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Seven Council Members Support S.W.

In the 7-6 Council vote to keep all of Near Southwest in one Advisory Neighborhood Commission the following were in the majority (in alphabetical order):

Sharon Ambrose	Ward 6
Harold Brazil	at-large
David Catania	at-large
Kevin Chavous	Ward 7
Adrian Fenty	Ward 4
Phil Mendelson	at-large
Carol Schwartz	at-large.

Office phone numbers of council members are in the blue pages of the telephone directory. The central switchboard for the Council is 724-8000. Mail to any of them can be directed to 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. ■

Your Ward 2 Parking Stickers OK In Ward 6

With the new ward boundaries Southwest residents with Ward 2 Residential Parking stickers find themselves wondering whether their cars will be ticketed in front of their homes.

The Council is preventing that by passing a law that will stop such ticketing until June 30, 2002, unless a sticker has expired, according to Ward 6 Council Member Sharon Ambrose. ■

Duke Ellington Songs Thurs. Feb. 28 7:30 pm

Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, Eubie Blake and Fats Waller are among the African-American composers who will be featured in a free vocal program at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, at 6th & M St. S.W. Thurs., Feb. 28, at 7:30 pm.

Vocalist/pianist Joyce Bouvier, music director of the church, will perform. ■

"Remembering Langston," 4 pm Sun. Feb. 24

Riverside Baptist Church at Maine Ave. & 7th St. S.W. will honor the memory of Langston Hughes at a free program, open to the public, at the church Sunday, February 24, at 4 pm. A reception will follow. ■

S.W.N.A. Meets Mon., Feb. 25

The monthly meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be on Monday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Agenda items include:

- 1) Randall Jr. High's Class of 1943 will talk about recreation facilities in those days.
- 2) New building for King-Greenleaf Recreation Center.
- 3) Nominations from the floor for SWNA officers and board representatives. Lined up in uniform are students of the Junior ROTC program at the Math, Science and Technology Public Charter High School in the Waterside Mall. ■

SWNA Election Mar. 23 at Mall

Neighborhood-wide elections for Board members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. will take place at Waterside Mall near Safeway from 10 am to 3 pm, Saturday, Mar. 23. The S.W. branch of the League of Women Voters will monitor the voting.

Every resident of S.W. (zip code 20024) age 18 or over can vote for officers—President, 2 VPs, Secretary and Treasurer. Those living in four different areas of S.W. may vote for their own area representatives on the Board.

This arrangement for a voice at the grass roots level has been in effect in Near Southwest, D.C., since 1964.

Nominations for all these positions are being assembled by a nominating



A replica of The Amistad will visit the Southwest Waterfront.

Tall Ship Amistad Comes To S.W.

The public will be welcome to tour a replica of the famous "Amistad" sailing ship when it docks at the Gangplank Marina, at 6th & Water St. S.W., for a two-week visit March 23 to April 7.

In 1839 Africans held as slaves aboard the Amistad freed themselves

from their chains and took control of the ship. However, a U.S. Coast Guard crew boarded the ship and had it towed to New London, Conn., where the Africans were placed in custody.

The U.S. Supreme Court finally released them and they returned to Africa. ■



Lined up in uniform are the students of the Junior ROTC program at Math, Science, and Technology Public Charter High School in the Waterside Mall.

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20 Years For Youth In SW

Sunday, Apr. 21 is the day set to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the S.W. Youth Activities Task Force. Lisa Matthews and Alvin Hudgens, shown below in their early years, were two of the participants in programs of the YATF. A few of the adults conducting the program years ago are also shown: Left to right—

Isabella Gelletich, Ron Britt and Walter Brooks.

A \$50 fund-raising reception will be held in the Old Vat Room downstairs at Arena Stage from 3 pm to 6 pm Sun. Apr. 21 to keep the programs going.

Chair of the event is Dr. Beryl C. Rice, 554-4235. ■



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Southwest Community Calendar

February-March 2002

Monthly Meetings

- Mon. Feb. 25 **Public meeting of SWNA** on African-American history and on recreation, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W., 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Feb. 28 **NARFE** – S.W. Branch Library, 920 Wesley Pl. 12:30 pm.
- Sat. Mar. 2 **PSA 110 Walkathon with police.** 11 am 240 M St. S.W.
- Sat. Mar 2 **Youth Forum** – King Greenleaf Center, 201 N St. S.W. 9:30 am – 3 pm.
- Tues. Mar. 5 **CAC, Police Hdqtrs,** 415 4th St. S.W. 7 pm
- Wed. Mar. 6 **Housing Forum,** St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W., 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. Mar. 6 **WWCA meeting** at Harbor Patrol, 6th & Water St.
- Mon. Mar. 11 **Advisory Neighborhood Comm. 2D Meeting** 7 pm, Westminster Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W.
- Thurs. Mar. 14 **Chamber Music** 7:30 pm. St. Augustine's Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW
- Wed. Mar. 20 **AARP luncheon meeting** 12 noon St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St. SW
- Sat. Mar. 24 **Public election** of officers and board of the Southwest **Neighborhood Assembly,** 10 am to 3 pm, near Safeway in Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W.
- Mon. Mar. 25 **Southwest Neighborhood Assembly** public meeting, 7:30 pm St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W.
- Thurs. Mar. 28 **NARFE Lunch** at 12:30, meeting at 1 pm S.W. Branch Library

Weekly & Biweekly Meetings

- Komen Toastmasters,** 10 am First & Third Sat., SW Branch Library, 900 Wesley Pl S.W.
- Fil-Am Toastmasters,** 6:45 pm Second and Fourth Wed., SW Branch Library
- School Street Toastmasters,** noon, every Tuesday, 400 Virginia Ave. S.W. Room 88
- S.W. Kiwanis,** Every Monday, 6:30-7:30 pm, SE University, 6th & I St. S.W.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. Mar. 6 to C.W. Hargrave 554-8284.

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Support Urged For Local College Students

By Carole Early

The Southwest Scholarship Fund has received a donation from Geoff Weiss, who received help from the S.W. Fund when he was in college. He made the donation in honor of his parents.

We would like to thank him for his thoughtfulness and would like to encourage others to honor someone through a donation.

Over the years, dozens of students living in zip code 20024 have received help each year toward their college books, fees and transportation.

Send your tax deductible donation to:
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P.O. Box 70481,
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Students continuing or just entering college next fall can pick up application forms at the S.W. Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place S.W. In recent years grants to about a dozen S.W. students each year have varied between \$400 and \$1,000 a year, depending on grades, need and community service. ■

ANC Deadlocks On Florida Rock Zoning Change

SW ANC 2-D voted 3 to 3 on the question of another 3 year extension of the Planned Unit Development status of the Florida Rock property at Half St. S.E. and the Anacostia River.

The property's owners showed drawings of the offices and homes they would build if their expired PUD were renewed by the Zoning Board and if they can find financing.

The election of ANC officers for 2002 resulted in Andy Litsky keeping the chair, A. Assalaam keeping vice-chair, Dick Westbrook staying as treasurer and Tony Mapp continuing as secretary. ■

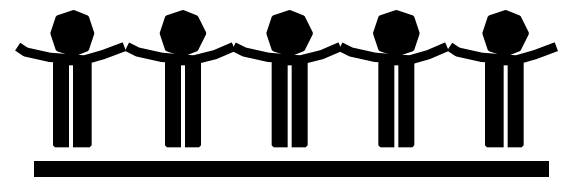
College Choir at Riverside

A free concert will be held at Riverside Baptists Church at 7th and Maine Ave, SW Friday, March 22 at 7:30 pm. The Birmingham-Sothern College Concert Choir will perform. ■



Gottlieb Simon, *third from the left, is filling in as executive director of ANC 2-D. Members of the commission are, left to right, Roger Moffatt, H. Anthony Mapp, Simon, Andy Litsky, A. Assalaam, C.W. Hargrave, and Dick Westbrook.*

RIVER PARK NURSERY SCHOOL



NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

River Park Nursery School will hold an Open House on Thursday, March 14, from 2:00—4:00 PM. The Nursery School serves children who are 3-5 years old, operating in the mornings daily. The school is a parent-run cooperative, with a head teacher and teacher's assistant. The beautiful glass-walled facility is two blocks from Waterfront Metro, near Arena Stage, and only a 12 minute drive from Capitol Hill. Come enjoy light refreshments and visit River Park Nursery School if there is a 3-5 year old child in your life! The School is located at 1301 Delaware Avenue, S.W. For more information, call 202/484-3397.

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Public Housing Forum Wed. Mar. 6, 6:30 pm

D. C. Housing Director Michael Kelly and a number of his staff will answer questions at a Housing Forum on Wednesday, Mar. 6, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd St. and M St. S.W.

The sponsor is the SW/WR Family Strengthening Collaborative. ■

Youth 12-18 Invited To Sat., Mar. 2 Event

Southwest youth can have free breakfast and lunch and talk about money management, early parenthood, anger management, AIDS and drugs at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. S.W., Saturday, Mar. 2, between 9:30 am and 3 pm.

Sasha Bruce Youth Works will put on a 45-minute play, "It Won't Happen To Me," on AIDS/HIV. A 20-minute video covers teenage pregnancy prevention.

Sponsors are Sigma Gamma Rho, Iota Phi Theta, Concerned Black Men, and the Southwest/West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative. ■

Greenleaf Gardens Has New Laundry

Greenleaf Gardens Apts. has installed new laundry machines on the ground floor at 203 N St. S.W., similar to the laundry room across the street at Greenleaf Senior Housing. Hours of operation are 7:30 am to 11:30 pm. The site also has vending machines. ■

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Glassblowing Classes at MAC

The Spring schedule of classes at the glassblowing studio in the Millennium Art Center has been announced:

Daytime Classes:

Class 019, Textural Design for Fusing 10 am to 1 pm Saturdays in March \$300.

Class 022, Open Studio/Fused Glass, 2 pm to 5 pm, 4 Saturdays in March, Apr. & May - \$300.

Class 024, Glass Lover's Weekend, 12 noon - 5 pm Apr. 6, 7 \$250.

Class 026, Fused Glass/Bowls & Plates, 10am - 2pm Saturdays in Apr. \$300.

Nighttime classes:

Class 020, Architectural Lighting Design, 7 pm - 9:30 pm Tues. eves in Mar. \$300

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Class 027, Painterly Effects for Fused Glass, Tues. eve. May

Class 028, Steel & Glass Sculptural Development

Class 030, Stained Glass Design/Old World & Architectural, 7 pm - 9:30 pm Wed. evenings in Mar. \$300

For information call Bill Wooby at MAC (202) 479-2572, or e-mail the studio, called Meltdown at meltdownhotglass@aol.com or look on their website www.hometown.aol.com/meltdownhotglass. ■

Carol Schwartz At Police Meeting in SW

At-Large Council Member Carol Schwartz addressed the Citizens Advisory Council at First District Police Headquarters. As chair of the Council Committee on Public Works and the Environment, she was able to answer questions dealing with residential parking permits, hand-held cell phones and freeing up parking space near the end of the block.

She explained her opposition to the name of Washington's football team, calling "Redskins" a racially derogatory name.

She introduced Adam Maier, her committee staff person, who can be reached through her office phone 724-8105.

Southwest members of the audience were interested that she had voted earlier in the day to prevent the Southwest ANC area from being split in four parts.

Shown are Council Member Schwartz with 1st District Commander _____; the commander giving awards to officers, and a picture of _____, vice president of the 1st Dist. CAC. He is on the staff of Ward 6 Council Member Sharon Ambrose. ■



Housing Complexes Meet With Police

D.C. police in S.W. are offering to visit housing complexes to discuss safety in the area.


If you can allot half an hour at your meeting to visit with Acting Lt. Edward Bernat and his staff, call Naomi Monk, 202-479-0442.

Greenleaf Housing met at the recreation center at 201 N St. S.W. in January and had a successful meeting. In February at River Park about 30 residents discussed safety with 3 police officers who were accompanied by their beautiful drug-sniffing dog.

Orange Hats will walk in the neighborhood the first Saturday morning each month to give out information about events in the neighborhood and give out cookies. ■



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How To Have More Shops At Waterside Mall?

Discussion on Waterside Mall continued at SWNA's public forum in January. Here are a few fragmentary quotes:

Andy Altman, D.C. Planning Director: How to put 4th St. back – recreate the neighborhood shopping district. Fourth St. was part of connecting downtown with the water. A main street in the neighborhood that people can walk through and enjoy. That's what we want to accomplish. If you want to see revitalization of the Mall, this [opening 4th St.] is necessary. It won't be until October of next year that we'll really have the design funds to start the design process. We will look at all options.

Art Mosely of Kaempfer Co., Developers: This project is primarily an office building. We see the first floor of this project as retail—a thriving and very vibrant location. Safeway will be continuously in operation. And CVS and the Bank. We are starting to talk with the convenience store and the cleaners. Some will not be interested in continuing. This is going to be a major construction. We hope they will come back, but some of them won't. This is a major demolition and lots of heavy

equipment and it will be dangerous.

At Large Council Member Harold Brazil: My role is to listen and help you get where you want to go.

Ward Council Member Sharon Ambrose: We don't want a commuter shortcut—a speedway. Fourth St. is a neighborhood thoroughfare—2 lanes rather than 4 lanes. It should behave like a neighborhood street rather than an invitation to commuters. The planning process is a community process—go before the Zoning Commission for Planned Unit Development. A community may ask for amenities. I'll let everyone know when the process comes before the Planning Commission.

Gottlieb Simon, Former Staff for ANC2D: SWNA and ANC never went on record saying "We want 4th St. opened."

Gene Solon, Resident: The community has been asked whether a 4th St. cut-through with cars is necessary. With curb-side parking, 4th will be a bottleneck. When going from store to store, we will have to cross traffic. It costs too much and takes too long to finish. ■



Ward 6 Council Member Sharon Ambrose.



Andy Altman, D.C. Director of Planning.



Council Member At Large Harold Brazil spoke to the SWNA meeting, while SWNA Chair Rev. George Holmes took notes.

Council Keeps S.W. United

Ward 2 Council Member Jack Evans effort to split Southwest between Southwest's ANC 6D and three ANCs in the northern part of Ward 2 was defeated by a 7-6 vote of the Council on Feb. 5.

Since ANCs were first authorized by the Home Rule Act of 1973, Southwest from the rivers to the National Mall has always been in one ANC, whose members have been elected at the three polling places in S.W. – 127, 128 and 129 – at the general election in even-numbered years.

Last year Council Member Evans first split Southwest in two when new ward boundaries were adopted. He kept the Portals area and the area between the freeway and the National Mall in his Ward 2. The rest became part of Ward 6.

A standing-room-only crowd of Southwest residents at the SWNA's January meeting voted unanimously to keep all of Southwest in one ANC. Council members Phil Mendelson, Sharon Ambrose and Harold Brazil, who attended the meeting, voted to support Southwest at the Feb. 5 D.C. Council meeting. ■

4th St. Traffic Study Planned

Ward 6 Council Member Sharon Ambrose reports that Dan Tangherlini, head of the D.C. Department of Transportation, is scheduling a traffic study that will help evaluate the pros and cons of a 4th St. cut-through from I St. S.W. to M St. S.W. The study will be completed before the May meeting when the developers will provide more details on their plans. ■



Council Member At Large Phil Mendelson.

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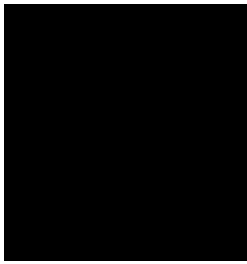
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Topics for the evening include deregulation of utilities, transferring the D.C. General Hospital site to the National Park Service, and the McKinley High Technical School Project. ■

Club #4 Basketball



Age 10 & under boys basketball team. Left to right. (front row) Alvin Hudgens, Jr., Andre Mack, Baby boy, Stephon Mathis, Eric Wanzor (second row) Audley Feemster, John Mgaze, Dijon Washington, Gerald Robinson, Leroy Frye (back row) Assistant Coach Dino Roach, DeSean Hattix, Dequintus Brooks, Louis Bell, Jr., Howard Phifer, Coach Alvin Hudgens. Not shown: Alvin Venable.



Age 12 & under boys basketball team. Left to right: (front row) Donte' Washington, Rashard Mathis, Tyrone Ford, Babyboy, Robert Davis, Ravon Stewart. (second row) Head Coach Ronald Hines, Nelson Long, Antonio Smith, Rico Hines, Malcolm Davis, Shawn Williams, Calvin Mainor, Vernard Toney, Assistant Coach Gregory Boykin. Not shown are Markee Young and Daryl Gillis.

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John Haston, kitchen manager, and Candice Franklin were both named Managers of the Year. Roselyn Hawkins was named Employee of the Year (Front of the House) and Effrain Lopez was named Employee of the Year (Back of the House).

Other members of the Presidents Club 2001, with their names engraved on trophies, are:

Robert Reinsch, Lorenzo Garcia, Marina Mata Villata, Vernon Horns, Martha deSoto Cubillos, Rosario Hernandez, Alfonso Ramirez, Peter Ceesay, Derrick Williams, Gloria Randall, Jen Bain-Spivey, Hyatt Mckenna, Martha Gallego and Kristin McGraw. ■



Among Phillips Flagship President's Club 2001 members are (left to right): Marina Mata Villata, Vernon Horns, Robert Reinsch, Roselyn Hawkins, Martha Gallego, Rosario Hernandez and Martha deSoto Cubillos.



Barbara Ehrlich (left) with June Hirsch, former staff member of Council Member Jack Evans, as her farewell party at the John Wilson Building at Pennsylvania Ave. and 13 1/2 St. NW



Posing for pictures before the Phillips Flagship celebration aboard the Odyssey cruise ship are (left to right): John Haston, Todd Vangeluwe, (General Manager), Roselyn Hawkins, and Robert Reinsch.

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Prosecutor At AARP Meeting

Assistant U.S. Attorney June M. Jeffries was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the S.W. chapter of the AARP. A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, she has prosecuted homicide cases for 15 years since joining the U. S. Attorney's Office in 1983.



Ms. Jeffries explained the way the Grand Juries work and said that she has a special interest in prosecuting child homicide cases.

She urged seniors to do volunteer work within the criminal justice system. The Visitors Services Center at 1422 Massachusetts Ave. SE (202-544-2131 - Ann Cunningham, Ex. Director) needs volunteers to work with prisoners and their families.

Teachers and tutors are needed for classes in Domestic Violence, Anger Management, and Life Skills at the D.C. jail or adult halfway houses under the direction of Veronica Roderick (202-671-2138), the volunteer services coordinator for the Department of Corrections. ■

History Trail Planned For Southwest

Seven-foot-high sidewalk signs to mark a history trail through Southwest are being built by the D.C. and Federal Highway Departments. Similar to signs already installed in the Shaw and U St. N.W. neighborhood, the trail will start and end at Waterfront METRO Station.

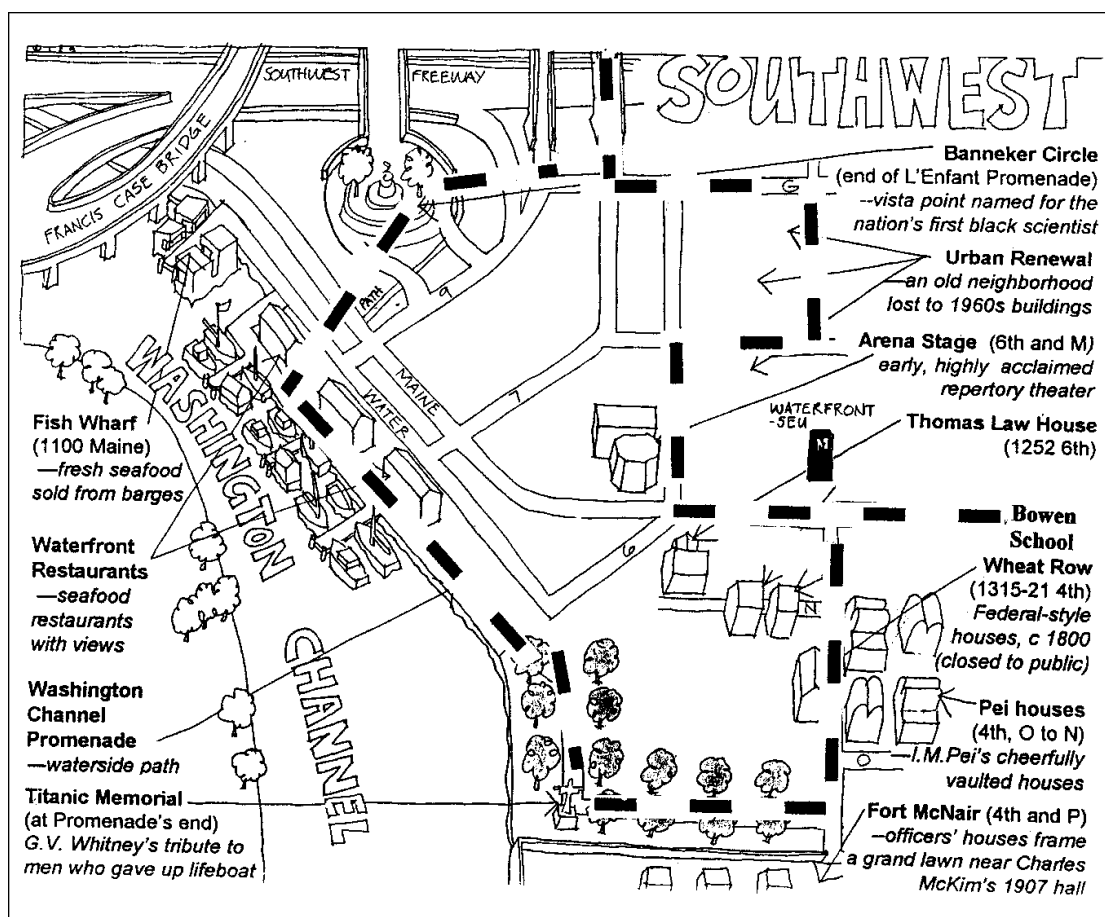
The History Task Force of The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly has gathered historic information for the project.

Margaret Feldman, task force chair, made this report:

"The Southwest Trail includes stops which together tell the story of Southwest from its early beginning as the Federal City, through the Civil War period and then the Progressive era of the early 1900s, the early ethnic and African-American inhabitants, and finally Urban Renewal.

"Topics covered include the Benjamin Banneker marker on the Overlook, early waterfront activities, the Pearl attempted slave escape, the Law House in its changing use from a Honeymoon House for President Washington's adopted granddaughter to the Hadley Clinic in the 1920s to today's party house for Tiber Island. Other topics include Fort McNair, D.C. Transit as it affected Southwest, early schools and segregation, and finally the area as we know it today after Urban Renewal with its public housing and high rises..."

"The signs will include maps, text and pictures at each of 16 stops. There will be a booklet for each trail containing the text of the signs." ■



This rough mock-up shows how the Southwest Heritage Trail will go as far north as St. Dominic's Church and Benjamin Banneker Circle, as far south as the Titanic Memorial on the waterfront and north to M St. for a swing east past Lansburg Park and Bowen School to recognize Syphax School and early housing at Half St. S.W.

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