Glover Park

Gazette

The Monthly Newsletter of the Glover Park Citizens' Association



'Tis the Season

ecember's arrival provides our neighborhood with an opportunity to relax, reflect, and make merry as we near year's end. There are holidays galore and a collective period to enjoy our neighbors and family, and remember others. It is the time when The Friends of Glover Park and the Glover Park Citizens' Association, in cooperation with DC's Department of Parks and Recreation, combine their efforts to kick-off the holiday season with its annual Glover Park Holiday "Toys for Tots" Party.

We can share as we celebrate, and the neighborhood's party provides an occasion to contribute new, unwrapped toys, valued at \$10 or more, for the "United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots" drive!

Mark Your Calendar!

The festivities will begin on Friday evening, December 9. Please join us between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the Glover Park Community Center at Stoddert School.

We will provide two moon bounces, **free** pizza, drinks, salad, popcorn, door prizes, music, and crafts for children. **Santa** will be there to receive your holiday wishes and provide a small gift to each child. Have your cameras and cell phones ready. This is a high-energy event with fun for all.

Of course, amid all that excitement, you may also want a place to catch up with your neighbors. "The Oasis" will be operating in the cafeteria and providing good eats and a quiet and conversational environment for adults.

And this year, for the first time, the **Stoddert School Chorus** will be headlining the Holiday Party! If you were wowed by their performance at Glover Park Day 2016 or haven't yet had a chance to enjoy their singing, this is a chance to see them.

Remember: Friday, December 9, 6:30–8:30 p.m. for Glover Park's "Toys for Tots" Holiday Party. You provide a snack, dessert, or dish to pass, and a new unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more for the "USMC Toys for Tots" drive! Let us take care of the rest.

Bring your family and join your neighbors for this Holiday Celebration!

Glover Park "Toys for Tots" Holiday Party

Friday, December 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Glover Park Community Center

at Stoddert

Elementary School 4001 Calvert Street NW

Stoddert Elementary School Choir Performs at 7 p.m.



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If you love living in Glover Park, get involved!

Join the Glover Park Citizens' Association today!

Generously support the group that takes care of your neighborhood.

Preserve the family-friendly quality of our community.

Communicate your ideas to improve your neighborhood.

Act locally to get things done.

1 Adult / Glover Park Resident = \$20	Return form and fee to GPCA, P.O. Box 32268, Washington, DC 2000
2 Adults / Same Address = \$35	Make check payable to GPCA.
3 Adults / Same Address = \$50	
4 Adults / Same Address = \$60	
1 Senior / Glover Park Resident = \$15	Name(s)
2 Seniors / Same Address = \$25	
1 Adult / Non-Resident / Non-Voting = \$20	Address
1 Senior / Non-Resident / Non-Voting = \$15	
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President's Report

Start 2017 by Coming to a GPCA Meeting

Jarrett Ferrier

ow great it was to see so many neighbors at our "star studded" November meeting with the Mayor and an array of important representatives from her team.

While I was pleased with the turnout, I also lamented the fact that our meetings normally lack such a turnout. While it feels good to speak directly to the Mayor about our needs

and concerns, I want to say that, perhaps, many of these issues could have been acted on prior to the November meeting.

You are invited to attend our January 3 meeting to discuss and act on previous issues as well as others that have arisen.

That said, I would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season.

Glover Park Citizens' Association Tuesday, January 3 • 7:00 p.m. GP Community Center at Stoddert

Police Report

Glover Park Community Center Signage Update Request for HAWK pedestrian signal at

Wisconsin and Fulton

Solar in Glover Park Update

Website Update

Membership Report

Treasurer's Report

Secretary's Report

New Business

Check www.gpcadc.org and the Glover Park list serv for updates.

GPCA November Minutes

Karen Pataky

President Jarrett Ferrier called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and the police reported that while most categories of crimes saw a drop, violent crimes have risen from two in 2015 to seven so far in 2016. Two robberies took place during Halloween revelry.

GPCA Matters. Two votes were taken on matters discussed at the October GPCA meeting. Members unanimously approved a \$100 contribution for the MPD Annual Award Banquet and a payment to DLM Web Development, not to exceed \$1,800, for the building of a new GPCA website.

Glover Park Community Center Signage. Jackie Blumenthal, President of ANC3B, agreed that signage for the Glover Park Community Center, okayed in 2011 by the City Council, should be installed. The placement of the sign will be determined according to aesthetics.

Holiday Party. President Ferrier announced that the Holiday Party has been rescheduled to Friday, December 9, to accommodate donations for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots campaign.

Mayor Muriel Bowser. The Mayor, who had asked to speak with GPCA members, opened her remarks by saying she is focused on two major appointments: replacements for Chancellor of Education and Chief of Police. Officer Peter Newsome is the interim Police Chief. The City Council must approve the Mayor's candidates. Mayor Bowser also addressed DC's improved fiscal health, noting a growing population that adds an average of 1,000 new residents each month and a tax base that is likely to strengthen with that growth. She was also hopeful that a dedicated revenue stream could be found to improve our Metro system and reminded everyone of the upcoming election and the "DC Statehood" referendum.

Mayor Bowser then opened the floor to

questions, with President Ferrier suggesting each questioner begin with a compliment. Neil Hare, co-president of Hardy Middle School PTA, voiced concerns that renovations at Hyde-Addison Elementary School in Georgetown might necessitate children being temporarily moved to Hardy, which is already crowded. The city has chosen Meyer School for this "swing space," but Councilman Jack Evans has spoken up against Meyer. The Mayor insisted that the decision has been made.

A number of speakers urged the Mayor to *rethink closing the arts program at Fillmore*. They spoke highly of their own children's experiences and stressed that there is no dedicated art space at the schools the program serves. Some advised replicating Fillmore's program elsewhere rather than disbanding it. Mayor Bowser indicated that the city is mandated to spend equal amounts of funding on each school and Fillmore is costly, but she would advise Jane Madeline, Deputy Education Director, to evaluate the situation.

The discussion then turned to recently announced cuts in Guy Mason Recreation Center hours, which would move up closing hours and abolish Sunday hours. Milt Grossman, with The Friends of Guy Mason, stated that new programs are being discouraged by employees. Milt believed if there were more programs, Guy Mason would be used by more citizens. President Ferrier raised the concerns of the pottery makers, who use evening and Sunday hours for their work. He suggested a compromise of keeping the pottery area open till 9:30 p.m.

Another neighbor expressed alarm over loud plane noise and flights much later than midnight. She asked whether the city has a point person to represent its concerns. Mayor Bowser directed her to Eugene Kinlow, who serves as Director of the city's Office of Federal and Regional Affairs.

Several Stoddert parents voiced concern about *reducing the presence of school nurses to only three days a week*. They indicated that student health and safety may be compromised by the absence of a licensed medical person to administer Epipen injections in cases of severe allergic reactions and worried accidents and sudden illnesses would not receive timely care. Another questioned the efficacy of asking teachers to disrupt classroom instruction to take care of health emergencies.

Finally, there was a query about the *status* of the homeless shelter in Ward 3 (the Mayor mentioned this is currently the subject of a lawsuit) and a concern over sharply rising water bills. The Mayor said she was well aware of this issue and explained that some costs are federally mandated. She said that DC WASA Manager, George Hopkins, has indicated there may be some financial assistance for large water bills and some federal reimbursement for green infrastructure modifications.

Membership Report. Allen Tomlinson reported 369 members, representing 246 households. Four Glover Park restaurants—Town Hall, Old Europe, Arcuri, and Mad Fox—provide a 10% discount when residents show their GPCA membership card.

Treasurer's Report. Paul Thrasher stated that total assets as of September 30, 2016 were \$45,907.28 in contrast to \$41,778.55 in 2015. Clapping followed.

Secretary's Report. Members approved the Minutes of the GPCA Meetings of May, September, and October 2016.

New Business. Dorothy Biondi, who volunteers with Guy Mason Recreation Center, invited all to a cello concert on Friday, November 4. She also advised that on November 2, staff members from Councilwoman Mary Cheh's office will hold a discussion at Guy Mason on "Death with Dignity."

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ANC3B News

Guy Mason Hours, Holiday Inn Site Discussed

Melissa Lane

DC Department of Parks and Recreation and Guy Mason Rec Center Hours. Keith Anderson and other DPR representatives explained the recent and abrupt cutback in hours at Guy Mason. The new hours close the center at 9 rather than 10 p.m. on weekdays and eliminate Sunday hours. Constrained staff resources, complaints from the DC city employee union, and low use on Sundays prompted the change. The group most adversely affected, the staff and students of the pottery studio, countered that these changes essentially gut a nationally recognized program that has been in existence for more than forty years. And one reason the Center was underutilized on Sundays, they said, was because staff actively discouraged public use.

Other groups speaking in opposition were the Friends of Guy Mason and the Glover Park Village. Jackie Blumenthal agreed to schedule a meeting among all parties to address the issues in more detail and work on finding solutions.

Development of the Former Holiday Inn Site. Representatives of JBG Companies presented plans for mixed-use redevelopment of the site that includes 226 rental apartments, townhouse and duplex units, a café, a small grocery, and other retail on the street level. With the exception of public space landscaping on Wisconsin Avenue, this development is a matter of right. They hope to break ground in December and anticipate construction will take 20-24 months. A number of neighbors from the adjacent condo complex voiced concerns, including traffic impacts, construction noise, construction worker parking, delivery of construction materials, post construction retail deliveries, safety of British School students at dismissal during construction, and obstruction of current views. IPG will work with residents and 3B to address these issues.

Clean Team Presentation. Graham McLaughlin and Charlie Curtis from Changing Perceptions DC are filing an application with the DC Department of Small and Local Business Development to become a "Clean Team" in Glover Park for 2017. The goals are to improve the appearance of commercial districts and provide employment opportunities to DC residents. Changing Perceptions DC is a nonprofit organization seeking to give assistance and opportunity both professionally and personally to formerly incarcerated individuals. If awarded a grant, Changing Perceptions would be responsible for tasks such as cleaning up litter, removing snow, clean-

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ing sidewalks, and improving tree boxes on Wisconsin Avenue between Calvert and Holy Rood Cemetery and on 37th Street between Calvert and the Glover Park Market. Their plan was well received. The only request was to extend the "clean team" area on 37th down to the Chipotle parking lot as much litter and debris accumulates in that stretch.

Grant Request from Friends of Glover Park. Dean Hill presented a grant request for \$1,103.79 to purchase basketballs and whistles for the Glover Park Community Center basketball program. A motion was made to approve the grant. It passed unanimously.

Resolution to Protest the Renewal of Mason Inn's Liquor License. The Mason Inn liquor license is up for renewal with a deadline

of November 28 to file protests. Mason Inn has just been sold to a new owner who has not had time to address the noise complaints filed by neighbors. These complaints stem from front windows left open late into the night. ANC 3B is seeking to revise the settlement agreement to require that the windows be closed at 9 pm. Since ANC 3B has not been able to negotiate a new agreement with the owner, Jackie Blumenthal presented a resolution to protest the renewal. ANC 3B, however, anticipates that the issues will be settled amicably without having to go through the full formal process. The resolution was seconded and passed unanimously. An additional issue that was raised was that the windows themselves are a safety hazard because when open they obstruct pedestrian traffic on a narrow stretch of the sidewalk. Jackie Blumenthal said she would talk to the new owner and the relevant DC agency about this problem too.

Updates. Jackie Blumenthal announced that ABRA has cancelled the liquor license for JP's nightclub. She also announced that the new tenant, Saigon Kitchen, has had permitting issues but will be opening soon. Their liquor license application will include an entertainment endorsement.

Ann Mladinov announced that ANC 3B has sent a letter to the DC Council in support of four tenant-protection and rent-control bills that are currently being considered.

The next meeting of ANC3B will be Thursday, December 8. The agenda will be posted at anc3b.org at least a week before and will be circulated via list servs.

Second Annual Guy Mason

Holiday Supper & Seasonal Songs



December 16, 6 p.m.

Guy Mason Recreation Center, 3600 Calvert Street, NW *Experience the joy of the season with your children, neighbors, and friends.*

6:00 p.m. Free turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

7:30 p.m. Sing the songs of the season with much admired pianist Ann Glendinning.

Hosted by the staff of Guy Mason Recreation Center and the Friends of Guy Mason. Bring a dessert for sharing if you are able.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 13, by calling 202 727-7703.

Glover Park History

"Toddy" Lyddane: An Oral History

Carlton Fletcher

Eugene Thomas Lyddane (1911–2011), who lived on Hall Place until he was 18, was a 1935 graduate of the University of Maryland, served in the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, and worked in the clerk's office at the U.S. Supreme Court from 1956 to 1973. The following recollections are condensed from an interview in 2010 with Alec MacKaye, for the Oral History Project of the Citizens' Association of Georgetown.

My grandfather came from Rockville and opened a store [at 1408 Wisconsin Avenue in Georgetown] in the 1850s and then my father succeeded him. I helped my father on Saturdays delivering groceries to nearby people. People would order by telephone, and it would be delivered by truck. Those were the days.

My father didn't have electricity so he had to bring ice cubes in the truck. The iceman would fill up the top of the icebox. He would

friends from afar here for one day

two empty chairs

Edna Small

take about a week and then fill it up again.

Also, I started an evening store up on Wisconsin Avenue across from the cathedral on Lowell Street near John Eaton school. I started *The Evening Star* there. Mr. Quinn would take my paper and my wagon up to Lowell Street and Woodley Road and I would deliver the paper from there. Once in a while, I would sell papers on Wisconsin and O Street. I thought that was a big deal. Three cents a paper.

I graduated from Holy Trinity School in 1926. We moved to Georgetown from Hall Place in 1929. After we left Hall Place we moved to 3068 Q Street. Then I went on to the Western High School and graduated from there [in 1931].

Glover Park History is online at www.gloverparkhistory.com

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Guy Mason Recreation Center

December-January Free Programs

Reading Club

(Third Wednesday of every month)

December 21, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. The club will be reading *Beloved* by Toni Morrison.

Fun Fridays

January 13: noon, Lunch; 1 p.m. Film, *Romancing the Stone*, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner.

January 27: noon, Lunch; 1 p.m. Film, *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*, starring Ian McEwan, Emily Blunt, Kristin Scott-Thomas.



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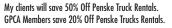
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Parenting in the Park

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Like any work of art, families need inspiration, fresh infusions of hope and imagination. Kim John Payne, "Simplicity Parenting"

As we head toward the winter solstice, the days are short, plants are dormant, and the holidays with their twinkling lights and traditions call us to step back and expand our vision.

We forget that a delicious, and important, part of parenting is dreaming, imagining, and conjuring up beautiful scenarios about what is possible. Remember *before* you had kids what life was going to be like? Go back there for a bit. Sure, the cold hand of reality has woken you up, but those dreams are important, informative, and inspiring.

I know, I know... the holidays are too busy, the kids are always around, and those devices... But don't let this season of slow growth, short days, and chilly temperatures go by without experiencing some life-renewing imagining and conjuring.

Dream about being on time *almost* every day, no diapers, set tables, polite and tidy-ish children, made beds, eaten vegetables, family hiking or camping or biking, a luxurious family vacation, full college funds, a renovated basement, a spruced-up front yard, a regular date night with a beloved (including yourself!), life after the kids are launched, travel again in October, and money that is all yours.

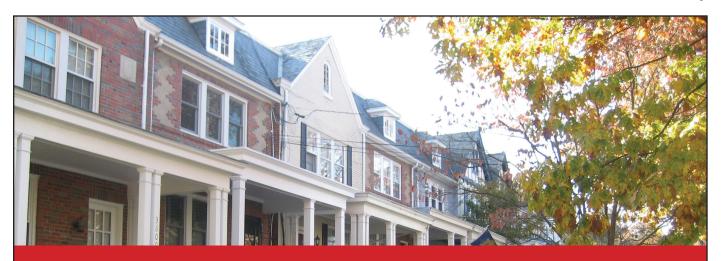
Ask your kids to dream, too. How could 2017 be magical? Years ago, one of my kids "dreamt" about the family watching a TV show every evening. I had a strict "no TV during the week policy." My instinct was to shut it down. Instead, I gave it a try. Turns out his dream was relaxing and cozy.

Invite the power of dreaming, and imagine what could be in 2017.









GLOVER PARK REAL ESTATE WATCH

MARKET UPDATE

Wow! Like much of the DC area, Glover Park fall real estate has defied the market's typical pattern of slowing sales and lower prices when the days grow longer. The market for both condominiums and rowhouses has been strong and the data are impressive: Half of the one-bedroom condos on the market since September 1st have gone under contract in 15 days or less, and they have sold for more than \$290,000. A couple of these condos have actually sold for close to or above \$400,000! The picture has been just as bright for two-bedroom condos with most having gone under contract in less than 3 weeks, and selling for \$400,000 or more. The average price has been just over \$435,000. As for our classic rowhouses, most have been grabbed up in a week or less on the market and all but one has gone under contract in less than 9 days.

The median sales price for these homes has been \$960,000 and houses on Beecher Street and Hall Place have sold for \$1.15 million and \$1.35 million, respectively. Several other houses are currently under contract so we won't know their official sales price until they settle, but they all went under contract quickly indicating that a sales price at or above the list price is likely. There are about 10 condos under contract right now, but another 10 have not yet been taken, especially two-bedroom units asking from \$490,000 – \$750,000. Not surprisingly, this is the only segment of the market that is a bit slower-moving.

You can access this information each month or on your own schedule: You'll immediately receive a "snapshot" of the market here in Glover Park or anywhere in the area at:





WINTER IS COMING ... and not just on *Game of Thrones*! Meteorologists tell us that this will be a La Niña winter which can be highly unpredictable. One thing that is perfectly predictable, though, is that there will be "weather" of some sort to challenge how well your home is sealed and prepared for cold, rain, or snow. Maintenance on your home now will keep you cozy when it's cold and snowy in January. Check out some tips here: **www.YourMetroDCHome.com/HomeTips**

GLOVER PARK CONTRACTORS - Looking for some help around the house? Need to take your car in for a tune-up? Your neighbors have lots of suggestions for whom to hire, based on their actual experience with service providers and contractors. Those of you on the GP Yahoo group know where to go to see these suggestions: **www.GloverParkContractors.com**

While you're at it, why not join the Yahoo group? If you're a Glover Park resident, send a message asking to join the group to GloverPark-Owner@yahoogroups.com



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Friday • December 9, 2016 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Glover Park Community Center at Stoddert

It's Free

The Friends of Glover Park & the Glover Park Citizens' Association Provide

- Santa Claus
- Gift from Santa
- Pizza donated by Potomac Pizza
- Salad
- Popcorn
- Hot Cider & Hot Chocolate

- Moon Bounce & Crafts
- Activities for Children
- "OASIS" for the Adults
- Door Prize Tickets for Toy Donors*
- Music
- Lots of Fun

You Can Provide

- A Dish or Dessert to Share
- A New Unwrapped Toy, Valued at \$10 or more*

** Stoddert Elementary School Choir Performs at 7 p.m. **



*Contribute to the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Campaign

For Each Toy Donated, You Receive One Ticket for Door Prize Drawings