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Changing of the Guard at *The Southwester*

BY OUTGOING EDITOR-IN-CHIEF SHANNON VAUGHN AND COPY EDITOR JULIA COLE

Every person should have a chance in their life to give to a cause greater than themselves. The good news is everyone can. Whether it is in national service like the military or AmeriCorps, tutoring in a local school, helping out at the local library, being an election monitor, or volunteering to run the neighborhood newspaper, each opportunity allows you the vantage point of putting yourself second. In a world that has rapidly moved to “me first,” our tenure with the newspaper gave us an opportunity to give back and put something ahead of ourselves.

For the past five-and-a-half years, Julia and I have been lucky enough to take the reins of our community's 55-year-old newspaper and put our twist on it. I cannot overemphasize how rewarding it was. We worked to be forward-leaning in both our storytelling and commitment to engagement with our neighbors. Sixty-six months produced hundreds of stories and thousands of conversations that, we believe, have helped lead our rapidly changing neighborhood to a better place. Although there were some disagreements and hard conversations along the way, we hope that each reader always walked away better informed with the knowledge they needed on a given topic.

As we exit, we can assure you that *The Southwester* is in good hands. The incoming editor-in-chief, Katelynd Anderson, and copy editor, Mike Goodman, are up for the task. Each month you will continue to know what is on the horizon, read of neighborhood successes, and learn the nuance of issues critical to our collective modernization. That recipe has worked “Since 1963” and will not end just because the guards are changing.

As for us, we are going to take some time off, then go find our next cause. There are plenty for everybody and we hope you will join us.

Thanks for reading. We'll see you around the neighborhood.

— Shannon and Julia

DC State Fair in SW on Sunday, Sept. 23

The ninth annual DC State Fair will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Waterfront Metro in Southwest. The fair features artistic, agricultural and athletic contests for kids and adults, as well as education and music. There will also be a pet parade, and food and drinks. People and pets of all ages are welcome. More information can be found at dcstatefair.org.



#UncensoredDC

Banned Books Week 2018 will be held Sept. 23 - 29
UNCENSORED Cocktail Party to take place at Blind Whino Sept. 28

BY KATELYND MAHONEY ANDERSON

DC Public Library will join hundreds of other libraries around the country in celebration of Banned Books Week from Sept. 23 - 29. This year marks the 36th annual celebration of Banned Books Week, launched in 1982 in response to the rising number of challenges to books in stores, schools and libraries. The week will feature a variety of events including a Hunger Wall Poster workshop and projection art.

For the fourth year, DC Public Library will also be bringing back its highly anticipated #UncensoredDC Banned Book Scavenger Hunt, a city-wide scavenger hunt throughout the month. Starting on Tuesday, Sept. 4, hundreds of specially covered banned books will be hidden at various locations around the city. The clues to finding the banned books will be announced every day from Sept. 4 - 28 on-air through WAMU, as well as through the DCPL social media platforms. The 2018 theme for the scavenger hunt is “Words Ignite: The Lit-

erature of Activism.” The title of each book hidden during the length of the scavenger hunt will reflect how literature can be a tool for change. The persons who locate the banned books not only can keep the discovered books, but they can also win prizes including museum tickets, gift certificates to local restaurants and even tickets to the UNCENSORED Cocktail Party.

UNCENSORED is the annual fundraiser for DC Public Library Foundation, which celebrates the freedom to read, create and express. The 2018 UNCENSORED Cocktail Party will take place at Blind Whino on Sept. 28 at 7:00 p.m. Partygoers will experience special banned book-themed cocktails created by D.C.'s best local bartenders, performances by local musicians, art installations designed by local artists, a Made In DC pop-up market and much more!

Residents can learn more about the 2018 Banned Books Week and buy tickets for the UNCENSORED Cocktail Party at dcplf.org/uncensored2018.



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Carrollsborg Condos Reaching New Heights

BY SALMA MOGHISI AND MIKE C. CAIN

In 2012, the Board of Directors of one Southwest Condominium sat circled in their neighborhood's Thelma Martin Room, setting some lofty goals to change the dynamic of their processes and direction. The community was Carrollsborg, A Condominium, a historic mid-century modern property that includes 38 garden-style townhomes and three high-rise towers on 11 manicured acres of the District's Southwest Waterfront.

"We wanted to push the infrastructure of the property well into the 21st century while maintaining the look and feel of the mid-century modern landscape," said ANC Commissioner and former Board President Gail Fast.

To execute this plan, the Board made a firm decision: when faced with typical reactive, and sometimes myopic, decisions to repair outdated building systems and equipment, the Board would consider only proactive, holistic solutions that looked far out into the future of the community.

Three primary objectives were set around a central vision to balance highly advanced infrastructure with mid-century architecture:

1. Improve Operations
2. Maximize Returns
3. Increase Community Involvement & External Visibility

With these in mind, the 1967 property set out on a path of continuous improvement that would eventually pay dividends and lead to some of the most advanced infrastructure in the city.

"When I started with [Carrollsborg], we had mechanical infrastructure that was taxing the property on all fronts: repair costs, utility bills, engineering labor, everywhere. We had an Energy Star Score that put us in the bottom 25% of similar buildings, but we also had a Board and a Community that was ready for a change," tells Juan Cooper, President of JVE Services and Carrollsborg's Director of Engineering.

And change they did. The Board began analyzing financials, soliciting the input of residents, and recruiting the support of local experts. Using their first phase—the replacement of the 500,000 square-foot property's aged central heating and cooling plant—as the test, they asked several local service providers to identify the most holistic and scalable paths for improvement. The final solution, which included what the board believed to be not only the best option for Phase I but also the best plans for Phase II, was brought to the table by Boland, local HVAC and energy solutions contractor.

"We knew that we needed to merge the property's operational, financial and



Photo: Carrollsborg, A Condominium and era building solutions

A portion of the cogen plant at CAC.

social objectives in a way that would look beyond a technical solution. We had to not just address infrastructure, efficiency or cash flow, but also the fact that this was a home to the individuals who occupied Carrollsborg's 425 residences - one they and we wanted to be proud of," recalls Mike Cain, Managing Director of Era Building Solutions and, at the time, the face of Boland's efforts at the property.

The solution incorporated a phased approach to the property's central plant replacement which would also include "front of the house" upgrades such as lighting improvements and live energy dashboarding to encourage resident participation in the efficiency efforts. Cooling towers, chillers, water heaters, boilers, pumps, air handling units and more were replaced, and advanced infrastructure such as a highly optimized Building Automation System was added.

Then, Carrollsborg took the unusual and innovative step of establishing their own power generation using on-campus microturbine technology. Through this system, the condo uses natural gas to generate electricity onsite, eliminating the typical losses associated with transmission and distribution from a utility's remote power plant to a building. The waste heat from the process is then recovered and reused to heat the campus' six structures in the winter, power cooling equipment in summer, and heat water for sinks and showers year-round.

With the property abuzz with improvement, many in the community were anxious to personally participate in the progress. Over 150 residents opted to perform out-of-pocket

upgrades to their in-unit HVAC systems to further the energy savings and comfort improvements, and the community voted to replace resident windows throughout the property to maintain architectural appeal, improve comfort and reduce infiltration.

Over 5 years after the start of the improvement efforts, members of the Board and community have changed, but the push for improvement is still as strong as ever. The once low-performance but architecturally-accomplished property is now within 3% of the consumption threshold needed to obtain Energy Star Certification. The current Board is undertaking efforts to fine-tune previous upgrades, and residents are driving improvement by participating in more efficient in-home behaviors.

Since 2012, Carrollsborg has saved an estimated \$700,000 in total energy costs - nearly \$200,000 of which occurred last year alone. Energy consumption has been reduced so significantly that total emissions savings recently surpassed the equivalent of 10,000 barrels of oil, or over 10,000,000 miles driven by an average passenger vehicle.

"We've accomplished some great things over the last 6 years, but we are really looking forward to doing even more in the years ahead," said William "Luke" Lucas, 41-year veteran of the community's engineering team.

In an era when residents of some communities struggle to find neighborly common ground, the residents of Carrollsborg, A Condominium seem to have found a balance that works through a mission in which they can all believe and participate: the continuous improvement of their community.



Graduates of Computers-for-Kids celebrate their achievements

Southwest Celebrates Latest Computers-for-Kids Graduates

BY THELMA JONES

Graduations are often referred to as commencement ceremonies because they signify the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of the graduates, as well as their families and friends. Seven young people gathered with family and friends at the James Creek Resident Council to celebrate their new beginning as the most recent slate of graduates from the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Youth Activities Task Force (SWNA YATF) Computer-for-Kids computer training program. The graduates, ranging from age 9 to 14, are the latest group to complete the program which began at James Creek and has run continuously in the community since 2007.

The classes were held in the computer lab at the James Creek Resident Council under the supervision of Thelma D. Jones, Chair, SWNA YATF, and resident council president Christine Spencer. The instructors for this session were Jenelle Leonard, Cheryl Hansberry and Gerald Brown. All are long-time participants and contributors to the computer training program.

This session's graduating class included Troi Alexander, Trumonty Brisco, Andrew Everett, Rosie Hagans, Rico Hines, Mason Locksley and Derrick Moss. With their families cheering them on, the graduates enjoyed an intimate reception with a buffet of healthy refreshments and special treats brought in by the volunteers. Each graduate received a certificate recognizing their achievements. They also each received a gift bag compliments of DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, containing a colorful copy of a children's book entitled "Martin's Dream Day" by Kitty Kelley and photographs by Stanley Tretick, among other items. Students were regular attendees to the computer classes which were held one night each week for 8 consecutive weeks. The classes focused on computer skill fundamentals such as keyboarding and computer parts, and also delved into successful use of internet

research tools for school work and basic use of Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. In looking at growth possibilities, YATF is considering expanding the training offered for older students (ages 9-12) to possibly include supplemental activities that focus on coding which create more interest in science, technology, engineering, arts and math programs.

Commencement speaker Paul Taylor, former site lead, King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, spoke to the graduates about his life and successful growth through SWNA programs into the positions he has held in the community, and now with the Department of Corrections. He implored the children to continue to work hard and do their best for a successful future, and he encouraged their parents and family members to maintain their encouraging participation.

The volunteer driven program, started by Jones in 2007, draws talented volunteers from the community and beyond. Gerald Brown, a veteran employee of The World Bank Group, is the senior volunteer instructor for the Computer-for-Kids training program. He has served as a volunteer instructor since the program's inception and recruited and trained other instructors.

To date, the program has graduated more than 130 students (ages 5-14), with dozens of volunteers throughout the years. Having been in the pipeline from early childhood, several students have received scholarships from the SWNA Education and Scholarship Task Force. In addition to the training, the graduates received refurbished computers to take home, provided by Perry Klein, Chair, SWNA's Technology Task Force, at the end of the graduation ceremony. Jones and the other volunteers are looking forward to greater levels of community involvement and more enriching experiences for many more children. To register for upcoming computer trainings, please email thelma@swna.org or call 202-251-1639.

Arrival of Elevate Interval Fitness Strengthens SW

BY SHANNON VAUGHN



It is August 2, I just woke up, and I am sore. Wow, am I sore! I can't say that I didn't expect this, but I definitely did not expect to second-guess picking up my coffee mug. Straightening my arms is comical, according to my wife's laugh.

As I slowly get my day started I think back to yesterday's "soft opening" of Elevate Interval Fitness in the new 301 M building in Southwest. Although an avid runner, I had fallen out of love with gyms over the previous year, and felt I had lost strength and respiratory conditioning. So when a gym opens across the street from your home that has "interval" in its name, it is a sign from the conditioning gods.

At 6:30 a.m. on August 1, I stepped inside a building on the site of a former parking lot. To be honest, I was not sure what Elevate Interval Fitness was. It is not a big box gym. This is their second location after the original in Northwest. I assumed it would be a coach-led class that does interval conditioning training, but is it mostly cardio, weights, high intensity interval training, or something else?

The class began with a set of light movements to loosen and limber you

up. Next, we moved into our "first interval" set of an unsaid number of movements. We had dumbbells, TRX bands and rowing machines, and nine minutes. The combination brought about sweat and a feeling that the last year was giddily catching up to me. Next we had a partner pairing workout. As the only male in the 8-person class, I felt confident enough, which was immediately corrected by my partner, Bri, telling me she had already completed her half of the workout.

The combinations of dumbbells, push-ups and presses seemed common enough until I noticed my triceps, shoulders and arms begin to drag. All of which, sadly enough, were faring better than my lungs. I have hundreds of miles under my belt running this year. I am considered a pretty fast runner. Yet for whatever reason I felt impressively out of breath.

My lack of air was rewarded with our
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Jefferson Middle School Academy Welcomes New Principal

Last month, DC Public Schools announced that Andre Samuels will be assuming the role as principal at Jefferson Middle School Academy this school year.

Principal Samuels has over 16 years of experience as a leadership coach, middle school special education teacher, assistant principal and principal in DC. He began working with DCPS in 2008. Principal Samuels has his bachelor's degree and two master's degrees from Howard University, as well as a third master's from Georgetown University.

Jefferson Middle School is undergoing its long-awaited modernization this school year. The 77 year-old school serves grades six through eight, and is the in-boundary middle school for Southwest.



Photo via JMSA website

Principal Andre Samuels.



Enjoy “The Barber of Seville” at Nats Park

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

“The Barber of Seville” is coming to Nationals Park.

Opera in the Outfield”, now in its 11th year, continues the partnership of the Washington National Opera and the Washington Nationals for this annual event, occurring at Nationals Park at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29. The opera will be shown on the high-definition NatsHD scoreboard.

First performed 200 years ago, this is one opera that never grows old.

The Washington National Opera's production puts a number of demands on the singers. Their high notes are accompanied by the low comedy of bumps, falls and trips. The result is a lot of laughs, and great delight, at the endless physical antics that are performed in perfect timing to the music.

The barber Figaro is witty and wise in the ways of the world, for he is the factotum, or jack of all trades. He is also the perfect singer for the familiar tongue twister arias that Rossini has bestowed on him. Count Almaviva is a charming royal, but he gets pretty silly

over his love for Rosina who makes some groovy moves herself.

The two basses are expected to be ridiculous. Don Basilo, Rosina's guardian, has ideas that she should be his wife, and enlists the aid of Dr. Bartolo. As they scheme, their bumbling slapstick antics are perfectly timed with their singing.

Intrigue piles up to add to the fun of confusion in the showstopping singing lesson in Act II. When all of this is over, and the lovers have made their escape, the stage is still trashed with the paper of bogus love notes. This is the moment for Berta, the servant, who gets to have her say as she faces the mess to clean up with a most lovely aria about the old man looking for a young wife.

“The Barber of Seville” is a wonderful show with a happy ending, and is a delightful choice for a night out.

The gates open at 5:00 p.m. Pre-opera activities include a costume try-on area with real Washington National Opera costume pieces, and a screening of the Warner Bros. cartoon “Rabbit of Seville,” starring Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd.

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“Something to Talk About”

BY SHARON FLYNN, CONSULTANT

Bonnie Raitt immortalized this phrase in the title song from a movie of the same name over 20 years ago.

But today there is one topic very few want to discuss: thoughts and wishes on financial and estate planning, and other end-of-life options.

Those whose parents do not balk at the topic are fortunate indeed. Losing a parent is inevitably an emotional experience, usually compounded by dispersing many personal belongings. Parents who are willing to plan well often leave a “Demise File” that might include everything from insurance policies to funeral music and readings.

One of the more recent additions to wills and trusts is planned giving. Similar to the ways people parse out their funds and belongings to family members, planned giving provides financial gifts to charitable organizations. These are often the same groups that had enjoyed and relied on a giver’s annual generosity year after year, but also groups newly formed or new to the giver.

Many ways to give

Planned giving comprises more than half a dozen financial strategies, including a legacy gift at the time of death, a gift annuity and various types of trusts, many of which offer tax advantages.

Waterfront Village, one of 11 neighborhood DC Villages that provides services and programs to members, has launched its own planned giving program and has established a Legacy Society boosted by



Photo courtesy of Waterfront Village

Southwest resident Harlow Pease, shown here with Waterfront Village Volunteer Norma Joiner, has kicked off the organization’s planned giving campaign with a \$20,000 bequest.

one of Waterfront Village’s early members, Harlow Pease, who has designated a bequest of \$20,000.

“Harlow has been a valued member of Waterfront Village, and the Village has reciprocated in turn. We have been there for him, and he is rewarding us for our help and support,” stated Bob Craycraft, executive director of the Village.

Waterfront Village is just one example of a number of Southwest nonprofits that offers this program as an opportunity to its supporters to help ensure long-term support. The Village supports residents of both the Southwest and Navy Yard communities, allowing them to age as they choose and helping them remain in their own homes.

When to write a will

Estate planning is not just for “retired” people, although many think about it more as they age. Making plans brings peace of mind to the entire family. And planned giving integrates charitable giving with overall financial, tax and estate planning goals to maximize benefits.

An estate planning lawyer can help you choose the type of giving that is right for you and for your family. David Jonathon Taylor of Right Size Law Firm, who assists many of Waterfront Village’s members with their estates, says, “The importance of putting in place a comprehensive plan that protects you and your loved ones cannot be overstated. People may often plan for their deaths yet fail to consider what they may want if they decline physically or mentally. A good plan will consider these circumstances yet remain flexible enough for you to easily change it as your needs change. A good estate plan that is regularly updated will lessen the stress on you, your friends and your family while you are alive, and once you are gone.”

Preparing the Big Book

The Washington Post Business Section ran a piece in May entitled, “Let’s talk about the Big Book: Organizing your financial life is the most important thing you can do for loved ones.”

Journalist Thomas Heath wrote, “The wealthy have family offices to track these things. For the rest of us, there’s the Big Book. It includes life’s important documents, including driver’s licenses and insurance policies, investments and real estate deeds in addition to photocopies of

passports, credit cards and wills.”

Heath lists the following items to go into a Big Book:

- Important documents, including copies of passports, work IDs, marriage license, birth certificates and Social Security cards
- Real estate and automobile paperwork, including insurance, title and registration and warranties
- Bank accounts and investments, including stocks, mutual funds and retirement account numbers and custodial information
- Digital sign-ons and passwords
- Other insurance policies and estate-planning documents
- List of health-care providers, medications and emergency contacts
- Credit cards and loans
- Memberships
- Other assets

Heath even uses an example of who might inherit the football season tickets.

Although arrangements for planned giving would be part of a will or trust, the Big Book could include a commentary about why a group was chosen for bequests. A person might also designate a line for the obituary that in lieu of flowers, he or she would like to be remembered with donations to a particular organization.

For more information about Waterfront Village, please see Waterfront Village’s website – www.dewaterfrontvillage.org, email info@dcwaterfrontvillage.org or call 202-656-1834.

Meet Kevin Baten: SWBID Environmental Ambassador

Southwest DC is fast becoming the “place to be” in the District. Over the next few months we will spotlight the dedicated staff of the SWBID who are focused on making Southwest DC a clean, safe, vibrant community to live, work and visit.

Kevin Baten is a proud member of the SWBID “blue shirt” team. When asked how he came to work for the BID, he says he was part of the roofing construction team of The Bible Museum and his supervisor introduced him to SWBID Chief Operating Officer Andre Witt. Andre was so impressed with Kevin that he invited him to interview for a job with the BID.

Kevin primarily works around the Wharf area ensuring that it is safe and clean. He also provides directions to visitors to find restaurants, parking and other businesses. He is a “Wharf expert!”

His co-workers think of him as the quiet guy on the team but one of the busiest on the team.

When asked what he likes about his job he says “it’s like working with a family – everyone works as a team helping each other.”

Kevin was born in DC but grew up in Maryland. He



Kevin Baten

is the proud father a beautiful 2 year old daughter.

I first met Kevin at the Southwest Duck Pond where he was part of the team setting up for “Duck Drop.” Throughout the day, I watched him talking to guests and ensuring that everyone had a good time.

Kevin is a real music fan. He recently bought a keyboard and is learning to read music. He just mastered

Luther Vandross’ “Superstar” and he is working on Stevie Wonder’s “Ribbon in the Sky.” Maybe we will be lucky enough to have him play for us at a Southwest event.

SWBID COO Andre Witt says:

“Kevin and I grew up in the same neighborhood, one that was known at the time as a very hard-working community. Kevin has truly brought that strong work ethic with him to the BID. While he is one of the quieter staff, his daily performance speaks very loudly. He is one of the BID’s top employees and I am very proud to work with him.”

Kevin Favorites

Movie: “Coming To America”

Music: R&B - especially Luther Vandross

Favorite Song: “Superstar & Matrimony” by Wale

Sports Team: Oakland Raiders

Favorite SW Spot: Duck Pond

Best thing about his job: Stability, family atmosphere

Proudest moment: The day he was hired

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Bartholdi Park Gets the Gold

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

Bartholdi Park, at the United States Botanic Garden, is “an island of green” where every year over a million tourists, workers and a surprising diversity of birds and pollinators come to find respite from the stresses of the city.

Named for the French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, who is most famous as the sculptor of the Statue of Liberty, Bartholdi Park features his “Fountain of Light and Water” in the center.

A demonstration garden since 1932, the recent renovation is a showcase of how sustainable gardening can be beautiful as well as beneficial for both humans and the environment. Most recently, it achieved SITES Gold Certification for its sustainability strategies and is the first project in Washington, D.C. to be certified under the SITES Version Two Rating System.

The SITES program provides guidance, assistance and certification to ensure sustainable design and development principles to better serve communities and the environment. The Bartholdi Park project focused on SITES’ key areas: water, soil, plants, materials and human health.

Water: Ten rain gardens capture 100 percent of rainfall and allow it to soak into



Bartholdi Park, named for the sculptor of the Statue of Liberty, recently received recognition for its sustainable design and benefits to the community and environment.

the ground, diverting runoff from D.C.’s combined sewer system. The rain gardens

can accept up to 4,000 cubic feet of water in a 24-hour storm event - equivalent to 256 bathtubs of water. The project also used permeable paving and reduced the amount of impervious surface.

Soil: During renovation, topsoil was removed and saved off-site, amended with organic compost and returned to the park for the new plantings. In areas where plants were saved, the soil was also protected from compaction.

Plants: The gardens showcase plants native to the Mid-Atlantic region and a collection of edible plants in permanent and seasonal plantings in a new kitchen garden. The project team was able to save multiple large trees and shrubs on-site, while other plants were reused on Capitol Hill and in D.C. Public Schools.

Materials: Existing concrete sidewalks were crushed and then used as the base layer under the new sidewalks. Previous

stone walls were disassembled and their stones were reused in the new walls for the raised kitchen garden. For the park’s locally sourced furniture, a Virginia company built seating and tables from white oaks that had fallen naturally during a storm.

Human Health: The park connects people to nature through programming that includes yoga and nature-in-motion walks. Additional seating, a water fountain and bicycle parking were added. The creation of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial next door to the park presented an opportunity to collaborate with the National Park Service, and educational and therapeutic programs for veterans and active duty soldiers were developed and now use this space.

For more information, visit www.USBG.gov.



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BY GEORGINE WALLACE

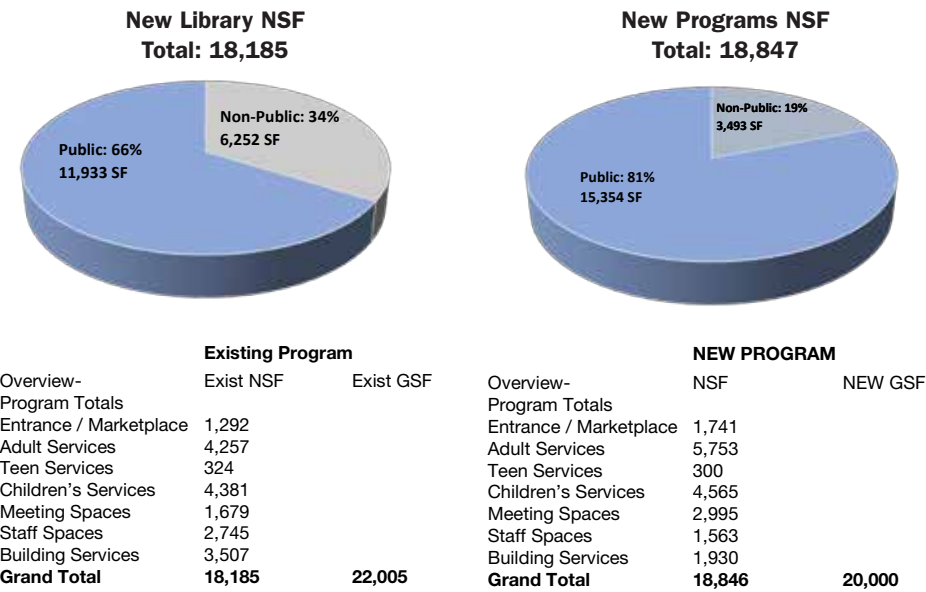
As you may know, the Southwest Neighborhood Library will undergo a complete demolition and rebuild over the next two years. The most commonly asked question I receive as the President of the Friends of the SW Library is, “when is the library closing?” Unfortunately, a specific date is unavailable right

now. We were initially told to prepare for a closing at the end of September. The Friends suspended book donations, stopped sales and many of the donations are now packed in boxes awaiting shipment. However, I was recently advised the building will close in late Fall with a possibility of an end-of-year close. This is not welcome news to any of us. However, the delay is a matter of process,



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SPACE PROGRAM SUMMARY



and not neglect by any party. The rebuild of a library involves the approval of several agencies, including the Council of Fine Arts, the local ANC and the Board of Zoning. Each meeting is scheduled based on the availability of the governing body. In addition, DC Public Library is required to obtain a variety of permits for both the interim location and the actual build site. Permits are issued when all specifications are met and the application can be processed by staff. Delays can occur at any point and impact not only the building under construction but every project on


the schedule after it. A community meeting on the final exterior design and the interior plans should occur in the next few weeks. We will get word out to the community as soon as a date is finalized and announced. If you want to keep abreast of the latest news about the library project or refresh your memory on the planned layout of the new structure, go to <https://www.dclibrary.org/newsouthwestlibrary> to review the contents and sign up for updates.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

SAT 1, 10:30 a.m. - Noon Komen Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development that holds meetings every 1st and 3rd Saturdays. All are welcome. Contact <http://www.toastmasters.org> for information on membership and fees. **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St SW.**

SAT 1, 3:00 p.m. Back-to-School Photo Frames. Children are invited to design and create their own back-to-school-themed photo frame with the option to add a picture. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. Snacks will be provided. SW Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752.

Sat 1 - SUN 2, Sat. 10:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m. & Sun. 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pro Watercross Hydroflight & SupXross National Championships. Dynamic athletics in these National Championships at The Wharf. Activities for the whole family, including live music between competitions. The Wharf.

SUN 2, 11:00 a.m. - Noon Joint Worship with Riverside Baptist Church. All Welcome! **Westminster Presbyterian Church.**

MON 3, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Kadampa Meditation Center DC, Open House: Guided Tour and Meditation You are warmly invited to an Open House at Kadampa Meditation Center DC. Stop by to meet the teachers and community, tour the meditation room, enjoy refreshments and snacks, and participate in a free talk & guided meditation. You may also browse our bookstore, see beautiful Buddhist art, and ask questions about meditation and modern Buddhism. Everyone welcome! 1200 Canal St. SW.

WED 5, 6:30 p.m. Writer’s Workshop Wednesday, SW Library.

FRI 7, 6:00 p.m. Family Movie Night at Friendship Baptist Church, featuring “Black Panther” – Admission: free; refreshments available for a small fee. For additional information please call 202-488-7417. 900 Delaware Avenue SW

FRI 7, 6:30 p.m. Game Night, 1st Friday of every month. **St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church,** 555 Water Street SW, 202-554-3222. www.staugustinesdc.org

SAT 8, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Waterfront Workouts, where you can work out by the water for free. Bring yoga mat for beginner-friendly yoga hosted by Yoga Factory. Transit Pier, The Wharf.

SAT 8, 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.

SAT 8, 7:00 p.m. Faith and Film presents ‘Same Kind of Different as Me’ , film followed by discussion. Subtitles for the hearing impaired. Beverages and snacks provided. Donations Accepted. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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

MON 10, 7:00 p.m. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting. 1100 4th Street, SW, second floor.

TUES 11, 1:30 p.m. Literary Book Group—copies of the September selection, **Hillbilly Elegy** by J.D. Vance, are available at the information desk. SW Library.

WED 12, 6:30 p.m. Aspiring Writers Circle — meetup for new and aspiring writers. SW Library.

THURS 13, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Open House, to dive into their long-range transportation plan, Visualize 2045. More information at visualize2045.org or email azenner@mwocg.org. Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, 4800 Meade St. NE.

FRI 14, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Kadampa Meditation

Center DC, Friday Night Lecture: Increasing our Inner Strength. We all experience many problems and uncertainties in daily life and can easily respond with unpeaceful minds. In this class, we can learn how to take control of our life by transforming life’s adversities into positive, enriching experiences. Everyone welcome. Standard price: \$12. Students/Seniors: \$6 1200 Canal St. SW.

SAT 15, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. “The Scrolls Revealed! Homosexuality and the Bible: An In-Depth Study” The intent of the seminar is to show that the bible does not condemn homosexuality. Reverend Harry Stock, facilitator. Refreshments during registration, a binder with all working materials and lunch are included. A tax-deductible donation in any amount accepted, to Scrolls Revealed Ministries. For further information, or to register in advance, call 202-484-7700. Deadline for registration is Sept. 10. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW.

SAT 15, 10:30 a.m. Komen Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development that holds meetings every 1st and 3rd Saturdays. All are welcome. Contact <http://www.toastmasters.org> for information on membership and fees. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW.

SAT 15, Noon – 2:00 p.m. Phyllis Golumbe Memorial Police and Firefighters Appreciation Picnic, sponsored by the Capital Yacht Club and District Wharf Community Association. The Wharf.

WED 19, Noon – 2:00 p.m. The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter welcomes everyone: Current AARP Members, prospective members, guests, neighbors and visitors to our Fall Opening Luncheon Business Meeting at River Park Mutual Homes South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW. Lunch Available. Cost: \$5.00. For further information, contact Chapter President, Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbert-jones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

WED 19, 6:30 P.m. Learn+ Write — flexible space for impromptu instruction and coaching. SW Library.

WED 19, 6:30 p.m. Fiction Lover’s Book Group—check at information desk for this month’s selection. SW Library.

WED 19, 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.

FRI 21, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Stop by SWBID’s pop up PARK(ing) Day space near the Waterfront Metro from 9 A.m.- 4 P.m. PARK(ing) Day is an event in which residents and businesses re-think the use of public space by converting metered on-street parking spaces into temporary parks. SWBID.

SAT 22, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Blessing Empowerment of Buddha Shakyamuni. Kadampa Meditation Center DC. On this special day Gen Demo will grant the blessing empowerment of Buddha Shakyamuni. Through this, we can awaken our spiritual potential and make a special connection to the enlightened beings, the Buddhas. We will also learn how to draw close to and receive deep inspiration from living Buddha everyday in our modern, busy lives. Standard price: \$65. 1200 Canal St. SW

SAT 22 3:00 p.m. Duct Tape Pencil Pouches. Children are invited to design and create their own pencil pouches using duct tape. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library.

SUN 23, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. The DC State Fair is a free showcase of the District’s agricultural and creative talents and a daylong celebration of all things homegrown located at

the Waterfront Metro. More info: dcstatefair.org. SWBID.

MON 24, 7:30 p.m. STORY DISTRICT MIXTAPE, Union Stage at the Wharf, (Doors open 6:00 p.m.)

WED 26, 6:30 p.m. Night Writers—a dedicated quiet writing space. SW Library.

THURS 27, 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. SW Library.

SAT 29, 1:30 p.m. Southwest Library Book Discussion—copies of the Sept. title, **Latino Americans** by Ray Suarez are available at the information desk.

SAT 29 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.

SAT 29, Noon-Dusk WPC’s 17th Jazz Preservation Festival and 3rd Annual Health Slam Jam 1:00-4:00 p.m. Preserving, promoting, extending the legacy of DC jazz. Come hear dozens of DC’s most creative jazz artists appearing all day. Art exhibits/sales, vendors, and our great home cooked food for sale all day plus Ward 6 Initiative- Health Slam Jam Fair with health screenings, discussions, and more. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW.

SAT 29, Saturday Night Dancing, The Wharf.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADVICE FOR LIFE MEDITATION CLASS. Sundays, 10-11 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 Wednesdays 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, 555 Water St. SW

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.

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.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. Cost is \$5. 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-Chee at mathis@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.

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. Dragon boat is the fastest growing water sport in the world, and 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 DC 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/ or email info@dcdragonboat.org for more information.

DC HOOKS AND NEEDLES GROUP, Mondays 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 St. SW.

EVENING PRAYER, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church , 555 Water St. SW.

FAMILY STORY TIME, 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, Tuesdays 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!

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. Southwest Library.

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

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

KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER DC, Thursdays 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. How our Mind Creates our Experience: Meditation Class; Buddha explained how our mind creates our experience. In this series we will look at different states of mind that affect our every moment. These classes are ideal for those interested in the Buddhist understanding of the mind. 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. Healing Our Self & Others: Meditation Class.** Profound methods to train in compassion, improve ourselves and benefit others. Everyone welcome. \$12 per class (\$6 for students/seniors/unemployed).). **Sundays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Profound Emptiness: Meditation Class.** 1200 Canal St. SW

KEYS TO FREEDOM N/A Group, Tuesdays Noon - 1:00 p.m. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church 555 Water St. SW.

The KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, , First and Third Mondays 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

View our on-line calendar at www.swna.org

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

ELEVATE

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final interval training of the morning: the treadmill portion. I have not run on a treadmill in years, but these treadmills were actually really nice and forgiving to my four-times-surgically-repaired knees. The helpful placards on each machine give you the speed range you should be within as we worked down from a half-mile run to 0.15-mile sprints. Finally, we heard that beautiful four letter word roll off the coach's tongue: "TIME!" Day one was finally complete.

After taking a day off, I'm back in the gym for my second class. Having an understanding of what I am getting into puts the mind at ease. While the brain is technically a muscle, the body portion of my muscles is far from at ease. The soreness remains, but it feels good. "Soreness is weakness leaving the body," my former drill sergeant used to say. He never followed up, though, to let me know when the soreness will leave the body. I think about that now as I start my limber-up movements. The first lift of a dumbbell strains the arms, to which I laugh at myself. "Here we go again," I say.

CALENDAR

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develop public speaking, communications, and leadership skills. Toastmasters meets on the **first and third 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.

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.

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.

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, Mondays 11:00 a.m. - Noon and Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church. 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.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL A/A Group, Mondays 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 555 Water St. SW.

TEEN LOUNGE, Tuesdays 3:00 p.m. Ages 13-19 are invited to participate in artistic expression of various kinds, including coloring, writing, and more. SW Library.

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP CHAPTER #4751, monthly luncheon meetings will resume on **Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at noon.** Monthly 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 Avenue SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901

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.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, first and third Wednesdays 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments. Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW.

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, 6:30 p.m. 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 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 Street, SW. Try another approach to Yoga! \$10 for class/day pass. For more information, call Waterside Fitness and Swim Club, 202-488-3701.

ARTECHOUSE's New Show is Out of this World

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

ARTECHOUSE's latest show, "Fractal Worlds," is like something you have never seen before.

ARTECHOUSE is an innovative art space that connects the arts with the limitless possibilities of technology, science and creativity. There is more than meets the eye in mathematics and infinite geometry patterns. In this solo exhibit, Dutch visual artist Julius Horsthuis uses unique fractal reality to create sci-fi like worlds in visual graphic motion. He considers his art "a journey of discovery," not coming from imagination or experience but through the shapes hidden in the fractal formulas.

In this immersive experience, visitors can enjoy a 20-minute film of mind-bending images with accompanying sound on 270-degree projection walls, while laying back on bean bags to comfortably shift their view in all directions.

There is also a gallery of eight different Virtual Reality experiences for visitors to explore. Those who get dizzy at heights or depths should be aware that this is fully immersive, as it only takes a moment after donning the goggles to

be plunged into viewing other spectacular worlds as if you were really there.

No understanding of the math or science is required - only curiosity to enjoy the wonder of it all.

"Fractal Worlds" shows through September 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for all ages, and 5:30 - 10/11:00 p.m. for ages 21+. Evening and weekend admission includes an operating bar with ARTECHOUSE's Augmented Reality drinks. Tickets range from \$8 - \$15, and can be reserved in advance at artechouse.com/tickets. ARTECHOUSE is located between the Smithsonian and L'Enfant Plaza metro stations at 1238 Maryland Ave. SW, next door to the Mandarin Oriental Hotel.



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IT'S A PARTY!

We're blowing out the candles at our birthday party on Sunday, September 30. Join the community festivities from 12–6. We'll also be saying goodbye to the outgoing Southwester editorial team and welcoming the incoming team!

ICING ON THE CAKE

Our birthday bash will feature food trucks, specialty drinks, and moon bounces for the kids. Get amped for music performances by Peter Fields, our artist in residence, and Kenny Sway. We'll also be graffitiing our fence – color us excited!

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FREEDOM TO READ

We're collaborating with the DC Public Library Foundation for this year's Banned Books Week fundraiser, **UNCENSORED**. The cocktail party will feature banned book-themed drinks by the city's best bartenders, live music, maker crafts led by DCPL librarians, a pop-up market with local retailers, and provocative art. Fight for your intellectual rights on Friday, September 28 at 6:30.



POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Get inspired by a special installation of The Hunger Wall Poster Project in our art annex, a series presented by the DCPL Foundation. Showcasing works by local activist artists, the exhibit takes cues from the multiethnic, multiracial activism of the Poor People's Campaign for economic justice in 1968.

