



Director's Notes: Monday, May 2nd, 2022

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Helpful Village

Foggy Bottom West End Village will soon be moving from our current database and webpage to a new platform called Helpful Village (HV). Unlike our current platform which was created for use by any membership organization, HV was created from scratch specifically for villages.



The tech expert who started HV had begun to volunteer with the village his mother joined and soon discovered the shortcomings of the database program that village (and many others) used. Thus, HV was started and is now one of the two predominate platforms used by villages across the country. Of the 13 villages in DC 11 are already using HV or are in the process of switching to it.

HV will make everything from registering for a program to volunteering in response to a request easier for members and volunteers. From an administrative perspective it will make compilation of statistics and data reporting much easier. There are many things that are done automatically in HV that staff must now do manually.

We will also change our website. We have rewritten all the wording to bring everything up to date and to eliminate duplication when unnecessary. The downside to the HV website structure is that it does not give many options for creativity which we may address next fiscal year.

There will be a handful of members who are tech-savvy as well as a group of members without tech skills who will help us test HV before it

goes live (or is made visible to the membership). If you are interested in being one of the testers, please email us as info@fbwevillage.org.

You'll hear more about Helpful Village over the coming weeks. We will have some online orientation sessions to introduce it to the membership. Additionally, volunteers will also be available to provide one-on-one coaching for folks who need it. We're very excited about this change and hope you will be too.

-Denise

Important Event Registration Notice

If anyone runs into difficulty registering for an event please just send an email indicating what event you'd like to attend to info@fbwevillage.org and we'll get you registered. Once we've registered you, you'll get an email confirmation indicating you have been registered.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This week we are wishing a very Happy Birthday to two special people!

- Dava Berkman - May 4th
- Morris Chalick - May 7th



PROGRAMS



**TUDOR PLACE - Afternoon
Tea and Guided House Tour**
Thursday, May 19th, from 1:00 pm to
3:00 pm
Tudor Place, 1644 31st St NW

**REGISTRATION CLOSES ON THURSDAY, MAY 5TH.
REGISTER NOW!**

Celebrate spring with a delicious tea followed by a tour of the historic Tudor Place mansion in Georgetown, the home of six generations of Martha Washington's descendants. Please join us for this special afternoon of delights in a unique setting surrounded by beautiful gardens.

Registration cost of \$30 includes house and gardens tour and afternoon tea. Please pay by credit card or check to FBWE Village by May 5.

[Register for the tour and tea here](#)

Transportation:

Car: Street parking free for two hours without a Zone 2 sticker.

Bus: Wisconsin Ave buses (31, 33, Circulator) to R St NW.

Walk 2 blocks east and turn right on 31st to entrance.

Please enter via the Administration Building at 1670 31st Street.



Tudor Place requires proof of vaccination for entry. FBWEV's current policy requires masks indoors unless eating or drinking and a negative rapid-test taken on Thursday morning. Free test kits are available through the FBWEV office and from the West End Library. Also, please indicate if you have any food allergies.

Accessibility: The first floor of the Historic House can be made accessible for wheelchairs up to 27" wide. Please let us know if you will be using a walker/ wheelchair during the tour and/or need accessible parking.



**FILM-MAKING in FOGGY
BOTTOM With NANCY BRESLIN
(Photographer/ Writer)
Thursday, May 5th, at 2 pm**

After leaving academic medicine to pursue an art career in photography, Nancy Breslin has explored alternative photographic processes and other forms of expression, including turning her apartment into a *camera obscura* that became a Tik Tok video with 1.9 million views.

She will share her vision and creativity in one of her most recent ventures, talking about and demonstrating the various steps involved as the story moved from an idea to a script to drawn designs to actual sets and puppets with sounds and colors.

Join us on Zoom for this behind-the-scenes discussion to learn about film-making first hand and view clips from her 8 minute short to be released this summer. (The yellow and blue bikes above are among the stars.)

[Click here to read more about this extraordinary artist.](#)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. [Click here to register](#)

Visit to the United States

Institute of Peace

Wednesday, May 11th, from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM
US Institute of Peace, 2301 Constitution Ave NW



In this one-hour session, villagers will hear from USIP staff about the U.S. Institute of Peace and how it achieves its mission to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflicts abroad. The session will be interactive, and visitors will be able to engage with USIP staff on issues of specific interest. Visitors will also learn about the Institute's headquarters and how it supports the organization's mission.

Confirmation of vaccination is required. Please register by May 2nd as USIP needs a list of registrants in advance of the talk.

[Register for the interactive visit here](#)

NOTE: The entrance to USIP is on 23rd Street NW, on the west side of the street, just opposite the C Street NW entrance to the State Department.

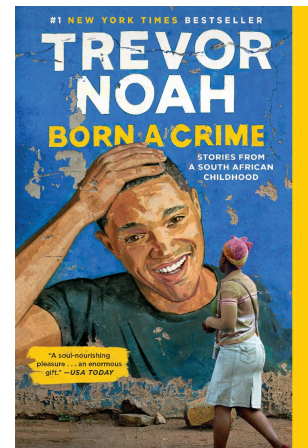
AFFINITY GROUPS

MAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday, May 4th, from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Meets at the West End Library

The Book Discussion Group will meet the first Wednesday of May at the West End Library from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The May book is *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah. This is Noah's critically acclaimed autobiography. "Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother—his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life."



All interested Village members are invited to come with their covered drink of choice to the smaller conference room. And don't forget to bring a suggested title of a book for the August 3rd meeting as it is the group that selects the books! Look forward to seeing you there.

All participants are required to be fully vaccinated and boosted and to have that status registered with the village before attending a discussion.

TUESDAYS

COFFEE & COMPANY at 10:00 am (weekly)

Meets at Bread and Chocolate at [2301 M St NW](#) (contact for more information)

Contact: jfrumkin@fbwevillage.org

CAREGIVER'S GROUP (1st and 3rd Tue.) at 1:00 pm

Online via Zoom (contact for more information)

Contact: pfkramer38@gmail.com

THURSDAYS

GUYS ONLY AT LUNCH (GOAL) (3rd Thu) at 12:30 pm

Various locations (contact for more information)

Contact: tineve@rcn.com

TAKE FOUR AT TAZZA at 4:00 pm (weekly)

Meets at Tazza Restaurant at [600 New Hampshire Ave NW](#)

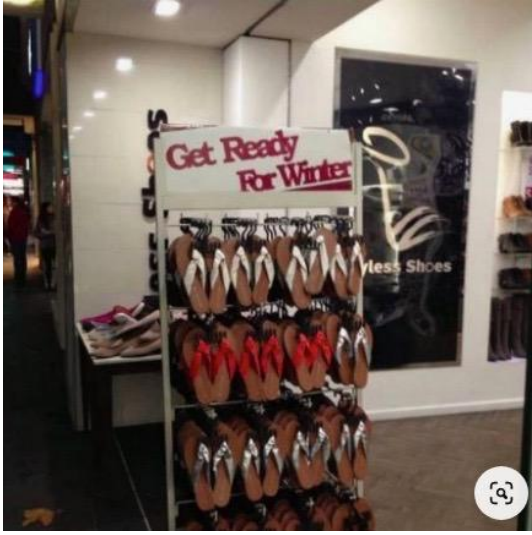
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A BIT OF HUMOR



When your pet falls asleep on u
and u don't want to wake it so u
just sit there until you die of natural
causes





OTHER PIECES

DC Grandparents Against COVID-19

The threat of COVID-19 isn't over, and we know that being up-to-date on vaccinations is the best strategy we have to protect ourselves and our community. DC Grandparents Against COVID-19 is a new local movement among adults aged 60 and older united in encouraging loved ones of all ages to get vaccinated and boosted. "Loved ones" is defined broadly to include family, friends and neighbors. You don't need to be a grandparent to join. You just need to commit to encouraging four or more people to get vaccinated or boosted – and even one conversation can mean a life saved. DC Grandparents Against COVID-19 has developed resources to help participants increase their knowledge and skills so they can initiate the conversations and respond to the false information that's interfering with vaccination rates.

There will be a virtual information session on May 25 at 3 pm for anyone 60 and over who would like to learn more about this effort to make a difference in the health and well-being of our community. Let us know if you are interested in participating at info@fbwevillage.org. [You can learn more from this flyer.](#)

Stephanie Chong, executive director of the Northwest Neighbors Village, took this picture of a rabbit caught munching on her lovely flowers in her backyard. When she noticed him and picked up her camera the rabbit sat up straight, knowing he was

caught purple handed.



IN THE COMMUNITY



Gulliver's Troubles: America, Ukraine, and the Road Ahead

Tuesday, May 3rd at 11:00 AM

In the wake of the chaotic U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, many believed America could never lead again. Putin's brutal invasion of Ukraine demonstrated that the US could not only lead but inspire and encourage others to do so, too. Yet the road ahead for US leadership in the world is strewn with major challenges, including a dysfunctional and fiercely polarized political system at home and the emergence of powers large and small that challenge U.S. influence and threaten its interests abroad. For America, it's a world to be smartly managed if possible, surely one not to be transformed.

Aaron David Miller is a Senior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a former State Department Middle East analyst and negotiator in Republican and Democratic Administrations. He is a CNN Global Affairs Analyst and the author of 5 books including his most recent, *The End of Greatness: Why America Can't Have (and Doesn't Want) Another Great President*.

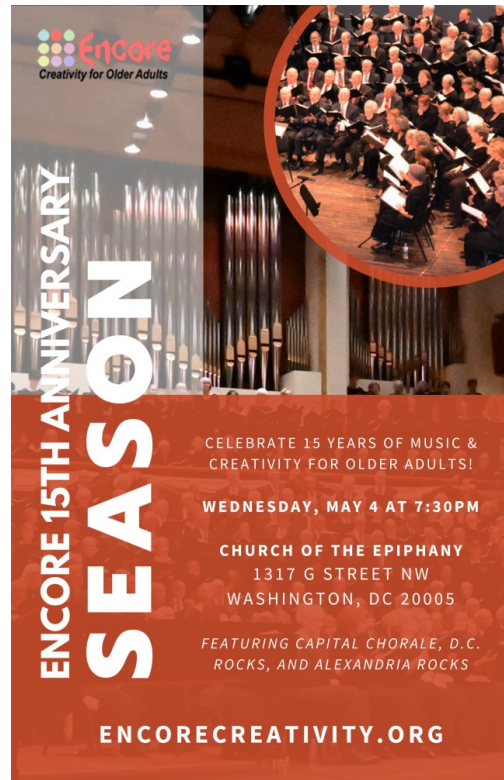
[Register and find more upcoming speakers on the NWN site here](#)

Other speakers in the next two weeks:

Working with DC Area Afghan Refugees: An Update and Outlook Regarding Resettlement

Thursday, May 12th, at 2:00 PM

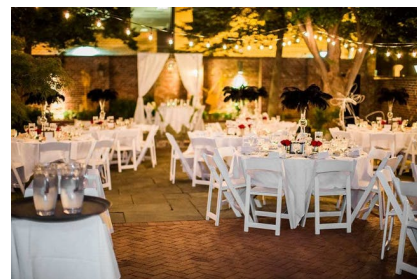
Solutions for Hometown Connections (SHC) works with refugees and immigrants in the Washington DC Metro area, providing a network of mentors, tutors, and community connections. SHC founder Merritt Groeschel will update us on the issues facing Afghan refugees as they try to navigate life in the US and what to expect in the coming months as families from Ukraine begin to arrive and Afghan families separated during the chaotic evacuation begin to reunite.



FBWEV members Lorna Grenadier, Deb Neve, Bari Bienia, and Nadia Taran sing in this group as well as members of other villages.

Rose Theater Free Show
Tuesday, May 17th, at 7:00 pm
at the Washington Arts Club

If Christ Was Born in a Barn, Dyin' in a Van Ain't so Bad. Written by Mark Charney and Cory Norman



"If Christ was Born in a Barn, Dyin' in a Van Ain't so Bad takes an imaginative look at one of the most controversial issues of the late twentieth-century, deciphering the man behind the moniker, Dr. Death."

SAVE YOUR SEAT by clicking here, Reservations Strongly Encouraged.



Free transportation will be provided to this event. If you would like to sign up for it please contact the office.

WEBSITES FOR PUBLIC VILLAGE EVENTS

The Washington Area Village Exchange has a website for area villages to list their public programs. It includes many fascinating programs from a number of area villages. Check out their site, <http://www.dmvvillageevents.org/>, to see what might interest you.

You also might have interest in upcoming Village to Village Network programs. [You can find the full VtoV calendar on their website here](#). Please contact the office if you would like to register for any VtoV event.

How to Register for Village Programs

Village programs and events will generally be announced only in the weekly Director's Notes, published on Monday morning.

- To register, first make sure you are logged into your account on the Village website. From the listing at the end of each program invite, click on the link.
- Then simply click the **REGISTER NOW** button and follow the prompts.
- Finally, click **COMPLETE REGISTRATION** (located at the top and bottom of the registration page).
- **You will receive an event confirmation email.** If you do not get this email, you are not registered. Please call the Village office at (202) 333-1327 and someone will be happy to help.
- **For some programs, you will use a personal email to register. Just email the person listed and let them know you plan to attend.**

- If you have any problems with registering for an event online, please call the Village office at (202) 333-1327 and someone will be able to register you for the event.

All FBWE programs take place on Zoom unless otherwise indicated.

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