

Where DC Meets, One Year Later

BY KATELYND MAHONEY
ANDERSON

Stroll down Wharf Street on any given evening and you will see locals and visitors, families with strollers and businessmen, cyclists and photographers. They are all coming down to District Wharf for a different reason—to capture that picture perfect sunset, try a dish at one of DC's newest restaurants, or just to understand what all the buzz is about. In a way, this was the point of District Wharf, to serve as a connector for each person at that point in time, with the next visit being different from the last.

Since its opening a year ago, the Wharf has hosted over 10 million people. This figure includes attendees at events



Coordinates of District Wharf as seen on manhole covers throughout the property

Photo by the author

such as the sold-out opening night of the Anthem with the Foo Fighters, the 25th Annual District Holiday Boat Parade, a Mardi Gras Parade and celebration, the National Cherry Blossom Festival's Petalpalooza, and DC Jazz Fest. These events have become part of the backbone of the Wharf's tagline "Where DC Meets..." with each event providing a different experience and viewpoint for the visitor. The role of events has created a living, breathing development, adding to the excitement of a daytime visit or the liveliness of an evening at the Wharf.

The Wharf is challenging the public to think about modes of transportation and how cars and pedestrians interact in the

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Farewell to Part of the SW Family—An Interview with Jenny & Henry Liu

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

After 40 years of service, Jenny's officially closed its doors this summer, though a scaled down version can be found at the Wharf near the top of District Pier. Last month, Arena Stage honored Jenny and Henry Liu, the founders and owners of Jenny's, during the Southwest Night showing of "Turn Me Loose." The gathering featured Councilmember

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DC Candidate Forum on Oct. 29

On Oct. 29, SWNA and "The Southwester" are hosting a candidate forum, so that area residents can hear directly from the candidates prior to the Nov. 6 general election. Come get to know the candidates for the City Council Ward 6 seat, City Council at-large seats and DC State Board of Education Ward 6 Representative. The event will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Arena Stage. Those who are unable to attend are welcome to email their questions for consideration to editor@thesouthwester.com by Oct. 25. For up-to-date information, check the Southwester website at thesouthwester.com.

DC's Baddest Night of Doing Good

DC Central Kitchen's 15th Annual Capital Food Fight to be held at the Anthem

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

On Thursday, Nov. 8, the Anthem will host an event that can only be described as entertaining, debauchorous and delectable. That's right—the 15th Annual Capital Food Fight, which benefits the work of DC Central Kitchen (DCK), is coming to Southwest. "I have always been a huge fan of this particular fundraiser, and all of the cool people that put it on, and now we get the chance to make it even more fun. Now it's like getting to have the best party of the year at my house," said Seth Hurwitz, chairman of I.M.P. and owner of The Anthem and the 9:30 Club.

DCK is the nation's first and leading community kitchen, developing and operating social ventures which target the cycle of hunger and poverty. The event, which draws over 1,000 guests each year, gives taste offerings from nearly 100 of DC's best restaurants. While enjoying the delicious nosh, guests have the opportunity to watch four

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Op-Ed: Looking Ahead—School Report Cards

BY JOE WEEDON

Across Ward 6, the back-to-school excitement has started to fade into the background as fall approaches. Students have settled into their routines, fall sports and music programs have begun, and students are engaged in their classes. In the coming weeks, we'll be celebrating Halloween at the Duck Pond and at Fall Festivals across the Ward.

As we reach this stage of the school year, we also must begin to look ahead. For some families, mine included as my wife and I determine where our daughter will attend high school next year, that means you'll be looking for a new school in the coming year. The factors in this decision get discussed regularly at the dinner table. They include proximity to home, academic program, out-of-school time programs and activities, program specializations and my daughter's interests and needs. It's complicated and it's consequential. We all want what is best for our children: a joyful, rigorous learning experience in a great school community. But it's not always easy to figure out which schools will be the best fit for your child.

As a city, we have taken a new step to help parents navigate the choices in our system. This fall, the District will be releasing a new School Report Card that is designed to help all parents better understand their school choices. The report card will provide helpful information about individual schools, including academic programs and extracurricular

options, the closest public transportation routes, and the best contact person for parents and prospective families. On the Board, I worked to ensure the report card includes information parents want, including information on teacher tenure and certification. The report card is designed to be a first stop for parents and families as they think about their child's pathway to graduation.

While the report card is designed to be "easy to use" for parents, it also has its limitations. It will feature a one-through-five star rating system for every school that is based largely on test scores and attendance measures. While we have seen much progress in our schools, there will likely be schools in Ward 6 that receive only 1 or 2 stars, but have strong student growth and satisfied families. I encourage you to think about the School Report Card and its star ratings as a first step only. Much like a hotel, restaurant or Amazon rating, you shouldn't just look at the star ratings. You also look at the comments from others and our own experiences and interests before you make a reservation or purchase. The same is true for the School Report Card—it is not a replacement for visiting your schools to learn more about what's really happening inside and talking to parents and teachers in that community to understand the experience of learning and community in that building.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to visit Amidon-Bowen Elementary and Jefferson Middle School—the excitement in those schools is palpable. They are

schools with committed parents, educators and community members who are working together to build upon their history and ensure that the resources and supports are there for accelerating success.

It was more than five years ago when a group of Amidon-Bowen parents sat in my living room to share their vision for their community. In the years since, I've offered bits of advice and lessons from my own experiences as the school has achieved so much. I am excited by the growth occurring at Amidon-Bowen and know that it is fast becoming a high-quality, holistic, and diverse neighborhood school.

Similarly, I was a part of conversations among parents and teachers at Jefferson many years ago about their outdated building and stagnant test scores. In the years since, Jefferson has become one of the fastest growing schools in our community, both in enrollment and in test scores, and we've finally seen construction begin. While the Jefferson Academy community will experience new challenges during its renovation, I know it will continue to grow and I'm excited to support everything that will happen next in their newly renovated building.

I'm proud of the schools in Southwest and across Ward 6 and I'm always impressed by the commitment of our principals, teachers, parents and students that are working hard every day to make each school unique and successful. There is no School Report Card that can tell you about that—go see it in action yourself.

Get to Know the New "Southwester" Staff

Last month, the keys to "The Southwester" were handed over to a new Editor-in-Chief, Katelynd Mahoney Anderson, and Copy Editor, Mike Goodman. They are excited to continue the great work of the former Editor-in-Chief, Shannon Vaughn, and Copy Editor, Julia Cole.

Katelynd is a fundraising professional in the non-profit industry and is involved in a diverse group of DC non-profits and initiatives. When not typing away for the paper, Katelynd can be found enjoying walks through the

neighborhood with coffee in hand or pausing for that picture-perfect capture of the endless Southwest Sunset. She moved to the District in 2007, and has lived in Southwest for 8 years, contributing to "The Southwester" for 5 of those years. Currently, Katelynd lives at Carrollsburg, A Condominium with her husband, Stephen, and their rescue dog, Seymour.

Mike works in government, and is also involved in DC issues and advocacy. He has advocated for greater education funding at DC public schools,

learned to sail at DC Sail and previously volunteered at National Zoo. He is a proud Amidon-Bowen Elementary School parent and a Nats fan. Mike has lived in DC since 2005 and has been a Southwest resident since 2011. He lives in Capitol Park II with his wife, Allison, and daughter, Ella, and is also lucky to have his mother, Susan, in the neighborhood.

Staff positions at "The Southwester" are unpaid, volunteer positions, and report to the Board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA).

FOOD FIGHT

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local top chefs compete in a live onstage battle hosted and judged by the biggest names in the culinary world.

This year's event will feature household DC celebrity names like José Andrés and Spike Mendelsohn as the hosts, while Ryan Zimmerman, David Guas and Tom

Colicchio will serve as judges. Chefs participating in this year's "fight" will prepare special dishes with surprise ingredients in the hopes of winning the judges' votes. The local chefs are Autumn Cline (Executive Chef, Rappahannock Oyster Company), Kyle Bailey (Chef and Partner, The Salt Line), Alex McCoy (Chef and Founder, Lucky Buns) and Kevin Tien (Chef and Co-Founder, Himitsu).

More information about the event and the first ever silent auction can be found online at www.capitalfoodfight.org. Those wishing to attend will also be able to purchase their tickets (\$275 for general admission and \$500 for VIP) through the website. One-hundred percent of event proceeds support DC Central Kitchen's work to combat hunger and poverty in DC.

Op-Ed: No Progress on Greenleaf Redevelopment?

BY FREDRICA KRAMER, VICE CHAIR,
NEAR SE/SW COMMUNITY BENEFITS
COORDINATING COUNCIL

The fate of Greenleaf residents and of public housing overall is a persistent concern to all residents of Southwest, reflecting the Southwest Small Area Plan's vision for the community to remain "an exemplary model of equity and inclusion, ...a diversity of races, ages and income levels."

As Greenleaf residents' anxiety mounts about their own prospects in the complex's redevelopment, the DC Housing Authority (DCHA) has created an Advisory Council of local stakeholders, including the voices of public housing residents, to provide routine input on emerging plans. On May 15 this Council was introduced to the eight development teams who were selected via the Request for Qualifications to submit proposals for Greenleaf redevelopment. Members of the Council, in particular Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC) board members, have since asked to provide input to the Request for Proposal (RFP), since the RFP will largely determine whether and how current residents can be served in the proposed mixed-income housing that will in part replace Greenleaf. To date, the RFP has not been issued, nor has the Advisory Council been able to provide input into its general content.

The CBCC has articulated a set of issues and specific questions that should be raised in the RFP and explicitly addressed in the responses, both to ensure that low and moderate income households are not pushed out of the community, and to address the interests of the larger community that have been so clearly articulated in the Southwest Small Area Plan.

How can we get the ball rolling?

Ward 6 Councilman Charles Allen helped pass a "Build First" resolution by the Council to keep current residents in the community during and after construction and redevelopment of Greenleaf.

One way to implement this approach is to use one or more of the publicly-owned parcels in Southwest that will inevitably be redeveloped, so that there is no need for any temporary relocation of Greenleaf residents. Land banking of publicly owned properties and other parcels that become available for redevelopment should be part of the redevelopment process. The governing agencies involved in identifying options should make this commitment timely, and developers should address the parameters of pro-

curement in their proposals.

How many new units in the proposed mixed-income project will be affordable for low-income households?

A conceptual plan released to the community in March 2016 suggested a 3:1 ratio of Market Rate to Below Market Rate (BMR) units as part of a new mixed-income development to replace Greenleaf. If realized, the 25% BMR units would be far above the minimum legal requirement for new development. But specific rent limits and controls over time for BMR units will also be critical. Developers should be asked to describe and defend the calculation of 25% BMR, describe the explicit profile of BMR income caps, and describe mechanisms to preserve BMR units over time.

Who will be eligible for BMR units in the new mixed-income housing?

Developers should describe the eligibility rules (whether federal, DCHA regulations or other) that will apply to new units in the mixed-income project, who will be responsible for eligibility determinations and how that process will work.

How else will the new mixed-income housing accommodate Greenleaf residents?

When Greenleaf was built nearly 60 years ago, there was a recognized need for 4- and 5- bedroom units to accommodate large families. Although smaller families are now more common, it remains difficult for low-income families to find housing for multi-generational families and those with more than one child. Households with aging seniors and those with disabilities also often include multi-generational individuals who need separate spaces. Proposals for the array of unit sizes should be made only on the basis of specific evidence of population needs currently and over time.

Accommodation for services (both space and programming) is also a critical component of new mixed-income housing, in order for former public housing residents to make a successful transition and to ensure that Greenleaf and other new residents are successfully integrated into a new social structure.

The numbers of townhouses vs. high rises will impact what kinds of Greenleaf households can take advantage of each. The configuration is a concern for many Southwesterners, as it impacts the degree to which mixed density and open space reflects another priority in the Small Area Plan.

We eagerly await next steps.

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Get to Know Your ANC Candidates

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

On Nov. 6, DC residents will have the opportunity to vote for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners on the general election ballot. “The Southwester” reached out to every ANC candidate in ANC6D, and invited them to submit a brief statement about their candidacy. The statements of the responsive candidates are below. “Southwester” staff made no edits to these statements—they are printed as received.

Gail Fast, 6D01:

I have lived in Southwest for over 25 years, attracted by the economic, cultural and social diversity of Southwest and the overwhelming community engagement in matters directly affecting our way of life. As a first-term commissioner, I have tried to stay abreast of the issues—serving as a Board Member/ANC Representative of the Near SE/SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC); as an ANC Representative on the Wharf Phase I (and II) Construction and DAG Committees; as the ANC Representative at PSA 105 meetings; and representing ANC6D at DPW Strategic Planning meetings. I also serve on Councilman Allen’s Transportation Strikeforce, which meets bi-monthly to tackle transportation issues in Southwest, the Navy Yard and Buzzard Point. The Strikeforce was instrumental in bringing

back the Circulator to Southwest in July. If re-elected, I will continue to advocate for a “build-first” for Greenleaf; work to transform Lansburgh Park into our “central park” and create a robust connection to the Duck Pond; and ignite a thriving town center with the development of a new Southwest Community Center.

Anna Forgie, 6D02:

6D02 is exceptional for our wonderfully diverse population, single-family homes and apartment buildings, government offices and businesses, and recreation and performance facilities, all so close to spectacular waterways. But our greatest strength—our varied and diverse population—sometimes feels divided by, among other things, the major roadway running through our neighborhood. I want to bridge that divide by fostering dialogue and community. Too many residents have felt ignored for too long. In the almost 7 years I’ve lived in the area, I’ve met long-time residents and new transplants, many of whom share concerns about the changing neighborhood.

We need to pursue creative, sustainable, mixed-use/mixed-income development that incorporates retail, affordable housing, and green space, while promoting best practices for changing traffic and parking patterns. As a former Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador, where I taught

music classes to kids, I believe in the power of music/arts education to nurture strong, confident students. Access to affordable childcare and pre-K education that incorporates music/arts is crucial for our growing community.

I will listen to your concerns, proactively seek out and disseminate information, and advocate on your behalf. 6D02 needs a new, hardworking representative, and I am the right candidate for the job.

Anthony Dale, 6D05:

As a resident of Southwest DC for the better part of 14 years, I have had a front row seat to some of the amazing changes that are taking place in our community. I am running to serve on the ANC for SMD 6D05 in order to be a voice for parents and school children; low-income and high-income residents; and retirees as well as new residents. This district needs a voice for strong neighborhood schools for our children, adequate housing for growing families and safe streets for one of the fastest-growing parts of DC. This area has seen substantial growth and economic prosperity over the last 20 years and our community’s changing landscape needs fresh ideas and a leader who reaches out to resident to listen to their interests. If I am honored enough to become the next ANC for 6D05 I will always remember public service is a privilege entrusted to me by my neighbors. I look forward to meeting you and discussing issues that concern you and your family, and I ask that you vote for Anthony Dale on November 6th. Southwest DC deserves an effective advocate by our side as we take on what’s ahead.

Rhonda Hamilton, 6D06:

I love Southwest. It has been a wonderful neighborhood to grow up in. I enjoy giving back to my community and doing my best to help residents. Our neighborhood is going through a lot because of all

the changes taking place. They are happening so quickly. It is important to me for our community to be the best that it can be with the needed supports to help it to be sustainable and resilient. I work, serve and give back to the community because my neighbors matter to me. I want them to have quality lives and opportunities to achieve the goals that they have established for their lives. A vote for Rhonda is a vote for a strong community.

Brant J. Miller, 6D07:

My name is Brant J. Miller, and I am running for ANC 6D07 because I care about the needs of our community. I want to ensure that all residents, long-time and just-arriving, are engaged and connected to one another as our neighborhood grows.

Some of the issues I care about most and want to address while serving in this position are:

Safety: I want to keep our neighborhoods safe and secure for all members of the community. I have been very engaged in violence prevention, and have served on the Leadership Council of the District’s Victim Assistance Network.

Housing: I graduated from the George Washington University in 2017 with my Masters in Public Policy. During my studies, I focused on housing issues and urban policy. I care about and want to address issues involving housing, such as affordability, Inclusionary Zoning and the Planned Unit Development process, as our community grows.

Transportation: I have extensive experiencing engaging ANC Commissioners throughout DC on transportation issues, and have attended numerous Transportation Committee meetings in different ANCs. I am knowledgeable about the processes necessary to make vital changes to our neighborhood’s streets as they change and transport new community members and visitors.

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BY ANDREW ROSZAK, BOARD MEMBER, SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

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BY BILL SMART

At last, you can get to East Potomac Park easily and without charge. The new electric-powered Jitney boat, seating up to six passengers, leaves on request from the end of the 7th St., SW Recreation Pier at The Wharf. It glides across Washington Channel within a few minutes, and life jackets are accessible as needed. Jitney passengers disembark on a new 60-foot concrete floating pier along the retaining wall of the park, which is also used to tie-up kayaks, water boards and small motor boats.

There are a variety of recreational facilities within walking distance of the pier. A paved drive circles around Hains Point peninsula, which is technically an island. The three mile loop is ideal for bicyclists, joggers and in-line roller skaters. The sidewalk along the waterfront is a breeze for families with children, strollers and walkers with canes. Athletic fields are available for baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball. There are tables for picnickers and plenty of space along the retaining wall for fishermen and women.

Available to the public are outdoor and indoor tennis courts, a golf driving range, putting greens and the oldest miniature

golf course still operating in the country. The East Potomac Blue Golf Course has 18 holes of play. The Red Golf Course has nine holes, as does the White Golf Course for families. Golf carts are available with purchase of green fees for easy travel around the three courses that feature views of monuments, the airport and waterway activity.

The clubhouse has a pro shop for golf equipment, public restrooms and the Potomac Grille for snacks or a light meal on the veranda overlooking the golf area. A new enlarged Olympic-size heated swimming pool, with spectator areas and dressing rooms, will open in May 2019. It is operated by The District of Columbia Recreation Department.

Conceptual plans for The Jitney and national park dock were developed in cooperation with executives of PN Hoffman and a team of staff members of the National Park Service. The Jitney ride is complimentary, thanks to the Wharf Community Association, a non-profit organization that manages public spaces near The Wharf.

For more information, including hours of operation, visit <https://www.wharfdc.com/getting-here/wharf-jitney/>.



A Capitol Square Place home featured on the upcoming house tour

Southwest Tour of Homes on Sunday, Oct. 7

BY KATHY TRICKEY

The Waterfront Village recently announced its inaugural “Homes of the Southwest Waterfront” house tour. This house tour, one of the major fundraisers of the year for the organization, will be Sunday, Oct. 7 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Waterfront Village is a nonprofit neighborhood-based membership organization consisting of staff, volunteers and vendors supporting residents who wish to age in place in their own homes.

The house tour, supported by local businesses and organizations, will showcase the hidden gems of Southwest to highlight the history and diversity of our unique community. The houses, apartments, churches and commercial buildings in the area are a tribute to the architecture and styles of the past few centuries, and a walk through the neighborhood is a

history lesson. This year, the tour will feature the townhouses in Southwest, and materials will be provided on significant historical events and notable architecture and urban design along the walk route.

The tour starts at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church at the corner of 6th St. and Maine Ave., SW, which will serve as the headquarters throughout the afternoon. Tour participants will pick up walking maps and ID bracelets. Day-of tickets are \$25; tickets purchased prior to the day-of will be sold for \$20. Proceeds benefit Waterfront Village. Tour participants must be 13 or older. Sorry, no dogs are permitted in the homes.

Tickets can be purchased at www.WaterfrontVillageHomeTour.info or on the Waterfront Village’s website, www.DCWaterfrontVillage.org, where information can be found on the Events tab for October. Information is also available by calling the Village office at 202-656-1834.

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Komen Toastmasters Moves to Westminster Presbyterian

BY CHRISTINA SCHELTEMA

Southwest’s Komen Toastmasters has moved its meetings from the Southwest Branch Library to Westminster Presbyterian Church in advance of library construction. Komen Toastmasters, a public speaking and leadership club, continues to meet on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until noon, as it has for over 20 years. Komen often meets on the main level of Westminster Presbyterian but occasionally meets downstairs, in the community space or the community conference room on the church’s lower level.

“We really support people finding and

strengthening their own voices,” said Reverend Ruth Hamilton, Co-Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Komen Toastmasters is affiliated with Toastmasters International, a world leader in communication and leadership development. It offers a structured, self-directed program whereby members take a survey of their interests and goals and complete projects to work towards those goals. All members start by completing an Ice Breaker speech to practice talking in front of a group about a topic they know well—themselves.

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city. Along cobblestone Wharf Street, both vehicles and pedestrians share a space known as "woonerf," a European-style of street that when translated from Dutch means "living yard." The Wharf is not the only area in the city to have this controversial style of street, but it may be the one that has created the loudest conversation in the city about curbless environments and precautions that are needed. The Wharf now closes Wharf Street to cars on the weekend and during key events, when foot traffic is at its heaviest. On the Maine Avenue side, it has also created a designated and marked two-way bike lane complete with dotted lines, which is separate from walkers. However, with the bike lane on the outside, pedestrians entering and exiting ride share and taxis must cross the bike lanes, and most may not even be aware of what they are crossing. Now that these areas exist, they have provided an opportunity for the city to use them as case studies when discussing improvements to pedestrian infrastructure.

The Wharf has reintroduced Washington to the power of the water. Bright yellow water taxis have seen a large increase in ridership that continues to grow, taking passengers from Southwest to Old Town Alexandria in 30 minutes (passengers can also choose to visit National Harbor or Georgetown directly from the Wharf). Visitors (and their dogs!) can take the free Jitney across the Washington Channel to East Potomac Park in just a handful of minutes. Earlier this year the Wharf welcomed a 175-person cruise ship (the first in 55 years) and this month, the Wharf will even welcome the world's largest Viking ship for 10 days.

The Wharf has also reintroduced the history of the Southwest Waterfront to the city at large. Plaques mark notable locations of the old waterfront throughout history. Highlighting locations such as

the District Morgue and The Pearl helps remind visitors that what stands today is in part due to those who came before—residents and business owners that helped make history in their neighborhoods. And while residents may no longer be able to enjoy Hogate's famous rum buns, new restaurants coming to the Wharf are hoping to become the next neighborhood favorite.

A new sushi spot, Tabu, is set to open by the end of 2018, with Sushi Taro chef Nobu Yamazaki at the helm. Rappahannock Oyster Company is set to open soon in the restored historic oyster shed. Potomac Distilling Company, which will feature a three-story rum distillery, is set to open any day now with "Rum Not War" painted down the side of the smokestack. These restaurants, and those already at the Wharf, will continue to highlight eating as an experience, a social act. Each restaurant's position seems designed to put diners in the middle of the atmosphere, with music, pedestrians and water surrounding the meal, all joining together to create a once-in-a-lifetime experience along the Southwest Waterfront.

Phase II, which has already begun with the installation of the new docks where Cantina Marina used to be, will not just feel different, but it will also have different offerings than Phase I: a small grocer, a restaurant on the water and a small boutique hotel. Much like the first phase, the retail and experiences that visitors will enjoy with Phase II are evolving to fit the needs of the public and the neighborhood.

The Wharf has literally changed the shape of the Southwest Waterfront. When both phases are fully complete by the end of 2021, there will be no distinction between the two. The one-mile stretch over 24 acres of land will include 10 acres of parks and 50 acres of water rights in the Washington Channel. It aims to cohesively reconnect the city and the people to its Southwest Waterfront for the next chapter of the neighborhood's long history.

District Shabbat Brings Judaism Back to Southwest

BY JENNIFER MILLSTONE

For more than a century, Washington's Jewish community thrived in the heart of the city. Since 1995, however, there has not been a Jewish synagogue in Southwest. For Southwest's Jewish community, this meant traveling to other areas of the District to participate in Jewish life. That's about to change.

On Friday, Oct. 19, Washington Hebrew Congregation (WHC) will debut District Shabbat, a soulful, joyful and musical Shabbat experience each month in the heart of DC in partnership with St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

District Shabbat aims to build community through Friday evenings filled with drinks, food, learning and joyful, musical worship. District Shabbat is for people of all ages. Have kids? Come at 5:30 p.m. for a fun and engaging service that's perfect for the little ones—and will get you on your feet as well. No kids in tow? Come at 6:15

p.m. for a "Shot of Torah," where drinks and appetizers are the opening to a spirited discussion with WHC's dynamic rabbis about the week's Torah portion. The high-energy service, led by the rabbis and internationally acclaimed folk-rock musicians Dan Nichols and Alan Goodis, begins at 7:00 p.m. and is followed by dinner catered from some of DC's hottest restaurants. District Shabbat is the kind of Jewish experience that has been missing from the Waterfront.

Founded in 1862, Washington Hebrew Congregation serves more than 2,500 families throughout the region and is one of the most vibrant Reform congregations in the nation. Led by Senior Rabbi M. Bruce Lustig; Rabbis Susan N. Shankman, Aaron Miller and Eliana Fischel; and Cantors Mikhail Manevich and Susan Bortnick, WHC has a deep commitment to social justice and provides a wide variety of opportunities for worship, community service, engagement and education for all ages. Learn more at whctemple.org/DistrictShabbat.

“Turn Me Loose” at Arena Stage is Powerful and Provocative

Exclusive Interview with Supporting Actor John Carlin

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

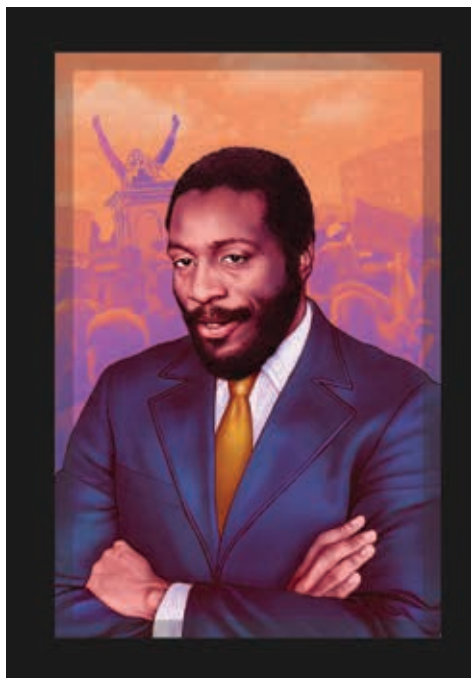
“Turn Me Loose” is true to the spirit of Dick Gregory, who was a stand-up comedian, activist, author and serious commentator on politics. He is known as the first African-American comedian to expose audiences to racial comedy. In confronting bigotry head-on with biting humor and charm, Gregory turned activism into an art form, or perhaps he turned art into activism. The show now at Arena Stage’s Kreeger Theater, until Oct. 21, is both entertaining and enlightening as it weaves Gregory’s life story with the history of the times of his life.

Obie-Award winner and former stand-up comedian Edwin Lee Gibson portrays comedian-activist Dick Gregory, and John Carlin plays all other roles: stand-up comic, emcee, interviewer, heckler and cabbie.

The following is an exclusive interview with John Carlin, who appeared in the Off-Broadway show in New York.

How has the show evolved since opening in New York?

We had a joke when we did it last year in Los Angeles: that events in the world seemed to be conspiring to make the play even more relevant than when it first opened in 2016. For better or worse, that still seems to be the case as we begin our



Comedian & activist Dick Gregory, illustration by Charles Chaisson, Photo courtesy of Arena Stage

run here at Arena Stage in 2018. And from my perspective, as the one who plays all the racist white characters, it becomes even more important to accurately portray that ugly reality.

Gregory, who died in Washington in August 2017, was at your opening night in

New York in 2016. What was it like to meet him?

It was one of the great honors of my life, and one of the gifts of working on this play for the past four years, to meet Dick Gregory and his wife Lillian, and be welcomed as a friend by the Gregory family. He loved the play, and came repeatedly, bringing different kids and grandkids each time. I was told by one of his daughters while he was still alive, “We talk about you at home.” So I can die happy now.

Gregory was an activist for civil rights as well as environmental and humanitarian causes. He ran for mayor of Chicago and was a one-time presidential candidate, in addition to telling his own story in his autobiography. What have you learned about Gregory, and how has it affected your own activism?

Dick Gregory was such a visionary, in so many ways. He was never afraid to speak truth to power, and to use his brilliant humor as a tool to enlighten. He also wasn’t afraid to put his body on the line.

The activist community of which I’m a part fully embraces this legacy—using music, theater and humor to address issues such as immigrant rights, police brutality and climate change. There are always people braver than you are, whose job it is to lead the way

toward action, and change. Dick Gregory was one of those people—a true hero.

What is it like bringing this show to Arena Stage in DC?

It’s especially exciting for me to bring this show to DC, and Arena Stage. Besides having special significance as a home base for Mr. Gregory and his family, my parents met as aspiring young actors at Catholic University in the 50’s, and my mother—the actress Frances Sternhagen—grew up in DC, and began her decades-long career at the original Arena Stage in 1953.

What’s next?

Despite my family’s background in acting and theater (several siblings as well)—or maybe because of it—I resisted the actor’s life, and have only been acting professionally for the past 5-6 years. I used to be a professional musician/songwriter. I’m still getting used to the inherent instability of the business—never sure what your next gig will be.

I have a cool, funny indie short film coming out next year, called “Roddy and Doddy,” taking this play with music called “America Is Hard To See” that I did Off-Broadway to Edinburgh Fringe.

Oh, and I’ll make sure to be available to do “Turn Me Loose” when it goes to Broadway...!

POCKET CHANGE

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

OCTOBER 21, FROM 3-5PM



Five finalists will present their ideas to the community.



The audience will vote for the idea they believe will have the greatest impact.



The winner gets a \$1000 grant, plus all donations at the door.



Let's celebrate all the Pocket Change ideas! Hang out, eat and meet your neighbors.

Date: October 21, from 3-5 pm
Location: SWBID Offices - 420 4th Street SW
Suggested Donation: \$5 cash
RSVP: www.swbid.org/pocketchangersvp
Questions: bferraro@swbid.org

Pocket Change is supported by Southwest Business Improvement District & Southwest Neighborhood Assembly

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

WED 3, 6:30 P.M. Workshop Wednesday, SW Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752

FRI 5, 6:30 P.M. Game Night, 1st Friday of every month. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW, 202-554-3222, www.staugustinesdc.org

FRI 5, 7:30—9:00 P.M. Friday Night Lecture: Why Me? Buddhist Perspective on Karma. This class is a perfect introduction to the Buddha's teachings on cause and effect. Standard price: \$12; Students/Seniors: \$6, Kadampa Meditation Center DC, 1200 Canal St. SW

FRI 5 - 15, Daily 10:00 A.M.—8:00 P.M. Vikings at the Wharf, Take a tour of the world's largest operational Viking ship, the Draken Harald Hårfagre. Visit the Draken Village to relive the discovery of the New World and the Draken's 2016 trans-Atlantic crossing. Also lectures by the captain, screenings of the ship's documentary and much more. Transit Pier, The Wharf

SAT 6, 9:30 A.M.—Noon Purifying Negative Karma—Half-day Retreat. In this retreat, we will focus on the four special meditations to remove negative karma from our mind known as the "four opponent powers." By engaging in this practice, we can help heal our mind from negativity and gain a clear, more positive state of mind. This retreat is perfect for those who are new to purification practice and more experienced practitioners interested in deepening their practice. Standard price: \$20, Kadampa Meditation Center DC

SAT 6, 10:30 A.M.—Noon Komen Toastmasters International, A leader in communication and leadership development that holds meetings every 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW. *If we're not on the first floor in the main worship space, look for us downstairs.* All are welcome. See Toastmasters International website. Contact <http://www.toastmasters.org/membership/how-to-join> for information on membership and fees.

SAT 6, 1:00—2:30 P.M. Yoga Nidra, Meditate, Chant, Breathe, and Relax deeply with Yoga Nidra, led by Pamela Wilson. Move toward healing your Mind, Body and Spirit. Bring a mat and light covering. Invite your family and friends. \$10 donation suggested. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SAT 6, 3:00 P.M. Fall Leaf Wreath Craft, Children are invited to design and create their own fall leaf wreaths to celebrate the season. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. Snacks will be provided. SW Library

SUN 7, 9:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M. Southwest Yoga Fest, Join us for a full day of free yoga at The Wharf's District Pier. Expand your horizons and perfect your flow with a wide variety of classes hosted by Yoga Factory DC.

SUN 7, 1:00—5:00 P.M. Homes of the Southwest Waterfront House Tour to benefit Waterfront Senior Village. Tickets \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance at www.WaterfrontVillageHomeTour.org or by calling 202-656-1834; Tour starts at St. Augustine's Church, 555 Water Street SW, corner of 6th & M Sts. SW

TUES 9, 1:30 P.M. Literary Book Group, Copies of this month's title, "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles, are available at the information desk. SW Library

WED 10, 6:30 P.M. Aspiring Writer's Circle – meetup for new and aspiring writers. SW Library

THURS 11, 7:00—8:00 P.M. SWNA History Task Force Community Meeting – Community meeting to present and discuss the proposal for nominating a new historic district covering the pre-Urban Renewal sanitary and worker housing west of South Capitol and north of Buzzard Point. Learn more at www.swdc.org/old-southwest/. Arena Stage

SAT 13, 10:00—11:00 A.M. Meditations for Healing - Saturday Morning Meditation, Taking and giving is a beautiful and profound method to transform our personal problems, our relationships and the world into the very means for experiencing love, joy, compassion and wisdom. This ancient practice brings mental peace and happiness, heals body and mind, increases our spiritual strength and capacity to overcome challenges, and increases our ability to be of benefit to others. Standard price: \$12; Students/Seniors: \$6. Kadampa Meditation Center DC

SAT 13, 3:00—5:00 P.M. Animal Blessings in front of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW

SUN 14, 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

MON 15, 7:00 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4th Street, SW, second floor

TUES 16, 4:00—6:00 P.M. Waterfront Village Informational Meeting & Open House. Southwest and Navy Yard residents interested in joining or volunteering in support of our neighborhood senior supportive services organization are invited to an open house and informational meeting at Capital Park Tower, 301 G Street SW. Light refreshments will be offered.

WED 17, 11:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter and the District of Columbia Office on Aging will sponsor the **Chapter's 7th Annual Community Health, Wellness and Resource Fair.** The Community Health, Wellness and Resource Fair provides: FLU SHOTS FOR SENIORS, 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. Also an AARP District of Columbia State Office Caregiver Support Presentation. The Health fair is open to the entire Washington, DC Senior Community, their families, neighbors and friends. Off-street parking available. Waterfront Metro (Green Line) two blocks away. A BOX LUNCH will be provided to attendees courtesy of the AARP District of Columbia State Office. For further information, contact Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

WED 17, 6:00 P.M. Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund (TDJBCF) Support Group Meeting. Sixty-sixth Birthday Celebration of Thelma D. Jones and Sixth Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund. Guest Speaker is Lucile L. Adams-Campbell, PhD, Associate Director for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research, Associate Dean for Community Health & Outreach, and Professor of Oncology at Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown University Medical Center. Celebration features networking reception,

musical presentations, tributes and a champagne toast. Sponsors are welcomed. For information, email thelma.d.jones@outlook.com or call 202-251-1639. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

WED 17, 6:30 P.M. LEARN AND WRITE, SW Library

WED 17, 7:00 P.M. PSA 105 Meeting at 401 E Street the Forensics Lab. Dr. Smith will be offering tours to participants. Government issued id will be required to go upstairs on the tour.

WED 17, 6:30 P.M. Fiction Lover's Book Group, call the library for information about this month's selection. SW Library

SAT 20, 9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M. Waterfront Workouts, You can work out by the water for free. Bring your yoga mat for beginner-friendly yoga hosted by Yoga Factory, The Wharf

SAT 20, 10:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Racial Awareness and Mindfulness 2018, A Mini-Festival of the Arts, Awareness, Healing, and Justice. Featuring: music, drumming, keynote, workshop, emotional emancipation circles, interplay, intergenerational, caucuses, multiracial, children's track, free lunch, a learning community. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SAT 20, 10:30 A.M.—Noon Komen Toastmasters International, a leader in communication and leadership development that holds meetings every 1st and 3rd Saturdays. *Komen will meet at an alternate location on Saturday October 20, 2018.* Look for a sign at the church and/or check our website for details. <https://www.toastmasters.org/Find-a-Club/00008714-00008714>. All are welcome.

SAT 20, 3:00 P.M. Cinema Saturday. Children are invited to enjoy a G or PG movie on the big screen. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Snacks will be provided. SW Library, 202-724-4752

WED 24, 6:30—8:30 P.M. A Conversation About Domestic Violence, presented by Cupid's Sting Non-Profit and mindful to a T. Free discussion and art exhibit. For more information see conversationaboutdomesticviolence.eventbrite.com. Pepco Edison Place Gallery, 702 8th St. NW

THURS 25, 6:45 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D, Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. To be added to e-mail list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com. DC Harbor Patrol, 550 Water St. SW

FRI 26, 8:00—11:00 P.M. NO TRICKS—JUST TREATS All Saints and Sinners Halloween Bash and Silent Auction. All Saints & Sinners Halloween Bash and Silent Auction. Ages 21 and up. \$55 ticket includes food, drink, entry to Live Silent Auction. Best Costume Contest winner announced at 9:45 p.m. Benefits Bread for Life Breakfast Program & other St. Augustine's outreach activities. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. S.W. More info: staugustinesdc.org

SAT 27, 1:00—3:00 P.M. Bill Evans was an innovative jazz pianist and composer who blended impressionistic harmony and inventive interpretation of jazz standards. He recorded extensively and has left a truly unique contribution to the heritage of jazz. Larry Applebaum brings this fascinating presentation. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SAT 27, 1:30 P.M. Southwest Library Book Discussion, Copies of this month's title, "The Lost City of Z" by David Grann, are available at the information desk. SW Library

SAT 27, 3:00 P.M. Cinema Saturday, Children are invited to enjoy a G or PG movie on the big screen. Snacks will be provided. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

MON 29, 7:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M. SWNA and "The Southwester" Candidate Forum, featuring candidates for the City Council Ward 6 seat, City Council at-large seats and DC Board of Education Ward 6 Representative. For up-to-date information, check thesouthwester.com. Arena Stage

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADVICE FOR LIFE MEDITATION CLASS, Sundays, 10:00—11:00 A.M. Learn practical advice found in Buddha's teaching as methods for solving our daily problems. There is a separate class for kids ages 5-12 running at the same time. Everyone is welcome. \$12 per class (\$6 for students/seniors/unemployed). **Kadampa Meditation Center DC, 1200 Canal St. SW, 202-430-6540**

ALL-LEVELS YOGA CLASS every Wednesday from 8:00—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

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

ARTS FOR KIDS, Tuesdays, 5:00—6:00 P.M., Ages 6-13. Michelle & Akaya. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

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

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

BALLET, Saturdays, 10:45—11:15 A.M., Ages 6-12. Alexis Miller & Jilian Carter. Randall Recreation Center

BALLET, Saturdays, 11:15 A.M.—12:15 P.M., Ages 3-5. Alexis Miller & Jilian Carter. Randall Recreation Center

BLUES MONDAYS, 6:00—9:00 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5 cover and food for sale. Schedule at www.westminsterdc.org/blues.html

BREAD FOR LIFE, Sundays, 8:00—8:45 A.M. Free Breakfast, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Community Room, 555 Water St., SW. Hot Breakfast of eggs,

pancakes, sausage, biscuits, juice and coffee. Seeking Volunteers to help cook, serve and set-up. For Volunteers' Training, contact: chee-cheemathis@staugustinesdc.org

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. SW Library

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, Every 3rd Saturday, 9:00—11:00 A.M. Rear entrance of Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW, across from SW Library. \$5.00 donation

COOKING LEVEL 1, Wednesdays, 5:30—7:00 P.M. (Boys) Ages: 8-13 Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, *TBD* King Greenleaf Recreation Center

DC DRAGON BOAT CLUB, Saturdays, 8:30 A.M., Interested in meeting new people, getting into shape, and enjoying the great outdoors? Come to The Anchor Store at the DC Wharf located at 709 Wharf St. SW and join a free paddling session with the DC Dragon Boat Club. Dragonboat is the fastest growing water sport in the world and it is a great workout that can be enjoyed by paddlers of all ages and experience levels. The DC Dragon Boat Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing dragon boating to the D.C. area. We are metro-accessible and offer regular practices, opportunities to race in local venues, and social activities. Beginners are welcome! The first three practices are free! Sign up at www.dcdragonboat.org/. Questions? Email info@dcdragonboat.org.

DC HOOKS AND NEEDLES GROUP, Every Monday 2:00—4:00 P.M., Velo Café on Maine Avenue at the Wharf.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK-IN CLINIC, Wednesdays, 1:00—4:00 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 "I" Street SW, 202-484-7700

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

FAMILY STORYTIME, Saturdays, 10:30 A.M., Join us for books, songs, rhymes and finger plays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. Playtime follows story time each week. Designed to be enjoyed by all ages. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

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

FITNESS BOOTCAMP, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:00-7:00 P.M., Ages 18-up, SPHF, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

FITNESS BOOTCAMP, Wednesdays, 6:30—7:30 P.M., Ages 18-up, SPHF, Randall Recreation Center

FOOTBALL 8 U, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:00—7:00 P.M., Ages 7-8, Ronald Hines, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

FRIDAY FILMS, Fridays, 3:00 P.M. Join us for a showing of a surprise film, rated G or PG. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752

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

GAME CLUB, Fridays, 4:00 P.M. 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 is looking for troop leaders for its 2018-2019 year. If you live in the neighborhood and would like to give back to local girls, please contact Monica at 202-468-9620 for additional information.

HAND DANCING, Saturdays, 1:00—3:30 P.M. Ages 55 & older. Volunteer. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, Fridays, 6:00—9:00 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale. Schedule at www.westminsterdc.org/jazz.html

JOINT WORSHIP-Westminster Presbyterian Church and Riveside Baptist Church, Sundays, 11:00 A.M.—Noon, 400 "I" Street SW, 202-484-7700

KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER DC, Thursdays, 7:15—8:30 P.M., Developing our Concentration: Meditation Class. In this series we will learn what is concentration, why it is important for meditation, and to learn how to improve our concentration through clear and simple instructions. Please see online calendar for details and complete class schedule. \$12 per class (\$6 for students/seniors/unemployed) **Sundays, 10:00—11:00 A.M.:** Dharma in Daily Life—Meditation Class. In this series we will look at the main subjects of Buddhist meditation that can easily integrate in our daily life. Through learning these meditations we can quickly improve our relationships with others and find a more balanced approach to life. \$12 per class (\$6 for students/seniors/unemployed). Kadampa Meditation Center DC, 1200 Canal St. SW

KEYS TO FREEDOM N/A Group, Tuesdays, Noon—1:00 P.M., St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

KICKBALL, Tuesdays, 5:00—6:00 P.M., Age 8-14, Safiyyah Aleem-Woods. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

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

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS invites the Southwest Community to Spring Forward with us. We are a friendly community toastmasters club whose mission is to help people develop public speaking, communications, and leadership skills. Toastmasters meets on the **1st & 3rd Saturday of each month 10:30 A.M.—Noon.** All are Welcome. Contact www.toastmasters.org for information on membership and fees.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Wednesdays, 7:00—8:00 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church

OPEN GYM, Saturdays, 10:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M., Ages 18 & Older, Staff. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

PAJAMA STORY TIME, Thursdays, 6:00 P.M. Join us for an evening story time where pajamas are encouraged but not required. These evening programs are designed to delight children of all ages. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.—12:30 P.M., Ages 55 + Older, Volunteer, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

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

POM POM, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00—6:00 P.M., Ages: 6-13. Chamia Day. Randall Recreation Center

READING CLUB, Thursdays, 4:00 P.M. Children ages 4-12 are invited to drop in for independent or quiet partnered reading while enjoying a snack provided by the library. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK at Westminster Presbyterian Church, MONDAYS, 11:00 A.M—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 St. SW

SENIOR CRAFTS, 1:00—2:00 P.M. Ages 55 & Older, Site Staff, TBD, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL A/A Group, Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M., St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

SUPREME TEENS, Mondays, 6:30—7:30 P.M., Ages 13-19, Safiyyah, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SUPREME TEENS, Wednesdays, 4:00—6:00 P.M., Ages 13-18, Karena Houser-Hall, Randall Recreation Center

TEEN COLOR CLUB, Thursdays, 4:30 P.M., Teens ages 13-19 are invited to get creative with colored pencils, other materials and coloring sheets while socializing. SW Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752

TEEN LOUNGE, Tuesdays, 4:30 P.M. Ages 13-19 are invited to hang out and participate in fun activities, games and socializing. SW Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752. Note: This program will not be held October 23rd.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751, monthly luncheon meetings are held **every third Wednesday at noon.** Current AARP members, prospective members and visitors are welcome. Lunch is Available. Cost: \$5.00 for lunch. River Park Mutual Homes' South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

TINY TOTS, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30—11:30 A.M., Ages 15 months-3 years, Michelle Edmonds King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. SW, 202-645-7454

TINY TOTS, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30—11:30 A.M., Ages 15 months-3 years, Karena Houser-Hall. Randall Recreation Center.

TINY TOTS TENNIS, Wednesdays, 5:00—6:00 P.M., Ages 3-5, DPR Staff, Randall Recreation Center

SENIOR BINGO, Mondays and Thursdays, 1:00—3:00 P.M., Ages 55 and Older, Charles Jones, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SENIOR JEWELRY MAKING, Wednesdays, 1:00—2:30 P.M., Ages 55 & older. Site Staff TBD. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SPORTS SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, Mondays, Wednesdays, 4:00—6:00 P.M., Ages 5-12, Ronald Hines, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SW FREEWAY, NA, Wednesdays, 7:00—8:00 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church

SWING DANCE CLASSES, Wednesdays, 7:00—9:30 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church

VOLLEYBALL, Tuesdays, 5:30—7:00 P.M., Ages:10-14. Safiyyah Aleem-Woods. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, First and Third Wednesday each month, 7:00—9:00 P.M., Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments. Christ United Methodist Church.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30—7:30 P.M., Ages: 18—up. Elin Whitney-Smith. Randall Recreation Center

Wii CLUB, Wednesdays, 4:30 P.M., Children ages 4-12 are invited to play games on the Wii console. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library

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

YOGA IN THE WATER: ALL-LEVELS CLASS, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30—10:30 A.M. and Sundays from 12:30—1:30 P.M., with Pamela Wilson at Waterside Fitness and Swim Club, 901 6th St., 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, Wednesdays, 5:00—6:00 P.M., Ages 6-12, Karena Houser-Hall, Randall Recreation Center.

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, Thursdays, 5:30—7:00 P.M., Ages: 6-14. Safiyyah Aleem-Woods. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

YOUTH SOCCER, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:00—6:00 P.M., Ages: 7-12. Randall Recreation Center. 202-673-7647

ZUMBA, Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30—7:30 P.M., Ages 18 and up. SPHF, Randall Recreation Center. 202-673-7647

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A Women's Rights Career Began in a Tiber Island Townhouse

BY DALE MACIVER

Women's rights leader Arvonne Skelton Fraser died on August 7, 2018. A New York Times article states "Arvonne Fraser, a leading voice on women's issues in Minnesota, nationally and abroad from the early days of second-wave feminism into the 21st century, died on Tuesday [August 7, 2018] in Hudson, Wis. She was 92."

Fraser, her husband Congressman Donald M. Fraser, and their children lived in a Tiber Island townhouse at 4th and N St., SW during the 1960's and 1970's. With the growing national interest in women's issues, Fraser and several women friends brought brown bag lunches to her home in 1969 to discuss "women's subordinate status in American society." That was a milestone for Fraser.

"More than twenty women showed up at my Tiber Island townhouse one lovely spring day in 1969," Fraser wrote in her memoir. "Ranging in age from early thirties to seventies, many were wives of



Arvonne Skelton Fraser, leading national voice on women's issues

elected or appointed officials, diplomats or newspaper reporters."

Chafing at the fact that they were always introduced as "the wife of..." they decided to call themselves The Nameless Sisterhood.

That meeting started an impressive career in women's rights for Fraser, which included:

- Forming a DC chapter of the Women's Equity Action League (WEAL),
- Serving as WEAL's national president,
- Being appointed to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women,
- Being a delegate to two United Nations World Conferences on Women,
- Being director of the Office of Women in Development in President Jimmy Carter's administration,
- Organizing and operating the International Women's Rights Action Watch, to spread information on the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, and

- Being a co-founder of the Center on Women, Gender and Public Policy at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, and serving as a Senior Fellow.

REMEMBERING ARVONNE FRASER

Fraser's scholarly writings on women's issues in books, articles and official documents will remain on bookshelves and in libraries worldwide. Her 2007 memoir reminds us that at the same time as championing these causes, she and Congressman Fraser raised six children. There are many Congressional documents, U.S. laws, actions of the United Nations, and women's activities fostered in other nations that all contain important contributions by Arvonne Fraser.

Her family and friends will certainly treasure the memory of her smile, her laugh and her winning personality. Millions more worldwide are being affected by Fraser's trailblazing leadership in women's rights.

JENNY'S

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Charles Allen, ANC Commissioner Gail Fast, and Molly Smith, Artistic Director at Arena Stage.

Councilmember Allen presented the couple with the "Jenny and Henry Liu Appreciation Resolution of 2018," which he had passed through the City Council earlier that day. The crowd toasted Jenny and Henry, and Smith presented them with a plaque thanking them for their 40 years of great food and lasting friendship. "I love you guys. I really love you guys. I love Southwest!" said Jenny.

The staff of "The Southwester" spoke with Jenny and Henry about the history of the restaurant in the neighborhood and what's next.

What inspired you to invest in the SW community as the home for your name-sake restaurant?

We (Jenny and Henry) actually met in Washington, DC. We had mutual friends who introduced us and one of our friends owned a boutique shop in SW. When we got married and began to start our family, we realized that we would love to run a small business and that we loved the SW community. We took over that boutique shop initially but shortly thereafter, the opportunity to open a restaurant emerged and we jumped at the chance. It was a privilege to us to share our love of food and family with SW.

As immigrants to DC we had no knowledge or preconceptions of "good or bad neighborhoods" or what it meant to be in SW vs Georgetown but just found a place we felt comfortable and welcome. The SW community embraced us with open arms and we loved it back. Back then there were EPA employees during the day and the neighborhood folks in the evenings and to us it was just this diverse and vibrant

area of town that still felt tight knit and a place we could feel at home since at the time we had two small kids who came to work with us often. The proximity to the memorials and all that is famous in DC just made us feel that much more American!

What is your favorite dish to enjoy on the menu- be it the most recent menu or an earlier menu? What about to prepare?

Sometimes people think that if you love to cook you should work in a restaurant but it's not the same as cooking the same thing hundreds of times a day and making sure it tastes the same every time! After 40 years one of the things we pride ourselves on is the consistency and that our SW neighbors can order something and know what to expect. There is just a certain aroma that comes off the wok for all the spicy dishes that makes you salivate immediately whether you eat spicy food or not and that never gets old so our favorites are items like the drunken noodles or the spicy szechuan string beans which are so flavorful every time! That being said I would say that the items we get the most comments about being the most unique for our customers compared to other places is definitely our orange chicken, from the fresh orange peels to the large cooked to order chunks of chicken breast it's definitely a dish that you don't see made the same in most places.

Tell us a bit about the kiosk operations. How is it different than the restaurant (ie service, clients)? How is it the same? Will the menu remain the same, or are you looking to expand or change it up? My husband is dying for your dumplings!

The kiosk is our attempt to try to stay in the neighborhood and somewhat connected but unfortunately it's nowhere



Photo courtesy office of Charles Allen

Charles Allen presents the "Jenny and Henry Liu Appreciation Resolution of 2018" to Jenny, Henry and granddaughter Emily

near the same as the restaurant. Without a kitchen to cook in we can really only steam items that are prepped ahead of time. We will continue to try and revamp the menu to allow us to serve as many classic Asian comfort dishes as possible and adjust with the weather but the small space and limited equipment capabilities really prevent us from doing much. Dumplings and noodle soups/bowls hopefully will be added in the fall so stay tuned. In the end though, Jenny's has always been about providing food and atmosphere that puts a smile on the face of our guests and the kiosk is no different!

Tell us a bit about what SW was like when you first moved down here decades ago? When was the first day of service? How has the neighborhood changed outside of the developments and not changed since?

How hasn't it changed? The neighborhood feels completely different with all the big, expensive, buildings and influx of new people but what hasn't changed is the compassion and camaraderie of the people who live in SW. We have watched multiple generations of SW neighbors

evolve during our time here and maybe the clothes they wear or the cars they drive have modernized but what has never changed is the down to earth demeanor and appreciation of a good meal which is what made us stay for as long as we did. There will always be tourists during cherry blossom season and happy hour patrons from the offices but it's the neighbors that stroll down for a meal on Tuesday night or pickup weekday takeout every week because even on the weeks that aren't too busy to cook, Jenny's had become a staple that makes the neighborhood and that is what we miss the most.

What's next?

For now, we are staying busy with our 2 grandchildren (Emily-almost 4; Benjamin-just turned 1) and travel to visit the family and friends who we've had limited time for over the last 40 years. We continue to stay active and busy so that if there is another fitting opportunity to open Jenny's in SW, we're ready! Readers can keep an eye out and let us know if there's a space to welcome us back for at least another 40 years. My mom (Jenny's) lived past 100 years old so I've got at least a few more decades in me!

Anything else we should know/highlight/mention?

We also want to take this opportunity to mention the amazing staff of Jenny's. We (Jenny and Henry) have our family, but just as importantly, we had our restaurant family. Many of our staff members worked with us for over 20 years. Just like our customers, we've seen our staff members grow up, graduate, get married, become parents and now even a few grandparents. We know that they greatly miss SW as well and that their customers miss them back. Thank you, Southwest, for a lifetime of memories!



A HISTORIC ICON

Built in 1886, Friendship Baptist Church was among the few buildings left untouched after mid-century urban renewal efforts that reshaped Southwest. One of the District’s oldest African-American congregations, the building and its mix of eclectic architectural styles serve as a reminder of the neighborhood’s roots.



DISTRICT OF CULTURE

Following a vibrant makeover by artist HENSE, the church became Blind Whino, a bold beacon for community and creativity. Now in our fifth year, we’re actively looking toward the future, eager to meet the city’s desire for locally grown culture and one-of-a-kind experiences.

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