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

By: **Katelynd Mahoney,**
SWNA Fundraising Chair

Author's note: This is part one of a series on the redevelopment of the old Southeastern University site located at 6th and Eye Streets SW. These articles seek to provide information for the greater community, and not to take a side on the development debate.

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet..." So goes a line in William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, reminding the audience that the names of things do not affect what they really are at their core. Throughout the work on this project, this line was oftentimes repeated. In fact, a sign with similar wording can be found across the street from the old Southeastern University (SEU) site. So what does this line that is hundreds of years old have to do with a development project happening today? To some in the community,

quite a lot, it turns out.

This series will explore different sides of a debate over the redevelopment of the old SEU site, officially located at 501 I Street SW. It is bound by Amidon-Bowen Elementary School to its east on the same block, the Southwest Duck Pond across I Street to its south, and townhomes both to the west across 6th Street and to its immediate north on the same block. The large brutalist building, which has since been torn down, was long home to the Hawthorne School, and was an addition to what was once home to the Metropolitan Boys Club. Graduate School USA bought the building in early 2010, but the building has sat vacant since.

The SWNA History Task Force filed an application in July of 2014 to designate the building as a Historic Landmark. The application was later dropped after an agreement

was worked out between SWNA and Shakespeare Theater Company (STC). The agreement holds STC to items such as including a minimum of 70 off-street parking spaces on the property; providing communication with a recognized group of residents who live in the immediate houses regarding all aspects of the development process, including demolition and construction schedules; and also requiring STC to hold at least two public community meetings, where it will share their plans for development and the process/timeline for construction. The agreement also looked beyond the project, and highlights the need for STC to be a partner with the Southwest community. Public benefits include invitations for the students at Amidon-Bowen and Jefferson Academy to attend performances, sharing the assembly spaces and conference rooms

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Southwest DC's Floating Homes Open to Visitors

By: **Travis Johnson**

The redevelopment of the Southwest Waterfront is well underway, bringing lots of changes to the neighborhood... but Southwest's live-aboard boats continue to float contentedly on the Washington Channel amid the noise and cranes. And this October 10, the community will hold its fourth home tour and welcome visitors to experience life on the water!

Historically, the waterfront was a portal for newcomers and visitors to the nation's capital, as well as a busy center for maritime trade and fishing. Few realize that Washington is home to the east coast's largest community of "liveaboards," people who live full- or part-time on boats and barges. For several decades, Gangplank Marina counted more than 300 "slips" (like parking space for boats) in the Washington Channel, but for the duration of the redevelopment its size has been considerably reduced. What remains are 90-some boats that are home to a varied community of folks united by a common love for life on the water.

"Winters can be a little bit rough sometimes, but most of the time this is like an oasis in the center of the city," says Joe Henderson, a chiropractor who has lived aboard for six years. Many residents are drawn by the unique lifestyle, close-knit community, and convenient location with a relatively low cost of living.

People of all ages and professions live on all types of houseboats, trawlers, tugs, barges, sailboats, and more at Gangplank. The community holds regular events, including Thursday happy hours and Sunday morning coffee get togethers.

This marks only the fourth time the marina has opened its doors for a home tour, and a limited number of tickets are available due to the tight quarters at sea. This year's tour will feature approximately 19 floating homes. Although tickets are listed at \$20, the tour offers a "neighbor appreciation rate" of \$15 for residents of the 20024 zip code.

Additionally, all profits from the tour go to local charities, reinvesting in the neighborhood. In past years, these have included Earth Conservation Corps, the Southwest Scholarship Fund, the Alice Ferguson Foundation, St. Augustine's programs for those in need, the Southwest Playground Project, and others.

Hours for the boat-home tour are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 10. More information and tickets can be found at www.dchouseboat.org. See you on the water!

The Future of Randall Rec Center

By: **Felicia Coutts**

On Tuesday, August 11, DC Parks and Recreation (DPR) Deputy Director John Stokes, accompanied by Department of General Services (DGS) Project Manager Mark Bacus, and Under Armour representative Jeff Reslin, met with ANC6D residents, local leaders, and community organizations to discuss future capital and program planning for Randall Recreation Center.

"[Our residents] don't want to have a beautiful building with no programs, but [they] also don't want programs in an outdated building," said Stacy Cloyd, ANC6D-2d representative.

Improvements to the exterior ground facilities have been extensive, but the Southwest community has long sought full reactivation of the center itself—a goal that remains elusive. Current improvements to the doors and windows of the building, thanks to a contribution of \$200,000 from the Bernstein Companies, soon may be followed by the loss of programming at the site.

The meeting failed to resolve the community's concerns. After a brief introduction by DPR staff member Brent Sisco, there was a presentation intended to cover four topics: (1) completion of the Bernstein Companies' installation of new windows and doors, (2) the final plan and timeline for completion of renovations to a portion of Randall's baseball field, (3) use of



\$250,000 for interior improvements to Randall, and (4) community input on ideas for future programs. Unfortunately, the hour-and-a-half-long meeting only afforded coverage and discussion around the first three items. A second meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 26 at 6 p.m. at Randall.

The first portion of the meeting acknowledged the Bernstein Companies' work to remove old screens from the windows at Randall, most of which have been removed. New exterior doors are expected to be installed soon. This work should be completed by the end of September.

The second portion of the meeting addressed the pending renovations to the baseball field, which are set to be completed by November 1, 2015. The field renovations are a result of

a partnership between DPR, Under Armour, The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, and the Washington Nationals. Jeff Reslin of Under Armour presented a list of FAQs and displayed a picture of the renovated field. He answered several questions about the orientation and design of the field, location of the score board, fencing, and the viability of its intended multi-purpose use. The final design will renovate the west side baseball field area (closest to the townhouses), re-orient the field to move home plate to the southwest corner, and install an artificial turf multi-purpose field for use for little league baseball, soccer, or flag football.

The east side of the field (closest to South Capitol Street) will remain unchanged as a softball field. Some residents lamented the loss of a greater portion of the softball field than originally expected to accommodate the renovations, and expressed concern over the safety of artificial turf, particularly if adult games must combine use of grass and artificial turf in order to extend the size of the playing area for adult games.

The remainder of the meeting focused on the \$250,000 for improvements and DPR's attempt to clarify the amount of money in its budget and the purpose of the funds for Randall. At the beginning of the slide presentation, CBCC Coordinator Felicia Coutts asked if these were the capital improvement funds that CBCC suc-

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A Letter from Charles Allen to Mayor Muriel Bowser

Dear Mayor Bowser,

I am very concerned with the recent announcement of the decision to park commercial buses on Buzzard Point. Commercial tour buses and construction vehicles already overburden the Southwest community. I do not believe the neighborhoods can absorb additional bus traffic.

Neighborhood streets are already at capacity with construction traffic for the many projects underway, including The Wharf (phase 1) on Maine Ave. SW, Waterfront Station (phase 3) on 4th St. SW, 525 Water St. SW, demolition of the former Southeastern University at 5011 St. SW, and the Museum of the Bible at 300 D St. SW. Further, impending demolition for the new soccer stadium and the Frederick Douglas Bridge replacement will expand construction vehicle demands. In addition to the congestion of construction vehicles, commercial tour buses already regularly park on Maine Ave. SW.

This combination of heavy commercial traffic seriously impacts pedestrian safety and the quality of life in Southwest.

Adding commercial bus parking to Buzzard Point will undoubtedly create additional pressures within these vibrant residential neighborhoods and negatively impact the community.

I have not received any communication from the Department of Transportation regarding a plan to handle this additional commercial bus traffic or how the buses would be prohibited from the surrounding neighborhood streets—a necessity, as commercial buses are incompatible with a safe and walkable community. The current lack of coordination with the existing construction and commercial bus traffic has prompted the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC6D), the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and my office to coordinate a conversation with DDOT to discuss the existing problems and to identify solutions. Adding commercial tour bus parking in Buzzard Point is too much of a burden to ask of the Southwest community. I strongly urge reconsideration of this decision.

Sincerely,
Charles Allen
Councilmember, Ward 6

Scholarship Awards Double from Last Year

By: Vyllorya Evans
Co-Chair, SWNA Education Task Force

On August 16, the SWNA Education and Scholarship Task Force (formerly Scholarship Committee) celebrated its 41st year of awarding scholarships to students living in Southwest DC. The number of scholarships doubled from last year, it went from six to 12; three were repeat applicants and nine were new applicants. The awards ceremony was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, where more than 50 guests gathered to meet this year's recipients. To date, the SWNA Education Task Force has awarded scholarships to more than 280 college students living in the Southwest community since 1974.

The following students were awarded scholarships this year:

Haili Blassingame will be studying international studies at Spelman College this fall. Haili is a recent graduate of School Without Walls High School. She enjoys blogging, reading, and writing. She has also interned with NPR's *Weekend Edition*. After graduation, she plans to pursue a master's degree in journalism and work as an executive producer for 20th Century Fox news.

Roman Hamilton will be studying computer engineering at the University of Pittsburgh this fall. He is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson Senior High School. Roman is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Boy Scouts of America. He enjoys programming and playing the guitar. He plans on getting a job in the tech industry after graduation.

Gary T. Hill is a junior at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania majoring in early childhood education. He graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School in 2013. He served as president of his sophomore class and is currently a member of the Kappa Delta Pi honor society. Gary also worked as a guest service representative at Nationals Park. Upon graduation he plans to return to DC and teach.

Bianca Kersellius is a senior at Pennsylvania State University studying communications. Bianca graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in 2012. She



Scholarship students (first row, left to right): Kiana Livingston, Bianca Kersellius, Haili Blassingame, Sequoia Lucas, and Najma Pettiford. (Second row, left to right): Tiffany Livingston, Roman Hamilton, Gary T. Hill, Tsahai Pettiford, and Attalah Shabazz. Not pictured: Asha Marshall and Marlon Mitchell. Photo courtesy of Perry Klein.

was the president of the Multi-Cultural Recruitment Team and is currently a member of the Lion Ambassadors Association at Penn State. She enjoys writing, blogging, and event planning. After graduation next spring, she plans to move back to DC with the hopes of landing a job or internship at an event planning company and volunteer throughout the community by staying involved in community service.

Kiana Livingston will be studying creative writing at SUNY Purchase College this fall. She is a 2015 graduate of School Without Walls High School. Kiana enjoys writing, reading, singing, and acting. She currently works for a nonprofit organization working with the youth in Washington, DC and has launched her own social media campaign promoting health. After graduation, Kiana plans to obtain her master's degree at the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts Writing for Screen and Television along with publishing her own manuscripts.

Tiffany Livingston will be studying strategic communications at Hampton University this fall. She graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School this past spring. Tiffany is currently a member of the National Honor Society, the French Honor Society, along with the

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RANDALL

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cessfully advocated for in the soccer stadium legislation, or some other source of funding. DPR staff could not confirm. However, they shared that the current plan is to address safety issues at the building, and to ensure the building is ADA compliant—from bathrooms to the kitchen, and from ramped entryways to water fountains. DPR acknowledged that \$250,000 is not sufficient to make all upgrades and capital improvements to the building. DPR Deputy Director John Stokes shared that at least \$1 to \$1.5 million is needed to completely renovate Randall, but DPR's budget request for those funds in FY 2016 was denied. He does not expect DPR will receive this money until FY 2017.

The answer to the question of the source and intent of the current funding remained unclear after it was again raised by Councilman Charles Allen's community liaison, Naomi Mitchell. This is important, because the categorization of the funds dictates how they may be used. Mr. Stokes committed for the August 26 follow-up meeting to reviewing the legislation and budget and to provide clear information on the funding. He also promised to focus on the fourth and most important agenda item—gathering community input for future programs and enrichment activities at Randall.

SHAKESPEARE

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with the greater Southwest community; and providing free tickets to select “Free for All” performances at Sidney Harman Hall. Finally, STC made a financial contribution to SWNA of \$60,000 to help the nonprofit fulfill its mission in the Southwest community.

In May 2014, STC officially announced its acquisition of the nearly one-acre site for \$6.5 million in partnership with Erkiletian Real Estate. STC sought to consolidate its current administrative offices, costume shop, rehearsal studios, and actor apartments spread throughout the District. The future site is expected to host approximately 75 STC employees. As a partner, Erkiletian was brought in to build an attached, but separately operated nine-story (eight stories plus a penthouse), 173-unit apartment building. Officially, the combination of STC offices and rehearsal studios and the high-rise residential tower are the mixed-use project called “The Bard.”

This development has sparked debate in both the immediate area and greater Southwest. Most of this controversy is centered on a combination of two major concerns. The first is that the current parcel is not zoned for this type of development. It is zoned as “R-3,” which according to DC zoning regulations means that this specific parcel of land is currently zoned for only single family homes, a church, or a school. If it is re-zoned, the chance to add families to this community dwindles. Many also fear that by allowing a re-zoning of this parcel of land, a

precedent will be set and begin a domino effect of re-zoning residential parcels, which could reach even outside of Southwest. Many also question why the planned project site would be purchased to begin with, when the need for re-zoning was a well-known fact.

Bob Craycraft, former ANC commissioner and current executive director of the Waterfront Gateway Neighborhood Association, an affiliation that represents more than 900 homes in the area between the National Mall and I Street SW, said in an email: “I find it perplexing that one would buy a piece of property that is zoned “Residential for Single-Family Homes” with a 40-foot height restriction bordered by an elementary school playground, a park, and three-story townhomes and decide, ‘Yes, this is the ideal spot for my 10-story apartment tower and 70-car parking garage.’ In my limited experience with development issues, I don’t recall such optimism.”

The second major concern is the height of the building, which in the current rendering will range from three stories at the shortest to nine stories at the tallest. This building, plus a few rowhomes of what is being called an “annex,” will be directly on the property line of three-story townhomes to the immediate north and Amidon-Bowen Elementary School to the immediate east.

“The playground will turn into a cold uninviting play space, especially during the winter months and after it rains. Snow and ice will accumulate and the playground will never thaw or dry,” said Martin Welles, president of the Amidon PTA. “Surrounding the playground

with a high-rise and an intern actors’ dormitory will create an echo chamber and there are sure to be complaints from late-rising interns. The canyon-like walls of the high-rise will collect and amplify sound. Children arrive on the playground beginning as early as 7 a.m. and kick and bounce balls, play tag, and make noise...certainly, I expect the interns to complain about children using the playground while they try to sleep in,” says Welles.

In addition to their concerns of the project itself, many residents highlighted their displeasure with the way that STC was sharing information and contacting residents about this project. STC held two community events at Arena Stage in July, however many people noted that they only found out about these events the day before, or in most cases, the day of, and the only way that these plans were announced were via the future development’s social media pages.

A more concerning fact for many has been that none of social media or website pages from The Bard include the information about the height of the building, nor that a zoning change needs to happen. Researching social media, the only indication of the nine floors was from a flat overhead rendering of the green rooftop terraces, where various floor levels, including the ninth and penthouse, were highlighted. Even on the Phone2Action page urging individuals to ask DC officials to support the project, no photographs exist of the building, and nowhere on the page is the size or the need for re-zoning highlighted. The only mention that something other than STC’s offices will reside in this building are the words “mixed-use facility” at the bottom of

the page. The remainder of the text is reserved to highlight the well-deserved achievements of STC, and what would be housed in its portions of the facility.

Those who oppose The Bard development have taken to unique ways of expressing their discontent—lawn signs, a box of flyers on a lawn immediately across the street, a blog (www.eyeon501sw.com), and an online petition, which encourages STC to “develop the SEU site as a low-rise or sell it.” Many who oppose this development have made it explicitly clear that they welcome STC as a neighbor in Southwest, but they just cannot welcome the large and imposing residential tower that comes with it.

Recently, the City Council approved of the Southwest Small Area Plan, and with it many recommendations on the future planning of the community. In regard to the redevelopment of the SEU site, the concern of the community for the size of the development was duly noted, leading the Southwest Neighborhood Plan not to recommend changing the zoning of the site “until further outreach efforts can be conducted by STC and its development partner to address community concerns.”

Many residents interviewed for this article wanted it to be known that this development has not been solidified yet. With a Planned Unit Development still not public at the time of printing, and the need to re-zone the parcel of land, it will be some time before the Zoning Commission gives the go ahead to this project. *The Southwester* will continue to follow this story over the coming months.



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By: Sheila Wickouski

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WED 2, 4:30 P.M. Game Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us to play board games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752.

FRI 4, 6-7:30 P.M. End of Summer Ice Cream Social at the Duck Pond.

SAT 5, 9 A.M.-2 P.M. Community Wide Yard Sale- Christ United Methodist Church, 900- 4th St. SW. Bring your own tables and chairs. Space payable in advance \$15. Sponsored by the Mission Committee-for further information please contact Sharon at 202 360-0484.

SAT 5, 12 Noon-4 P.M. Backpack-Back to School Give way. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center in partnership with Office of Returning Affairs.

SAT 5, 1-2 P.M. YOGA NIDRA at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, SW. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation, including a focus on setting your intention. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net.

SAT 5, 2 P.M. Movie Madness. Children & families are invited to join us to watch a family-friendly film together. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SUN 6, 2 P.M. Weekend LEGO Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

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

SAT 12, 3 P.M. Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Children and families are invited to bring their favorite stuffed toy and join us for stories, activities, and a movie. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library

SUN 13, 2:30 P.M. P.A.L. (People Animals Love) Dog Visit. Children ages 4-12 are invited to read aloud to a P.A.L. dog. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WED 16, 12:00 Noon Luncheon Meeting. SSWWF AARP Chapter #4751. Monthly Meetings are held every third Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Program: Promoting Library Programs and Services for the Southwest 50 Plus community; Speaker: Karen Quash, Branch Manager, Southwest Library. Current AARP members and prospective members are welcome. Costs: \$5.00 for lunch. River Park Mutual Homes' Community Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

WED 16, 2 P.M. LEGO Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WED 23, 4:30 P.M. Garden Club. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for hands-on fun in the library's outdoor garden. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

THURS 24, 7 P.M. ABC Committee, ANCD6D. 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. 1D MPD building, 101 M Street, SW.

THURS 24, 6:30 P.M. Thursday Evening Meditation Lecture: Meditation for Peace and Well Being with David Newcomb. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

Community Calendar

View our on-line calendar at www.swdc.org/calendar.

Submit Calendar events to calendar@thesouthwester.com by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

THURS 24, 7:30 P.M. Thursday Evening Book Discussion: "Society of the Spectacle" literary book club will discuss Henry Miller's novel "Tropic of Cancer." Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SAT 26, 9 A.M.-5P.M. St. Augustine's End of Summer Fair on the Waterfront. Emphasizing a family-friendly fair, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church's annual event. The fair goes on, rain or shine, at the Gangplank Marina Park, 600 Water St., SW, as part of the southwest neighborhood weekend activities. As in past years, congregation members will sell fried fish sandwiches and cole slaw, hot dogs, caramel apples, fruit kabobs, water and soda. And, its popular Bake Sale will offer homemade pies and cakes by the slice, cookies, cupcakes, and brownies. The End of Summer fair will include free children's face painting. Exhibitors will be present to sell jewelry, scarves, afghans, and other creative wares. The fair will raise funds for the congregation's community outreach services. "We welcome our southwest neighbors and others to join us and enjoy the delicious food, face painting, the exhibitors and festivities on Saturday," added Rev. Martha Clark, St. Augustine's Pastor. For further information about the fair, contact Noreen Mansfield, nmansfield2@gmail.com, or 757-773-5149.

SAT 26, 1 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion. Copies of this month's selection, "Overdressed: the Shockingly High Cost of Cheap Fashion" by Elizabeth Cline are available for checkout at the information desk Southwest Neighborhood Library.

SUN 27, 6-7:30 P.M. Cupcakes in the Duck Pond Park, Ice Cream served by MPD. Many area participants, Friends of Duck Pond, Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall, Thelma Jones Breast Cancer, Amidon PTA, YATF, SWNA, King Greenleaf Recreation, Riverside Baptist Church, Christ United Methodist, St. Augustine Episcopal Church, PAWS, SW Gardens

WED 30, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Children's Book Club. Children are invited to join us to discuss a book together. Please call or stop by the Children's Room to find out the latest pick. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

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

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

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

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of

Christ United Methodist Church 900 4th St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the "littlest members" of a community of faith.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 10 A.M.-12 Noon, Tuesdays, SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.

Sept 1--DC Public Library website

Sept 8--Email Basics

Sept. 15--Microsoft Word

Sept. 22--Microsoft Excel

Sept. 29--Microsoft Powerpoint

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

DIGITAL DROP-IN, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Tuesdays. Smartphone, laptop, and eReader users are welcome to stop by and have staff help them troubleshoot, as well as give step-by-step instructions on how to download free books, music, and movies from DC Public Library's website. SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.

DRAWING: BASIC 101, 6 P.M. Tuesdays P.M. Ages 12-up. "For those who think they can't draw, but can." Supplies provided. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center. South Capitol & I (eye) Sts SW. Entrance door near playground.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LITTLE FARM STAND-CSA Program & Farmstand, Saturdays. 12-2:00 P.M. Offering Seasonal Produce May-November at the Duck Pond on 6th & I Sts SW. www.

LittleFarmStand.com

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

POLICE SERVICE AREA 106, Community meeting, 10-11 A.M., every Last Saturday, Senior Citizen Community Room at 900 5th Street S.E.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30 A.M., Wednesdays. Join us for books, songs, rhymes, and finger plays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. An easy craft activity follows story time each week. Designed for children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

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

SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK at Westminster Presbyterian, 400 I St, SW. MONDAY from 11:00 am - 12 noon and WEDNESDAY from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster's Wellness program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 7-9 P.M., First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street SW. 202-863-0564.

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

YOGA FOR TEENS and ADULTS, 7-8:00 P.M. Tuesdays, All levels welcome. Presented by Yoga Activists All fitness levels welcome for this free yoga program, with Yoga Activist instructor Mary Koehler. Mats are provided, or you can bring your own. SW Neighborhood Library.

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

ZUMBA for Adults 7:30 P.M.-8:30P.M., Wednesdays - A high energy and intense aerobic class. SW Neighborhood Library.

AWARDS

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Math Honor Society. She is also a member of the Young Leaders Club. After college, she would like to pursue a master's degree and eventually work at a PR firm.

Sequoia Lucas will be studying animation at Delaware College of Art & Design this fall. Sequoia graduated from Duke Ellington School of the Arts this past spring. She enjoys reading, drawing, painting, and playing video games. After graduating from her two-year program at Delaware College of Art & Design, she plans to transfer to another art institute to complete her four years of secondary education while seeking out internships and commissions to jump-start her career.

Asha Marshall is majoring in criminal jus-

tice at Radford University and hopes to become a funeral home owner. She is a 2014 graduate of KIPP DC: College Preparatory-KIPP Public Charter Schools where she was recognized as a strong math student willing to help others. She is currently a member of the National Scholar Collegiate Society and she enjoys writing and science. After graduation, Asha plans to obtain her mortuary license.

Marlon Mitchell is a senior studying computer technology at Jackson State University. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson Senior High School in 2012 where he served as both captain and player of the Woodrow Wilson SHS baseball league. He also played for the Tenleytown Woodrow League. Marlon enjoys writing poetry, reading, and listening to music. Marlon plans to follow his dream of playing baseball and obtaining a career in the IT field.

Tsahai Pettiford is a senior studying archi-

tecture at Philadelphia University. She graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in 2012. She is currently a member of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students along with mentoring at school. Tsahai enjoys dance and working with children. She plans to work at an architecture firm after graduation.

Najma Pettiford will be studying jazz voice at North Carolina Central University this fall. She is a recent graduate of Duke Ellington School of the Arts this past spring. Najma has served as an usher and is a member of the praise and worship team at Triumphant Baptist Church. Najma has performed with the Mellow Tones on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center and at Arena Stage. She plans to become a producer and record her own music after graduating from college.

Attalah Shabazz is studying African American studies and political science at Virginia Common-

wealth University. She is a graduate of Anacostia Senior High School. Attalah is a member of the Life Church in Richmond, Virginia, and a community outreach organization called ASPIRE. After college she plans to teach history, become chair of a history department, and continue to be an activist for African American, LGBT, and women's rights.

The scholarships are funded through community support. Friends of Southwest DC, a long-time community partner for this effort, funded scholarships for Asha Marshall and Tiffany Livingston. Community support for this year was overwhelming and included a generous gift from the Jazz Night in Southwest audience. Individual contributions were up considerably (four of \$1,000 or more), and two memorial contributions were made by Friends of David Plummer, who passed August 2015.

WPA's SynchroSwim 2015 at the Capitol Skyline Hotel

August 15 was the annual SynchroSwim event in Southwest at the Capitol Skyline Hotel. SynchroSwim 2015 is the Washington Project for the Arts' (WPA's) fifth annual synchronized swimming performance art competition. Whereas traditional synchronized swimming involves athleticism and grace, WPA's SynchroSwim applauds creativity, enthusiasm, and a little absurdity. This year, eight teams competed for the titles of "Best Execution" (best technique, physicality, and attempts at actual synchronization), "Best Visual Spectacle" (best costumes, props, and overall creativity and artistic concept), and "Crowd Favorite" (determined by the audience).

Judges were Melissa Chiu (new director of the Hirshhorn Museum), Lauren Landau (host of WAMU's *Art Beat*), and Doug Yeuell (director of the Atlas Performing Arts Center).



"The Flies" pose in the Capitol Skyline Hotel lounge before their performance. The group is from Fluid Movement's Goldblum Water Ballet of Baltimore.



"Intergalacticon" pose on the pool deck.



"The Flies" performing. The judges voted them the Best Visual Spectacle.



"DCFit-tastics" perform their Flamingo Fantasy.



Intergalacticon group performing with one of the alien suns. Their formations represented rocket launches, astronauts, starships, alien suns, and shiny metallic spacesuits. They were voted the Crowd Favorite.

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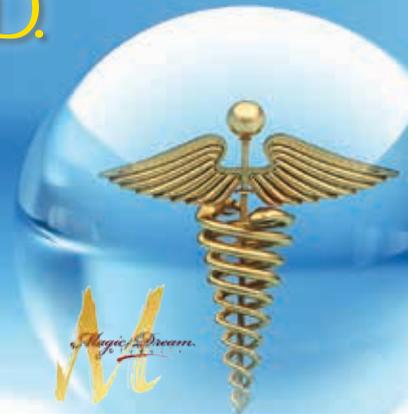
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