and dining and shopping options, opening this spring.

Master chef Fabio Trabocchi opens his Spanish-themed restaurant **Del Mar**. And in keeping with the Mediterranean theme, French restaurant **Requin** is a partnership between *Top Chef's* Jennifer Carroll and restaurateur Mike Isabella.

Speaking of top chefs, Kwame Onwua-chi will open **Kith/Kin** at the InterContinental Hotel, a refined, family-style, Afro-Caribbean inspired affair. And finally, a long-awaited Mexican restaurant will open along the waterfront, with acclaimed chef Roberto Santibañez opening **Mi Vida**, which is sure to be the life of many Southwesters.

But you don't only have to eat sitting down. Fast-casual American restaurants will join the mix with **Taylor Gourmet** and **Shake Shack** both opening shops along Maine Ave. SW.

And it won't just be about the food. The Wharf will bring a number of bars, coffee shops, and music venues to the neighborhood.

Mark Kirwan opens **Kirwan's Irish Pub** with the entire restaurant's hand-made décor shipped in (and even constructed by carpenters) from Ireland. (See our full write up later in this issue.)

Award-winning sommelier and artisan cocktail-maker Todd Thrasher brings his latest venture **Potomac Distilling**, with an in-house rum distillery and two-story tavern.

Whiskey Charlie, The Wharf's first rooftop bar and lounge got its name from

“The Anthem is set to become the No. 1 venue in America.”

the call sign “WC” given to captains entering the Washington Channel. Sitting atop the **Canopy by Hilton**, the views promise to be amazing.

The Brighton will be sure to be a hit as it sits along the promenade inviting patrons in for fun and drinks as it opens directly in front of The Anthem.

Mixed in to keep you going will be coffee and ice cream shops, ensuring that the fun does not stop. **Velo Café** will open inside **District Hardware and Bike**, offering locally sourced coffee, pastries, sandwiches, and beer.

The capital's first **Blue Bottle Coffee** will open to high acclaim. The premium coffee shop ensures “all coffee served on the premises is no more than 48 hours out of the roaster.”

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream will compete with district favorites **Dolcezza Gelato**, offering espresso and gelato in their Argentinean-inspired setting, while **District Doughnut** will offer round, tasty goodness. Lastly, don't forget to stop by **Harper Macaw** chocolate-makers for local, premium chocolate, or its next-door neighbor, Momofuku's **Milk Bar**.

MUSIC

Have you heard of the Foo Fighters? Well, as Dave Grohl, the front man of the United States's biggest rock band said, **The Anthem** “is set to become the No. 1 venue in America. It has the illusion of a stadium, but the intimacy of a nightclub. It's perfect.” The band opens the venue on Oct. 12.

Not to be outdone, the waterfront will have music on both ends of the mile-long strip. Opening up across from each other along Water St. SW are **Pearl Street Warehouse** and **Union Stage**. The small-scale music venues will feature music for all types. Union Stage will feature rock concerts, acoustic performances, children's concerts, private events, and community gatherings, while Pearl Street Warehouse will be an intimate music venue featuring live music seven nights a week, including rock, blues, roots, bluegrass, and country.

SHOPS

To balance out all those calories, The Wharf will offer a number of options to take care of your mind and body. Pamper yourself at **Bella Moda Salon & Spa**, **Blush Med Skincare**, and **L'occitane Spa**.

Or take care of your mind at DC favorite **Politics and Prose Bookstore's** new 2,300-square-foot store (including a special for Southwest residents; see the article in this issue). And for a mix of both, **Yoga Factory** will offer Bikram hot yoga, BUTI, Vinyasa, HIIT, and restorative yoga.

There will also be a number of boutique stores to help you update your home and your closet with the opening of **A Beautiful Closet**, offering clothing, jewel-

ry, gifts, home décor, and fair trade goods from countries around the world. **Ligne Roset** will offer high-end furniture, home accessories, and lighting with assistance from professional interior designers.

For everything from linens and tableware to furniture and accessories for the home, **Patrick's Fine Linens & Home Décor** joins The Wharf. And for your walls, local artist **Martha Spak** opens her latest Martha Spak Gallery.

Helping make sure you never have to leave are **Blink Optical**, **CVS Health**, and local, family-owned dry cleaning and laundry shop **The Press**. Nautical store Anchor will serve both the Southwest live-aboard community at **Gangplank Marina** as well as the sea-faring guests docking along the water's edge.

HOTELS

And for when the family comes to visit, three hotels will be ready to offer nice

accommodations along the channel. The first **Canopy by Hilton** in North America is designed as a part of the Southwest neighborhood, with local design, food, and drink. The rooms are decorated with a DC and nautical theme. No two Canopy by Hiltons are designed the same.

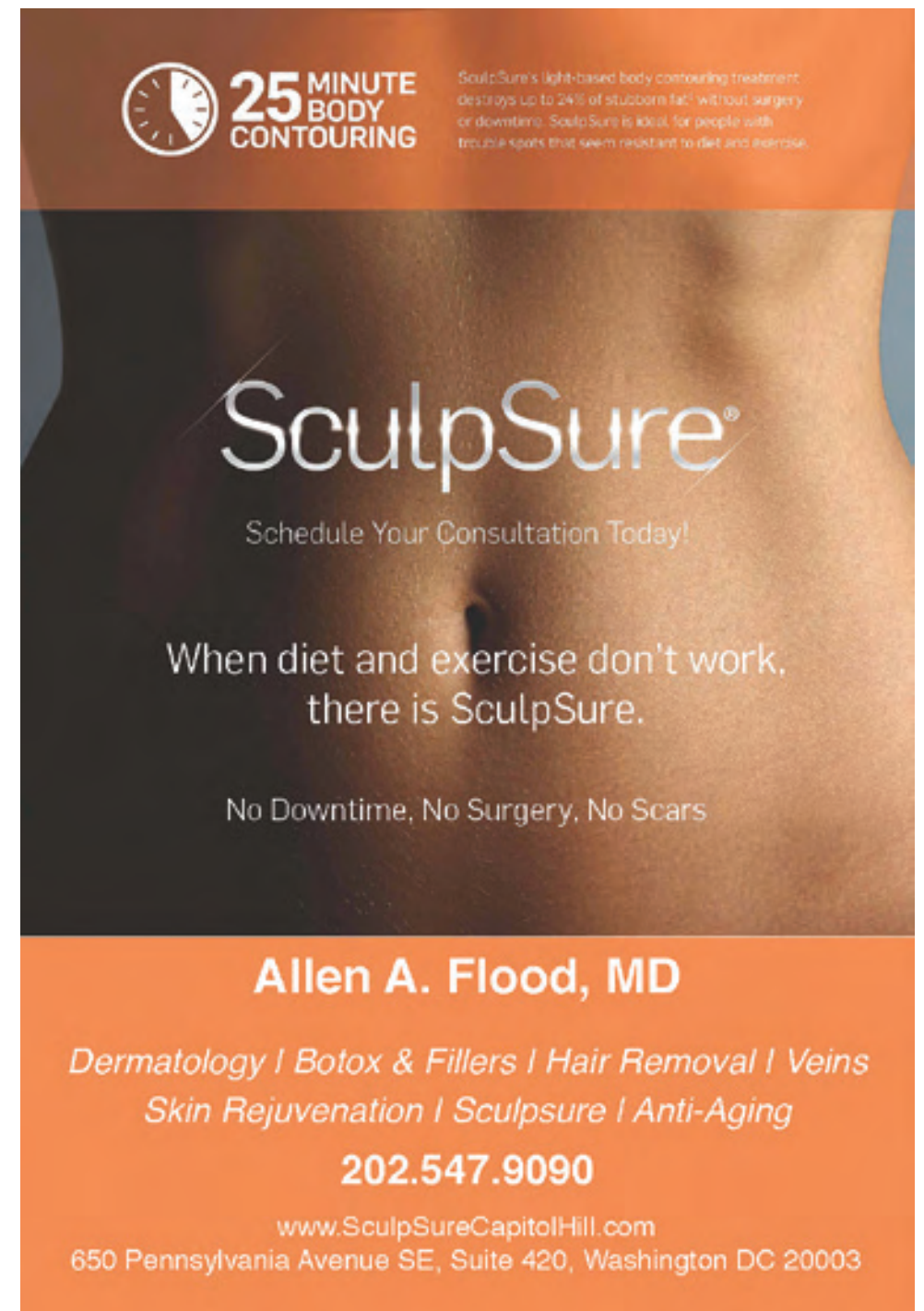
Hyatt House is an extended-stay hotel reminding guests of home with services and amenities such as full kitchens and flat-panel, high-definition TVs, a fitness center, a market, and laundry facilities.

And the largest hotel, **The Wharf InterContinental**, will showcase a unique blend of high-end wares in a contemporary style and sustainable design. The hotel features two upscale restaurants and a rooftop pool bar and grill with Potomac River views.

FINAL THOUGHTS

As we said in our editorial piece in the July issue of *The Southwester*, we call on our fellow neighbors to embrace the coming changes with the spirit that Southwest has always had: an inclusive neighborhood for all. Let this renewal along the waterfront serve as our invitation to new visitors to learn what we have always known—Southwest is the best neighborhood in the nation's capital.

And as much as we recommend keeping *The Southwester* on hand at all times to ensure you do not get lost, The Wharf has developed a free app you can download from your preferred app store.



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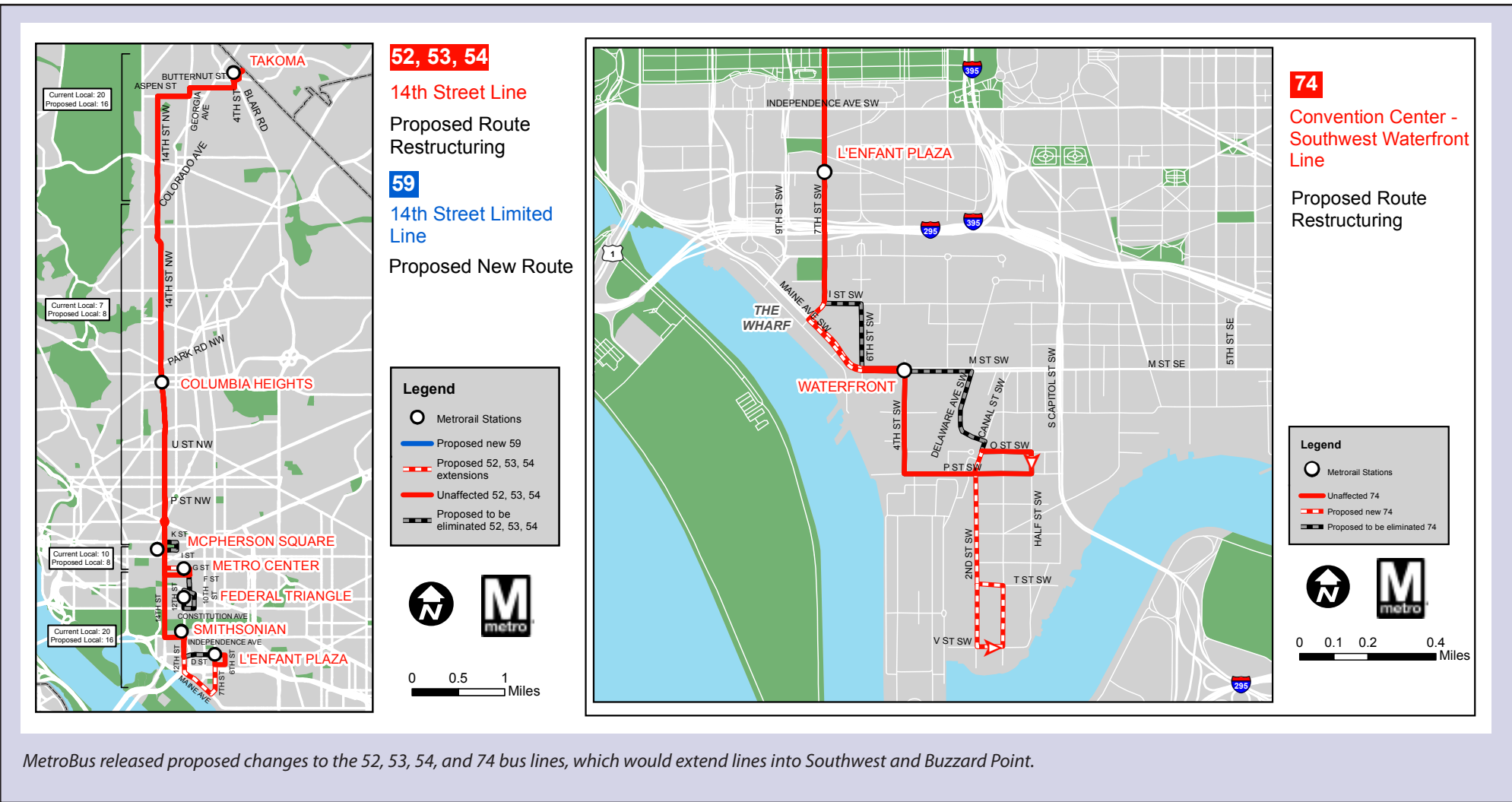
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Amidon-Bowen Thanks a Community Partner

“Kids need the opportunity to excel, and it’s up to people like us to help give them the opportunity to get their foot through the door,” said Bruce DarConte, president and founder of Near Southeast Community Partners (NSCP), an organization whose mission is creating a vibrant riverfront community. NSCP is the organization behind the Adopt a School partnership with Amidon-Bowen Elementary School from 2014 through 2017.

Since 2014, NSCP has helped Amidon-Bowen open a science, technology, engineering, and math lab, purchased a new electronic school marquee with CSX Mitigation Fund, supported teacher appreciation events including the popular Feed the Feeder series, helped provide all students with backpacks, and established a relationship with the Washington Nationals to get free tickets for Amidon-Bowen families. When asked what motivates



NSCP to give back to the community, DarConte said, “Kids need to be the winners, it’s just as simple as that. We’re so happy to have had an impact.”

“Amidon-Bowen Elementary School is so grateful for NSCP’s generous support and thanks them for their dedicated service to the school,” said Amidon-Bowen Principal TaMikka Sykes. Although the formal partnership expires this year, NSCP will remain an active partner of the school. NSCP will continue to be the Adopt a School partner for Jefferson Middle School Academy in the 2017-2018 school year.

Bruce DarConte, NSCP president and founder, along with Martin Welles, NSCP treasurer, giving away bookbags.



Amidon-Bowen Welcomes New Spanish Teacher

Amidon-Bowen has welcomed a new Spanish teacher, Leonimel Martelo. Mr. Martelo is from Colombia and moved to Washington, DC, to “make a great contribution to children’s education by motivating them to learn a foreign language.” He holds a bachelor’s degree in teaching with a focus on language and literature from a renowned university in Colombia. He has 14 years of experience in teaching both English and Spanish. One of his teaching goals is to incorporate the school’s philosophy of learning and academic objectives into lessons while allowing for creativity and flexibility. When asked about his new position at Amidon-Bowen, Mr. Martelo said, “I am proud to be at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School because the school’s goal is to prepare children to become great human beings. Southwest not only has a new teacher, but also a person who is willing to engage in the community.”



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2017

- OCT 12–15** Kickoff Celebration Weekend
- OCT 21** Pumpkin Palooza
- NOV 4** Thanks for Giving
- DEC 1** Light Up The Wharf
- DEC 2** The District’s Holiday Boat Parade
- DEC 9** Ghosts of Christmas Past
- DEC 13** First Night of Hanukkah
- DEC 16** Nog Fest
- DEC 23** Waterfront Caroling

2018

- JAN 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Broomball & Brews
- JAN 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Curling & Cocktails
- JAN 6** Fruit Cake Festival
- JAN 27** Ice Skating Spectacle
- FEB 10** Chocolate Mayhem
- FEB 13** Mardi Gras
- FEB 23–25** Fire & Ice Festival
- MAR 17** Raging Leprechauns
- MAR 23** Bunny Hop
- MAR 24** Daffodil Festival

- APR 7** Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival
- APR 14** Oyster Derby
- APR 28** Odyssey Relay Race, 10th Anniversary
- MAY 5** Running of the Chihuahuas
- MAY 11** Bike to Work Day
- MAY 12** Wharf Flower Show
- MAY 26** Blessing of the Fleet



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Your Guide to The Wharf’s Kickoff Celebration Weekend

Thursday, October 12, 2017

- 10:55am** Ceremony Prelude at District Square
- 11:00am** Wharf Grand Opening Public Ceremony at District Pier
Eastern High School Second Line Band
Children’s Chorus of Washington
Duke Ellington School of the Arts
- 12:00pm** Ceremony Finale Fireworks
Waterside Games at Transit Pier
- 1:00pm** Children’s Chorus of Washington Concert at District Pier
Acro Yoga Paddle Boards at Recreation Pier
Art Wheels at The Wharf
- 2:00pm** Kevin Pedini at Sutton Square
Oh He Dead at Transit Pier
- 3:00pm** Tattoo Fun at Transit Pier
- 4:00pm** Emma G at Sutton Square
Art Wheels at The Wharf
- 5:00pm** HEADLINER CONCERT
The Bacon Brothers at District Pier
- 6:30pm** Sunset Fireworks Concert Finale
- 7:00pm** String Queens at Sutton Square
- 8:00pm** Fire Performers and LED Hula Hoopers on Floating Stage

Throughout the day: strolling entertainers and local artists

Friday, October 13, 2017

- 10:00am** Yoga Class by Yoga Factory at Recreation Pier
Waterside Games at Transit Pier
- 12:00pm** The Gay Men’s Chorus of Washington, DC at District Pier
- 1:00pm** Austin Ellis at Sutton Square
Art Wheels at The Wharf
- 2:00pm** Wil Gravatt at Transit Pier
- 3:00pm** Batalá Washington at District Pier
- 4:00pm** Tom Lagana at Sutton Square
- 5:00pm** Pebble to Pearl at Transit Pier
Balloon Animal Mayhem at 7th Street Park
- 6:00pm** HEADLINER CONCERT
Go Go Gadget at District Pier
- 7:00pm** Art Wheels at The Wharf
- 8:00pm** Silent Disco at Transit Pier
Sage Violin and Guitar Duo at Sutton Square
S’mores at The Wharf Fire Pit
- 8:30pm** Glow in the Dark Juggling at District Pier

Throughout the day: strolling entertainers and local artists

Saturday, October 14, 2017

- 10:00am** Yoga Class by Yoga Factory at District Pier
Waterside Games at Transit Pier
Temporary Tattoos at Transit Pier
DC Dragon Boat Club at Recreation Pier
- 10:30am** The Great Zucchini at Transit Pier
- 12:00pm** Jimi Smooth & HitTime at District Pier
Reptiles Alive at 7th Street Park
- 1:00pm** Art Wheels at The Wharf
Michael Rossman at District Square
- 2:00pm** Aztec Sun at Transit Pier
- 3:00pm** Culture Shock Break Dance Performance at District Pier
- 4:00pm** Michael Rossman at District Square
Art Wheels at The Wharf
Cecily at Sutton Square
- 5:00pm** Sticks + Bars Youth Marimba Ensemble at Transit Pier
- 6:00pm** HEADLINER CONCERT
White Ford Bronco on District Pier
- 8:00pm** Wil Gravatt Band on Transit Pier
S’mores at The Wharf Fire Pit

Throughout the day: strolling entertainers and local artists

Sunday, October 15, 2017

- 9:00am** YALA Fitness Class at District Pier
- 10:00am** Rocknoceros Kids’ Band
- 12:00pm** The U.S. Army Band Downrange at District Pier
- 1:00pm** Laissez Foure at Sutton Square
Kite Flying at Recreation Pier
Art Wheels at The Wharf
- 2:00pm** Wharf Art Exhibition at 7th Street Park
La Unica at Transit Pier
- 3:00pm** Kayak Excursions at Recreation Pier
- 3:30pm** Amy Andrews at Sutton Square
- 4:00pm** Blessing of The Wharf at District Pier
- 5:00pm** HEADLINER CONCERT
Howard Gospel Choir of Howard University at District Pier
- 6:30pm** Sunset Fireworks Concert Finale

Throughout the day: strolling entertainers and local artists

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Waterfront Park

Piers

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Seasonal Activities

Finn's Mini Golf*
Waterside Games
Wharf Floating Stage
Wharf Ice Rink

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Wharf Ferry to East Potomac Park

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Last Chance to Tour DC's Floating Homes Before Wharf Grand Opening

BY: MARGARET L. JOHNSON

Southwest DC is gearing up for the grand opening of the Wharf, and one community of Southwesters will be dramatically transformed by the new development. On Saturday, Oct. 7, the live-aboard residents of Gangplank Marina will open their doors for the tour of floating homes—the last chance for visitors to experience this community in transition before it's changed forever by the massive Wharf redevelopment, said to be the largest such project currently in the United States.

Gangplank Marina is home to the eastern United States's largest community of "live-aboards"—people and families who make their homes on-board boats and barges. The Gangplank community dates back many decades, however the Southwest waterfront had long been the site of boat homes, as far back as its origins as a working waterfront in the District's early days. Over the years, the live-aboard community has continually evolved, and been home to all types of Washingtonians. Drawn by the allure of the water, the close-knit community, or the uniquely affordable location, many have called Gangplank home. From the famous (or infamous) residents such as scandalous senators, to the everyday families just making a life on the water, throughout its history the marina has seen all stripes of resi-

dents on its docks.

Those docks now show quite a bit of wear and tear, and the Wharf has already begun a much-needed facelift and redesign of Gangplank Marina. The first of the marina's new docks opened last year, giving residents a taste of the "world class" marina in their future. Many are excited for the new facilities on the water, and for the vibrant tableau of restaurants and businesses soon to open on land. Though for some, the excitement is tempered with a touch of bittersweet nostalgia for days gone by.

The Oct. 7 tour is a chance to celebrate the current and past live-aboard life, and to welcome the bright future of the Wharf era. Visitors will have a chance to peek inside about 23 boats and barges, and see the unique and quirky spaces of life afloat. The homes are as singular as the people who live aboard them. Step aboard a 34-foot houseboat that's home to its owner and two dogs. Check out a 55-foot trawler inhabited by a couple and their two small children. See the painstaking restoration work two empty nesters have been doing themselves on a beautiful 60-foot cruiser, including a musical salon that often hosts neighbors for singing and play-along evenings. No two floating homes are the same!

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BY: CHARLES ALLEN,
WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER

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I was proud to help shepherd through legislation to create the Commemorative DC Flag Program to give residents the chance to purchase a flag that has flown at their capitol building last year. And now, the program is up and running!

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Greenleaf Scholars



Donja Wilkinson



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To'ren Pride

BY: DENA WALKER

The following Greenleaf Gardens Extension residents began their first year of college in this August.

Donja Wilkinson graduated from Dunbar Senior High School, where she competed on her school's track and field team. She is currently attending Georgia State University with plans to study pre-dentistry to become an orthodontist. Wilkinson excelled in her advanced placement classes and extracurricular activities at Dunbar, where she shined as a motivational speaker for her peers. Her aspirations to become an orthodontist were further enhanced when she was selected to attend

the Mentors in Medicine program, which exposes youth in under-served schools and communities to opportunities in the health care profession.

Aigne Sanders graduated with honors from Friendship Collegiate Academy. She is currently attending Central State University in Wilberforce, Oh., with plans to study psychology, with a goal of becoming a social worker. Sanders actively participated in academic enrichment programs that provided her the knowledge and skills to be awarded numerous scholarships to attend college. Her field of study is demonstrative of her calm and nurturing personality. She plans to use her talents to enrich the lives of those in need.

To'ren Pride, who graduated from Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington, Va., was a star football player in addition to being a member of the track team. Pride is currently attending Hampton University in Virginia, where he competes on the football team as a wide receiver. Pride is studying business management, and believes that his education is a priority that will lead to greater opportunities on and off the football field. Pride's aspirations to play professionally in the National Football League are not far from his mind, however he understands that a solid education will allow him to pursue any goal he imagines.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

MON 2, 7 P.M. In the Arena (an occasional series of events presented at SW Library in partnership with Arena Stage). This session features a community discussion of Arthur Miller’s play *The Price*. Copies of the script available at information desk. SW Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752

TUES 3, 6:30 P.M. COLOR ME PEACE, Adult Coloring Club, SW Library.

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

WED 4, 6:30 P.M., Aspiring Writers Circle. SW Library.

FRI 6, 6:30 P.M. GAME NIGHT, 1st Friday of every month. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church. 202-554-3222.

SAT 7, 10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Feel free to visit us and see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Library, basement, 900 Wesley Place, SW, 202-724-4752.

SAT 7, 1-2:30 P.M. Yoga Nidra—Meditate, Chant, Breathe, and Relax deeply with Yoga Nidra. Move toward healing your Mind, Body and Spirit. Bring a mat and light covering. Invite your family and friends. \$10 donation suggested. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 “I” St SW.

SAT 7, 3:00 P.M. Wii Club. Children ages 4-12 are invited to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SAT 7, 3:30-5:30 P.M. Blessing of the Animals, Presented by Pawtricity™ and St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, in honor of the early October Feast Day of St. Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. Bring your furry family member for a rite of blessing followed by an outdoor reception with treats for pets and their human caretakers! St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

SAT 7, 8-10 P.M. October Spiritual Sanctuary led by Rev. Ruth Hamilton—meditation, readings, reflection, journaling, recreation—all adults welcome. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SUN 8, 2:30 P.M. P.A.L. (People Animals Love) Dog Visit. Children ages 4-12 are invited to read aloud to a P.A.L. dog. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

TUES 10, 1:30 P.M. Literary Book Group, Copies of “My Brilliant Friend” by Elena Ferrante are available at information desk. SW Library.

TUES 10, 7:30 P.M. Learn about Southwest’s new civic project to support our seniors who wish to age in place rather than relocate from the community. This fun, interactive event is free and open to the public; refreshments will be offered. Harbour Square Community Room, 500 N Street SW. www.dewaterfrontvillage.org or call 202-656-1834.

WED 11, 4:30 P.M. Create Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for arts & crafts activities. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

THURS 12, 11 A.M. and on The Wharf opens. Full day’s listed activities at: <https://www.wharfdc.com/upcoming-events/2017-10-12-kickoff-celebration/>

FRI 13, 8-9:30 A.M. Councilmember Charles Allen’s scheduled office hours. Fall Office Hours Schedule Check in with me and my staff to talk through neighborhood issues or concerns at our next Office Hours. Waterfront Safeway.

SAT 14, 1:30 P.M., Wesley Place Cinema: Feature Film, (may include adult subject matter). SW Library.

SAT 14 , 3:00 P.M., Popsicle Crafts. Children ages 6-12 are invited to design, create, and build their own popsicle stick creations. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SAT 14, 7-9 P.M., Faith & Film presents *The Good Breast*.

Documentary – Through the intimate stories of four breast cancer patients and their surgeons, *The Good Breast* explores the cultural and emotional roots of the loss of the breast. 7pm showing of the film followed by discussion. Snacks and beverages served. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 14, 3 P.M., Choraleers Anniversary Concert. “Southeast Seniors” Community Choir, directed by Shirli Hughes, will perform spirituals and hymns. Free to the public. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

MON 16, 7 P.M. – ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4th Street SW, second floor.

TUE 17, 5-9PM Amidon–Bowen Elementary School fundraiser at Flippin’ Pizza (next to Mandarin Oriental). Up to 50% of all proceeds will go to our local elementary school.

WED 18, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter and the District of Columbia Office on Aging will sponsor the Chapter’s 6th Annual Community Health, Wellness and Resource at River Park Mutual Homes’ South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024. A BOX LUNCH will be provided to attendees. More information, contact bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-090

WED 18, 1:30 P.M., Fiction Lovers Book Club. SW Library.

WED 18, 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 18, 6:00 P.M. A tribute to Activist and Comedian Dick Gregory and Entrepreneur and Author Rosemary Reed Miller during the TDJ Breast Cancer Fund Breast Cancer Awareness Month Celebration. Family members and friends of these two giants will be invited. Dr. E. Faye Williams has been invited to give a tribute on her long-time friend Dick Gregory. Please join us at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church.

FRI 20, 3:30 P.M., Wesley Place Cinema: Family Matinee, SW Library.

SAT 21, 10 A.M.-5 P.M. 2017 Mini Festival of the Arts of Racial Awareness & Healing: The festival intends to help people of goodwill reflect on the reality of racism in our society. Activities include: workshops, plenary forums and live music. Free to the Public. Lunch provided. Please RSVP: racialawareness2017.evenbrite.com Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 21, 10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Feel free to visit us and see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Library, basement, 202-724-4752.

SAT 21, 2 P.M. The Friends of the SW Library will host members of the Syphax Family who created a movie about their family history. Craig Syphax and his cousin Steve Hammond will play their 30-minute documentary and then respond to audience questions. SW Library.

SAT 21, 3 P.M., Fall Crafts. Children ages 6-12 are invited to create crafts of the fall variety. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SUN 22, 1-2:30 P.M. Drum Circle for Peace and Community with Katy Gaughan. Family friendly, all ages welcome, no experience necessary. Drums provided or bring your own. Free-will donations accepted. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

WED 25, 4:30 P.M. Build-It Studio. Children aged 6-12 are invited to join us in creative, hands-on fun building structures using everyday materials. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

THURS 26, 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. SW Library.

THURS 26, 6:45 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D. Alcohol license

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

SAT 28, 9-1 P.M. SOUTHWEST Farmers Market is hosting a Family Fall Festival; Kids can dress in costumes. There will be games, candy/prizes, face-painting, and animal balloons. This event is Free and will take place during the farmers market. Lot at 4th & M Sts. SW.

SAT 28, 1-3 P.M.. hinking About Jazz. The Jazz Baroness–Pan-nonica Rothschild. Join us for documentary footage on Baroness Kathleen Annie Pannonica de Koenigswarter, a British-born jazz patron, writer and enthusiast of bebop music. Light lunch served and door prizes provided. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SAT 28, 3 P.M., Halloween Party. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for Halloween stories & crafts! Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SAT 28, 1 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion. Copies of this month’s title, *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi are available at the information desk. SW Library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

Arty Afternoon, Mondays 4:30 P.M. Join us in the Children’s Room for fun arts and crafts. For children ages 4-12. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752. Note: The library will be closed Monday the 9th for Columbus Day.

Baby/Toddler Story Time, Mondays, 10:30 A.M. Join us for fun songs, finger plays, baby bounces and rhymes as we work together to develop early literacy skills. Designed for children ages birth to 2 years and their caregivers. SW Library. Note: The library will be closed Monday the 9th.

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. Schedule as www.westminsterdc.org/blues.html

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

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. Note: The library will be closed Monday, October 9th.

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.

DC DRAGON BOAT CLUB. 8:30 A.M., Saturdays. Interested in meeting new people, getting into shape, and enjoying the great outdoors? Come to the Wharf at the Southwest Waterfront and join a free paddling session with the DC Dragon Boat Club. Dragon boat is the fastest growing water sport in the world; it is a great workout that can be enjoyed by paddlers of all ages and experience levels. Beginners are welcome! The first three practices are free! Sign up at www.dcdragonboat.org/ Questions? Email info@dcdragonboat.org.

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

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

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

FRIDAY NIGHT FISHING, 5:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. Free event for kids and families, and fisher-folks young and old! Where:

The docks at Diamond Teague Park (across from the baseball stadium).

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

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4298, 5:30-7 P.M. Wednesdays, begins its 11th year at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church. Our multi-aged troop has girls from kindergarten to high school. Some of the activities we do are arts and crafts, camping, tea party, business 101, step show, career exploration, badges at the beach, movies, ice cream socials and so much more. If you are interested please call Monica at 202.468.9620 or Audrea Hennis, 202.744.9170.

HAND DANCING, 12:30 - 3:30 P.M., Saturdays with Mr. Zeke. All ages welcome. King Greenleaf Rec 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. Schedule at www.westminsterdc.org/jazz.html

KEYS TO FREEDOM NA Group, Tuesdays 12-1 P.M., St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW.

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.

LEGO Club, Tuesdays, 4:30 P.M. Children ages 4-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Library, 202-724-4752.

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

MARKET SW 4-10 P.M., 2nd and 4th Fridays at The LotSW, 4th and M Streets, SW. D.C.’s first night market is now in its third year and recently expanded from a monthly seasonal event to twice a month, every second and fourth Friday, through October 20th. A complete list of food and beverage providers, exhibitors and entertainment can be found at <http://marketswdc.com>.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Wednesday 7-8 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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.

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

SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK at Westminster Presbyterian, MONDAYS from 11:00 A.M. - 12 noon and WEDNESDAYS from 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster’s Wellness program. 400 I Street SW.

SOUTHWEST DC Community Farmers Market. Every Saturday, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. through November 18th. Find a mix of produce, prepared and specialty foods, community groups and entertainers participating each week. The market continues every Saturday at The LotSW, 4th and M Streets, SW.

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Preliminary Design Released for New Southwest Library

BY ANDREW ROSZAK, SWNA BOARD MEMBER

In the summer of 2018, the current Southwest Neighborhood Library will close and an interim library will be erected until the new library is completed in early 2020.

The overall square footage of the new library will be similar in size, however public use space will increase dramatically from 66% to 81%. The current design calls for the new library to be two stories with a solar panel roof and parking on the east side of the building. Some interesting design elements are being considered; a community favorite is a front porch that will overlook the playground on the north side of the building.

The same architect that worked on Arena Stage has been hired for this project and the developers have promised a lot of wood and glass, similar to Arena Stage.

The full presentation is on the DC Southwest library page. Additional information about the project (including a link to sign up for information) is available at: <https://www.dclibrary.org/newsouthwestlibrary>.

BOAT TOUR

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a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 (rain or shine), and will feature 23 or more floating homes at Gangplank Marina, 600 Water St. SW. Tickets and more information are available at www.dchouseboat.org. The live-aboards especially enjoy welcoming their Southwest neighbors, so residents of the 20024 zip code

get a discounted ticket price of \$20 (the usual ticket price is \$25). Proceeds from the tour go to organizations doing great work in Southwest: Recipients of funds raised from the tour will go to Friends of the Southwest Library, Amidon-Bowen Elementary School PTA, St. Augustine's neighborhood initiatives, DC Sail's local youth programs, and Potomac Riverkeeper's work keeping the waterways clean.

See you on Oct. 7!

CALENDAR

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SOUTHWEST RENEWAL Group, Mondays 7:30 P.M. and Thursdays, 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751, Monthly luncheon meetings are held every third Wednesday at 12:00 noon. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbert-jones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

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

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 7-9 P.M. First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW.

ALL-LEVELS YOGA CLASS every Wednesday from 8-9:00 A.M. Bring a mat if you have one. No set charge;

donations welcomed. For more information, call the instructor, Pamela Wilson, 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water Street, SW.

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

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

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

ZUMBA, 7:30 P.M. Mondays, 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! No Class on October 9th (Columbus Day) SW Library.



Navigating Together

The Southwest Waterfront and Navy Yard are the newest areas of Washington to enjoy the benefits of a senior village:

Staff, volunteers, and vendors referred by your neighbors to help residents 62 years of age and older who wish to remain in their homes to do so with dignity and in the most cost-effective manner possible:

- Telephone check-ins
- Social and educational events
- Grocery, bank, and post office shuttle
- Day trips
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Basic handyman help

OCTOBER EVENTS

Monday, October 9

Home Barbering Service, 9am-12pm

Columbus Day luncheon, Dolce Vita Restaurant, Fairfax, 11:30am
\$9.99 3-Course Dinner Deliveries from Dolce Vita Restaurant, 6pm

Tuesday, October 10

Public Meeting: Introduction to Waterfront Village, Harbour Square, 7:30pm

Thursday, October 12

Sunset Cruise to Welcome The Wharf, Gangplank Marina, 5:30pm

Saturday, October 14

Village Information Tent at SW Community Market, 9am-1pm

Tuesday, October 17

Wellness Seminar: "Home Organization," St. Augustine's Church, 10am

Wellness Seminar: "The Return of the House Call," St. Augustine's Church, 1pm

Village Night with Hal Linden in "The Price", Arena Stage, 7:30pm

Thursday, October 19

All-Committees Meeting, Tiber Island Community Room, 10am

Friday, October 20

Mum's the Word - Gingko Gardens Shopping & Lunch on Barracks Row, 12pm

Tuesday, October 24

DC Design House Tour, Potomac, 9:15am

Thursdays

Navy Yard Shopping and Errands Shuttle

For more information and to RSVP:

www.dwaterfrontvillage.org/calendar or call 202-656-1834

Learn where you can attend a Village public meeting or support its work as a volunteer or donor* by calling 202-656-1834 or visiting our website: www.dwaterfrontvillage.org

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

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