

# Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Elections to be held March 26 outside Safeway

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) elections will be held **Saturday, March 26 outside Safeway** on Fourth St., S.W. All residents of Southwest (zip code 20024) age 18 and older are eligible to vote. Elections will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no advance registration or early voting and absentee ballots are not permitted, so it is necessary to attend the election Saturday, March 26 to cast your vote. Residents can vote for all officers and up to two representative in their district. SWNA is a private, non-profit citizens' organization originally formed in the 1960s. SWNA organizes monthly meetings to discuss issues of concern to the community. In addition, SWNA published *The Southwester*.

## President



**Kael Anderson** Now serving as SWNA Vice-President, Kael has been a Southwest homeowner for eight years. He is a community planner by profession and holds a Masters degree in urban and regional planning. In addition to serving as Director on the Tiber Island Cooperative Homes Board, Kael is actively involved in other leading community initiatives including the Friends of the Southwest Duck Pond, the Southwest Playground Project, and the Southwest ArtsFest.

**Jo Chang**, MBA, Ed.D. A new member to the SW community dedicated to support and serve the community. Over thirty years of experience in the banking industry including auditing, risk management and regulatory compliance. Currently, an adjunct faculty at two local universities. Doctorate in Counseling Psychology, MBA and Certificate in Banking. A Certified Government Auditing Professional and Certified Fraud Examiner. Member of the United States Power Squadrons and the Port of Washington Yacht Club.

**Ellen Winship**, SWNA Treasurer; Carrollsburg Condominium Board; AU, Business & Accounting, BS; Columbia University, BS; GWU, MSA; SEU: International Business, MBA; Accounting, MSA; Taxation, MTA. My federal career has provided a wealth of accounting experience. My job titles include Regulatory Auditor, Operating Accountant, Systems Accountant, Financial Policy Writer, and Certifying Officer. Setting up BXA's financial office challenged my expertise and skills in accounting, policy writing, analysis, internal controls, and report design. Thanks for your support and vote.

**Laura Shin** is a resident of Southwest and an avid reader of *The Southwester*. Some of the things that she finds exciting about the community are the new Safeway, the magnificent Arena Stage and the beautiful views from the waterfront. In her spare time she enjoys playing golf at Haines Point and ice skating. She is an attorney at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She graduated from the University of California at San Diego and from Southwestern Law School.

## Treasurer



## Secretary



## Vice President



**Jodi McCarthy** has lived in Southwest since 2000. She serves on her condominium board, and she and her husband are parishioners at St. Dominic's. Director of Air Traffic Control Facilities at FAA Headquarters, Jodi holds an MPA from American University and is a graduate of OPM's Federal Executive Institute. Jodi wants to increase neighborhood shopping options and is particularly interested in ensuring that new development will enhance, not overwhelm, our quality of life in Southwest.



**Grace E. Daughtridge**, American University graduate, native Washingtonian, small-business owner, currently an elected member of SWNA. Reestablished SW's historic tree on G Street — Washington's 11th largest tree — and ensured its care and maintenance by the Urban Forestry Administration. As project organizer for Casey Trees Planting at Carrollsburg Square, planted 28 trees with residents along M, N, and Fourth streets and Delaware Avenue. Initiated the SWNA Employment Task Force to promote hiring of residents by developers.



## District Boundaries

District 1: North of M Street, West of 4th Street

District 2: North of M Street, East of 4th Street

District 3: South of M Street, West of Delaware Ave

District 4: South of M Street, East of Delaware Ave

## District 1 Representative



**Gita Morris**, candidate for First District Representative. Southwest resident since 1983. Resident of the Waterside Towers since 1991. Current Treasurer of the Waterside Towers Resident Association. Former International Broadcaster with Voice of America. Master of Sciences in Clinical Psychology. Volunteer math tutor at the Bowen Elementary and Jefferson Junior High. Avid supporter of the Neighbors of Southwest Duckpond.

Issues of interest – resident-friendly urban development respectful of historic and landscape preservation, education, and culture.



**Zev Feder** Actively participating resident/business owner in Southwest since 2001, enjoying it immensely. Court reporter in DC Metropolitan Area for over 30 years. Prior seven years a teacher, mostly health/physical education in NYC Public Schools. I have spent many years as volunteer coach/referee/umpire/judge in baseball/softball/basketball/diving leagues and volunteered in other community endeavors.

Served as president and board member of Capitol Square HOA on numerous occasions. I love Southwest. Thanks.



**Mike Flick**, 25, has been a SW District 1 resident, since August 2010. He works for an international non-profit NGO in Arlington. Mike currently volunteers with the USO and Yellow Ribbon Fund in the DC area. Mike is very passionate about serving others and would love the opportunity to represent the residents of SW District 1 on our Neighborhood Assembly.

## District 2 Representative



**Saadia Athias**, SW resident since 1979. SWNA 2nd District Representative, 2009—area Waterfront, DMV, Lansburgh Park, Randall Rec, MPD (CAC/PSA). Partnerships: SWWR, Arena Stage, Safety Walkers, Safeway, Residents Councils, Councilman Wells, Mayor's Offices, DPR /DCPS, CBCC, PTA Amidon-Bowen and Jefferson, Chair YATF 2010. Magna cum Laude Southeastern, BS ECE; Master's in PA. Federal Security 14 yrs. South-

wester writer/photographer. Arts program at Greenleaf. Future aspirations to further develop resources and facilities to operate essential community programs.



**Ben Curran** A native Washingtonian, Ben Curran, wishes to serve his community by focusing on promoting emergency preparedness and supporting the youth activities and history task forces. In addition, Ben is committed to supporting other SWNA members' goals and collaborating to get things done in Southwest. He has worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency since 1989, and he and his wife Mimi are the

proud parents of two boys: Jacob and Matiws, both fellow native Washingtonians!

**Monique Stuart** has worked in Southwest DC since July, 2007 and lived in southwest since June, 2008. As a member of this community, Miss Stuart would like to dedicate her time to improving the neighborhood and the lives of the people who live here.

**Shannon Vaughn** My background as an Army officer gives me discipline and ambition, which I hope will bring a new, pro-active voice to our neighborhood. I have gone headfirst into helping our neighborhood and serve as Secretary of the Friends of Southwest Library. Also, I am fluent in Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.

## District 3 Representative



**Matthew Johnson** I am young, single, and passionate — as well as unemployed — so I possess ample time and energy to devote to this position. In D.C. I have worked as a counselor, educator, community organizer, and journalist. I strive for professionalism and candor in my approach and oppose partisanship and self-aggrandizement in politics on any level. I may not have a fancy title, name, or degree, but nowhere will you find a more honest and incorruptible man.

**Kenneth Prater** is a native Washingtonian and resident of Southwest for thirty years. He graduated from D.C. public schools and the U.D.C. and once scored the nation's highest SAT score. He is a member of the Statehood Green Party, the father of the Pro-Choice Movement, and a former civil servant. His goals for SWNA would be to improve the quality of life for all neighborhood residents and protect the few remaining recreation areas from development.

**Zach Dobelbower** SW3D resident, owner since 2005. VP of Riverside Association; Chairman of Citizen's Advisory Council for Transportation Planning Board at COG; business owner on Barrack's Row; former Urban Sustainability Planner; member, Community Emergency Response Team; MPA, American University. If selected, Zach will work diligently to implement SWNA objectives, programs.

**David Campbell** River Park resident, 4-year resident of Near Southwest. Married. Current position: Director of Trade Policy for German Chamber of Commerce. Professional credentials: Attorney, Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Community involvement: Chair of River Park Finance Committee. Have 10+ years of experience managing budgets and directing task forces. My SWNA priorities: development of Southwest waterfront and interior, economic revitalization and youth programs. Hobbies: reading, bicycling, museums. Email: climate.dc@gmail.com. Please vote for me on March 26!



## District 4 Representative

**Robert Smith** is a current resident of Southwest DC. He is a graduate with a BS Information Science and Systems and a MS Information Technology. He is co-owner of Capital Investments, LLC. Robert currently serves as a delegate for the DC Chapter of Concerned Black Men, Inc. Robert is currently employed as a Systems Engineer for Software Process Technologies located in Columbia, MD.

**Ken LaCruise** has been a Syphax Village homeowner and Southwest resident since 2003. He has served as SWNA District Representative 4 for four terms and he currently chairs the SWNA Fundraising Committee. Ken is also involved in the community outside of SWNA as co-chair of the Southwest/Near Southeast Community Benefits Coordinating Committee for the past six years. And Ken is the co-owner of IslandStyle Caters.

