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# The Navigator

A neighborhood-based organization of paid staff, volunteers, and vendors supporting Southwest Waterfront and Navy Yard residents who wish to age in place.

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## Board of Directors Corner: Wes Ven Johnson

Neighbors:I am the newest member of the Waterfront Village Board of Directors, completing the term of my neighbor Renee Feder as she leaves us for sunny California. I am honored and thrilled to be serving on the Board, surrounded by talented and passionate board members who are committed to keeping the Southwest Waterfront and Navy Yard neighborhoods as the best places to live in D.C.

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*Village Matinee at  
"Intelligence" Nearly Sold Out*



## *Waterfront Village Launches*

Over 100 attendees packed the new St. Augustine's Episcopal Church for the official launch of the Village on February 13. 12 vendors comprised an Aging in Place Expo that included a champagne reception coordinated by Olga Stopher of Station 4 that was followed by a town hall moderated by former Councilman Tommy Wells.

[Read about the launch  
in "The Southwester"](#)

There are just 3 seats left for our group matinee performance at Arena Stage on Sunday, March 12. Tickets are \$30 and limited to Members residing in ZIP Code 20024. [Email](#) or call the Member Services Center at 202-656-1834 to reserve your seat, or follow the link below.

[Visit our Calendar](#)



### *Rehab 101: Planning for Success*

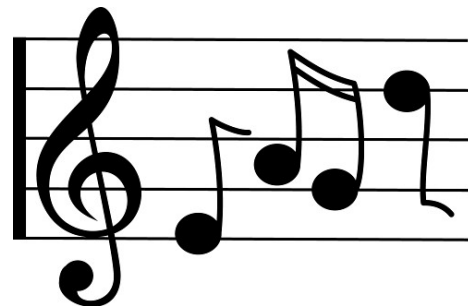
We're teaming up with our sister Village from Cleveland and Woodley Parks for a training class **March 22nd** to learn about preparing for successful post-hospital recoveries. The training, and a buffet lunch, are compliments of Forest Hills of DC. Free, RSVP required.

[RSVP Now](#)



February saw our third Volunteer orientation and training session, held at River Park Mutual Homes. Nanett Cothran, Bonnie Harris, Julia Sayles, and Wendy Wright will join current Volunteers in offering Village members rides for groceries and medical appointments, telephone and home check-ins, home services, technology support, and more. For information on our flexible Volunteer options and the **March 16** (Capitol Park) and **April 20** (Harbour Square) orientations, please see our website or call the Member Services Center weekdays 9am-5pm at 202-656-1834.

[How to Volunteer](#)



### *Southwest Chamber Players Return to St. Augustine's*

In the first performance in their rebuilt home, the 181st concert of the Southwest Chamber Players will include the works of Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and others on **March 31st**. Free to the public; donations accepted.

Village members, please [RSVP](#) to enjoy a social hour before the concert and take advantage of reserved group seating.



# THE FORGOTTEN IRISH

IRISH EMIGRANT EXPERIENCES IN AMERICA

## Monthly Book Lecture

Join your fellow Village members for a lecture and book signing at the National Archives on Thursday, **March 16**. Free to the public.

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## "Lunch at the Club"

Our monthly luncheon series at the area's private clubs moves to the casual comfort of the University Club's grill room on **April 7**. Ordering will be a la carte, with sandwiches and entrees ranging from \$14-\$28. Lunch will be followed by a tour of the historic Edwardian-era clubhouse. Members: Click on the website link below to log-in and reserve your seat, or [email](#) or call the Member Services Center at 202-656-1834.

[Reserve your Seat](#)



The Village ended February with 56 members, well on our way to the year-end goal of 100 needed to achieve a financial break-even operating status. Members enjoy access to our Calendar of Events, Member Services Center, Home Services, Friendly Companions, Transportation Services, and much more. February was the 6th consecutive month for new memberships to meet or exceed goal.

**MEMBER DISCOUNT OF THE MONTH**

**Office DEPOT  
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## Corporate Discount at Office Depot and Office Max

Office Depot is offering the Village's corporate buying program to Associate and Full members, perfect for your home office, printer ink, and much

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Membership

more. Prices tend to be 10-30% below retail with free shipping on orders over \$50. Please contact the Village [Member Services Center](#) for participation details.



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## Volunteer Profile: Ranada Davis

Fellow Villagers:

I was part of the first volunteer orientation class and initially started with helping a blind member read his mail each week. Since then, I've helped several other neighbors with a variety of tasks such as filling out financial and legal paperwork, consulting on home modification projects and even simple things like changing a lightbulb. With a background in construction, the home modification consultations seem to be my specialty.

I was born in northern Wisconsin (Go Pack Go!) and grew up outside Chicago. After college, I moved to the DC area and started working in the commercial construction industry.

Construction management has been my career for over 13 years.

After living and working in the suburbs for eight years, I decided that I wanted to move to the city. I had been to the DCRA office on Fourth Street, S.W., for building permits before, and liked what I saw of the Southwest neighborhood. I rented a condo at Waterfront Tower (Third & M Streets) and moved to Southwest in 2011.

After a little over a year at Waterfront Tower, my future husband and I decided it was time to look for a larger place to move into together. We looked all over the city and eventually ended up moving right across the street to a townhouse in the Carrollsburg community, which is where we still live today.

Over the years, I've thought about volunteering, but never found a good fit. I've also seen my family members struggle with aging in place and how tasks that were once simple had become much more challenging. When the first meeting to discuss the idea of the village took place, I was really excited about the prospect of having this in the neighborhood and knew it would be the perfect volunteer opportunity for me. As soon as I heard that the village was launching, I emailed Executive Director Bob Craycraft and asked if he needed volunteers.

As I'd anticipated, it was a great fit for me. Volunteering has been fun and rewarding and the flexibility makes it easy for me to be involved. Another benefit of being a volunteer is that I've met a lot of neighbors who have lived in Southwest for quite a long time and as the neighborhood grows and changes in the next few years, it's nice to be strengthening the sense of community that has made Southwest so special to me.

[Learn more about volunteering for Waterfront Village](#)

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