# Glover Park

# Gazette

The Monthly Newsletter of the Glover Park Citizens' Association

## **Glover Park Day Celebrates 25 Years**

Paul Marengo

oin us on Saturday, June 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Guy Mason Recreation Center at Wisconsin and Calvert Streets to celebrate Glover Park Day's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! This is our yearly outdoor festival to welcome summer, enjoy hanging out with neighbors, and celebrate Glover Park. We will dance to some great live bands, eat ourselves silly, shop for the perfect gift (Father's Day is right around the corner), and, perhaps, sign on to join a local community service group. Don't miss it!

To really celebrate 25 years of Glover Park Day, we're pulling out all of the stops! Glover Park Day #25 will feature a kid-sized stars and stripes mechanical bull, a giant Jenga game, a variety of carnival games, a dunk tank, Pleasant Pops popsicles, an animal adoption (cats and dogs) with the Washington Animal Rescue League, Hula Hooper Spinnabel Lee with a hula hoop lesson, West African hand dancing, German dancing, a karate demonstration, a live history exhibit, video messages from many past Glover Park Day coordinators and volunteers, and much more! And in honor of GPD's 25th anniversary, the June Glover Park Gazette will be devoted entirely to Glover Park Day.

Glover Park Day #25 will, of course, include all of your favorite GPD activities including a dog obstacle course; the Guy Mason Studio Arts Artists showing off their handcrafted wares; great food from local restaurants including Rocklands Barbeque and Grilling Company, Noodles and Company, and Old Europe; local business including Lil Omm Yoga and Crunch DC; a variety of crafters showing off handcrafted jewelry, soaps, candles and toys; community groups such as Kiwanis and Glover Park Village; prize drawings throughout the day including



several grand prizes; and, of course, the annual signature Glover Park Day T-shirt.

And don't forget to bring the kids! In addition to the great play area at Guy Mason and special GPD #25 activities, there will be lots of activities for kids including face painting, moon bounce, and a chance to climb all over a real fire truck.

It wouldn't be Glover Park Day without great live music! The 2014 musical line-up includes Hokem Jazz with Ester Haynes and JC Veve, The Smokin Polecats with Mariana Wasilik Previti, The Wild Anacostias, Colonel Josh and The HonkTonk Heroes, and Soul Generation with Ed Scott and John Kirksey.

Glover Park Day is a big undertaking and we need all the community help and support we can get. If you would like to participate as a volunteer, vendor, crafter, sponsor, community organization, or in any other capacity, please contact Cheri Meyer at clmeyer202@yahoo.com or Amanda Gant at amanda.gant@gmail.com. If you would like to contribute an article or idea to the June GPD special edition of the *Glover Park Gazette*, contact Cheri Meyer.

Glover Park Day is co-sponsored by the Glover Park Citizens' Association and the DC Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information on Glover Park Day activities, visit www.gloverparkday.org.

This year we hope to have the best Glover Park Day ever, bringing the community, local businesses, and friends together to celebrate. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Glover Park Day #25!

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## President's Report

## **Packed Agenda for May Meeting**

### Sheila Meehan

he GPCA will have a full agenda for its last meeting before Glover Park Day and a summer hiatus. We hope you'll join us on May 6.

Naval Observatory. Our near and long-time neighbor, the Naval Observatory, is a major inspiration in the impending redesign of the Guy Mason Playground. Captain Monte Ulmer, Naval Support Activity Washington Installation Commanding Officer, will be on hand at our May meeting to tell us more about the Observatory's work.

JP's Protest. The GPCA joined the ANC 3B in protesting the renewal of JP's liquor license on the ground that JP's owners did not meet the statutory requirement that they be "fit for the responsibilities of licensure." The protest referred to a number of misrepresentations and failures to disclose important information to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration.

ABRA initially dismissed our protest because it was not based on one of the "appropriateness" factors: i.e., peace, order, quiet, litter, parking, or housing values. The ANC and the GPCA sought a reconsideration of that decision, arguing that this reading of the statute was plainly wrong. The ABC Board has delayed its ruling for months and may well be split on the issue. But there are now hints that

it may issue its ruling soon. Milton Grossman, who has represented the GPCA, will update us on the matter at the May meeting and raise the question of whether the GPCA should appeal an adverse decision to the DC Court of Appeals.

Sprucing Up the Neighborhood. Jarrett Ferrier will report on the W Place Mural Project, which he hopes will get under way once the Public Space Committee gives final approval. And, after a long, cold winter and chilly spring, there is much weeding and planting to do around the "Welcome to Glover Park" signs. Stay tuned for listsery requests...

A Community Fund. The GPCA would like to move forward on acquiring 501(c)(3) status for a Community Fund. This IRS status allows service organizations such as ours to be recognized as charities and accept tax-deductible contributions.

Local citizens' associations have gotten 501(c)(3) certification in different ways. Cleveland Park went through the process directly; Palisades acquired its designation under the National Capital Foundation.

There are pros and cons to each path. Direct certification takes more time and would put the onus of administrative tasks (compliance with DC and federal requirements, accounting, etc.) on our volunteers—a consider-

Glover Park Citizens' Association May 6 • 7:00 p.m.

### **GP Community Center at Stoddert**

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W Place Mural & Archway
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New Business

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able concern in neighborhood organizations where turnover is significant. The National Capital Foundation provides a faster track to certification and professional assistance with administrative tasks, but entails service fees.

We hope to debate how we acquire charitable status in September and will seek a resolution in May to set aside a part of our finances for a Community Fund.

## GPCA April 2014 Minutes

## Jarrett Ferrier

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. and commenced with reports from Sgt. Benjamin Firehock on crime in the PSA over the past month and Officer Alton Bryant on traffic issues. Sgt. Firehock reported that overall crime was down 10% from this time last year with only one burglary in the past month. But with spring and summer approaching, more people outside, and traditionally higher incidences of crime, he reminded residents to keep all property secure (purses, bicycles, cellphones, etc.). Also, he asked residents to remind their out-of-town visitors to remove valuables from their cars or secure them in their trunks. Visitors are frequent targets of opportunistic thefts.

Officer Bryant commented on how frequently stop signs are ignored and asked for neighborhood feedback on traffic issues. There were complaints about increased traffic on 37th Street and the disregard of stop signs

at Huidekoper and Manor Place, W Street and Huidekoper, and Davis Place and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. He asked citizens with traffic issues or concerns about any officer's behavior to contact the Second District Headquarters on Idaho Avenue or email him at Alton.Bryant@DC.gov.

Urban Biology. Jim Tate, a Glover Park resident with extensive experience at the Interior Department and a practicing ornithologist, spoke candidly about the creatures that share our neighborhood. He began by discussing the role that sharply higher numbers of deer in the adjacent parkland and invasive species, such as English ivy, have had in denuding the understory of our wooded areas. Deer are now increasingly feeding on nearby azaleas and other plantings around our homes.

His talk then turned to birds, noting that neighbors diligent about bird watching can see 200 species that spend some or all of their time in Glover Park. Approximately 35 species live here year round. He recommended that anyone interested in local birds turn to the internet and Google "eBird." He also spoke about the very high mortality rate among birds, citing the large number of deaths caused by outdoor and feral cats, and the serious problems posed by windowed buildings, high-and low-rise.

Jim, who is on the Board of City Wildlife (citywildlife.org), also recounted the efforts that organization made to rehabilitate a snowy owl that had found its way to DC. While in the city, the owl was injured in collisions, with a bus and car and its wings were singed by perhaps a close encounter with a hot chimney. City Wildlife took a lead role in dealing with the after effects of the collisions and the snowy owl is now in Minnesota having its feathers restored. A neighbor asked about whether the introduction of bat houses might

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## **ANC 3B Update**

Jackie Blumenthal

The ANC took up several items at its April 10 meeting that show the diverse range of issues and interests in the neighborhood, from schools and trails to sushi and seniors. The police reported no significant crimes in Glover Park in March, but reminded residents not to leave visible items in their cars and to be aware of their surroundings while walking at night. Commissioners agreed to support a resolution in favor of easing classroom crowding at Stoddert Elementary School by requesting the addition of four "demountable," or temporary, classroom structures. The recently renovated school that was intended for just over 300 students now squeezes in 429 and has an in-boundary waiting list of 150. Commissioner Brian Cohen explained that expanding temporarily makes sense because of changing demographics. Commissioner Joe Fiorillo explained that if the trailers are supplied, they would not interfere with athletic fields.

The Commission voted its approval for a new restaurant, Sushi Keiko, to open in the old Sushi-Ko space as soon as possible with a temporary liquor license until the permanent one is issued. The owner of Sushi-Ko has put that license into safekeeping, but two restaurant licenses are available under the Glover Park Moratorium's cap of 14. Sushi Keiko has applied for one of them. The new management team includes the head chef from Sushi-Ko, so the neighborhood can expect the same quality of food and service. The restaurant should be open by the time you read this.

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Commissioners voted to approve a small grant to Boy Scout Troop 100, which has existed in the District since 1918, to help support an Eagle Scout project to repair a main trail in Glover-Archibald Park. A grant was also approved to help Iona Senior Services print and distribute a booklet of services and resources to residents of 4000 Tunlaw Street as part of a project to increase community knowledge about Iona's offerings (which include adult day services, home care and health services, legal assistance, eldercare consultations, end-of-life care, recreation and arts for seniors, and much more). Approval was also granted to extend for another 15 years a zoning code exception that permits a parking lot off 37<sup>th</sup> street, behind Chipotle, the Post Office, and the El Salvadoran consulate. The property manager agreed to continue keeping the lot clear of litter and provide better lighting that would be hooded to prevent disturbing nearby residents.

Following up on a DC Water presentation at the March meeting, ANC 3B voted to send a letter of support for the agency's Green Infrastructure project. This multi-million-dollar project aims to prevent the overflow of raw sewage into Rock Creek and the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers after heavy rain storms by tunneling new water paths and installing a variety of green infrastructure (like the new rain garden installed at the intersection of 37th and Tunlaw), to divert rainwater run-off and keep it from flooding the sewer system. ANC 3B has asked to be kept involved in this process as final plans develop and urged that DC Water consult the public before beginning construction. We also indicated that the agency should use updated water models that take climate change into account, and expressed our concerns about a proposed five-year delay in completion of the project.

In Open Forum, the ANC was informed by an attorney representing the International Union of Operating Engineers that their building at the corner of Wisconsin and Calvert is being offered for sale.

The next meeting of ANC 3B will be held on Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor cafeteria of Stoddert Elementary School at Calvert and 39th Streets.

## GPCA April 2014 Minutes

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help minimize the large mosquito population in our neighborhood. Jim agreed that bats consume very large numbers of mosquitoes but warned that bat boxes should periodically be sterilized to help prevent the spread of "white nose syndrome." This condition is decimating cave bat populations.

In closing, he urged neighbors to "keep learning" about our wildlife [see list of online resources, page 10]. He also mentioned his work with Hunters and Farmers Feeding the Hungry (www.fhfh.org), which over the past five years and counting has provided 2½ tons of venison annually to DC Central Kitchen for its food programs.

W Place Mural & Archway Proposal. Jarrett Ferrier reported that after going before DDOT's Public Space Committee, he received tentative approval for an archway at the top of the steps. The committee is seeking a firm understanding of the stability and engineering integrity of the piece. The committee also wanted a clear understanding of who would be responsible for maintenance. Ferrier noted that after the meeting, he discovered that the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities is responsible for such details. He sought GPCA's supplemental support for maintenance. He will report with more details at the May meeting. Painting of the mural should begin once permits are secured at the next Public Space Committee hearing in May.

Glover Park Day. Ariadne Henry reported that planning for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Glover Park Day is moving right along. She requested that "lots of muscle" show up at 7:00 a.m. the morning of the event to assist with set up. Special events are being planned

for the anniversary and any and all help is welcome! Go to www.gloverparkday.org for more info.

GPCA Slate of Officers. Marsha Goldberg announced the slate of officers for 2014–15, which proposes retaining all current officers. Any interested member can run for any position by simply attending the May 6 meeting, when the vote will be taken.

**Motion Approved.** A motion was made to request \$2,000 from ANC 3B to go toward the production of the *Glover Park Gazette*. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report.** Due to the absence of the treasurer, the report was not given.

**Secretary's Report.** A motion to approve the Minutes for the March GPCA meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

The meeting concluded at 8:35 p.m.

## A New Season for the Glover Park-Burleith Farmers' Market

## Lauren Shweder Biel

he sixth season of the Glover Park-Burleith Farmers' Market begins on May 10! Mark your calendars and join the fun for another season of fresh local food, great music, and a healthy dose of community.

As many of you may remember, this market began in 2008 as the Glover Park CSA, with a weekly pick-up in the basement of St. Lukes. In 2009, I went on maternity leave and thought it would be wonderful to start a market in my spare time. The Glover Park Citizens' Association gave me a small grant to create a farmers' market that would serve our community. Launching the market required that I become an "entity" (for permits, insurance, etc.), and so a few neighbors and I founded the nonprofit DC Greens. We wanted the market to be the first step in an exploration of local food systems. In our first year, we used proceeds from the market to build the Stoddert school garden. More than 80 community members came together for a glorious work day to construct the outdoor education space. Maybe you were there, too! With continued support from the ANC 3B and the Stoddert PTA, both the market and the garden have blossomed.

Over the past five years since our founding, DC Greens has grown exponentially. We now support 50 school gardens across the city with professional development for teachers. We run food access programs that allow low-income community members to double their federal benefits at markets citywide. We are

the "state lead" for the national farm to school network. We manage a Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program where doctors are writing prescriptions that low-income patients can fill at farmers' markets across the city.

At the end of last market season, we launched a strategic planning process to map out where DC Greens is heading. With much emotion, we realized that the mission of the organization no longer aligns with the task of running a farmers' market on a weekly basis. We began to look for another entity that would keep the market alive and thriving. After great consideration, we have decided to hand the market over to Erica Christensen and Community Food Partners. Erica is a Glover Park resident and has managed the market for the past two seasons. Not only will she be a familiar face for market regulars, but she will maintain the spirit and energy that sets our market apart and makes it so beloved by so many of you.

We are so proud of the work that we have accomplished in Glover Park, and we are deeply grateful to Glover Park for launching DC Greens. On a personal note, the market is a place where I invested a great deal of time and love, often with a baby in tow (my 5.5 year old will always call himself the market co-founder). I will never forget the incredible support that this community has shown over the years. I know that you will continue to support the market, Erica, and our local farmers in the years to come.

See you at market on May 10!

#### Glover Park-Burleith Farmers' Market

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Hardy Middle School parking lot Wisconsin Avenue & 34<sup>th</sup> Street NW Dogs are welcome!

#### **Schedule of May Events**

#### May 10

Music: Carrie Hoagland & Friends Food Truck (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.): Red Hook Lobster Pound DC Special Event: Fiber Arts Festival Free Bike Clinic (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

#### May 17

Music: J Kolb Food Truck (11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.): DC Ballers Free Bike Clinic (10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)

#### May 24

Music: Snakehead Run Food Truck (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.): Hardy's BBQ Free Bike Clinic (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

#### May 31

Music: Bosscatt Empson Food Truck (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.): Crepe Love Free Bike Clinic (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

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## Are YOU Recycling ALL you can?

Jarrett Ferrier

Ok, first things first... Do you have TOO MANY garbage/recycling cans? Call 311, the mayor's call center, and make arrangements to have your extra cans picked up. It shouldn't be this way, but so it goes.

With the arrival of our new super cans, the question arose in our home as to what all can be recycled, and, upon a little research, I found we weren't doing enough. I'm not sure if the process of recycling has improved, or if I just hadn't been paying attention, but a lot has changed. Do yourself a favor and check out a complete list of acceptable items for recycling at http://dpw.dc.gov/node/418912.

While we're on topic, I'd also like to mention that hazardous waste drop off (paints,



household chemicals, etc.) takes place the first Saturday of every month at the Ft. Totten Transfer Station. They even do paper shredding! I hope this info will be helpful to you and your happy home! If you appreciated this article and the *Gazette*, please consider becoming a GPCA MEMBER today (see inside front cover of the *Gazette* for details). Your membership will help us continue to produce this fabulous Glover Park newsletter!

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## The Urbanist

## Can You Tell Me How to Get to Sesame Street?

Abigail Zenner

very week, it seems that there is another article or research paper that talks about Athe increasing movement of people to urban areas from the suburbs. Many of these articles highlight Millennials, but they also point to the continued trend of cities attracting families. While it used to be that young single people would move to cities for jobs but leave for the suburbs when they were married with children, this trend is changing.

While there are many different reasons for this including a weariness over long commutes, better quality of life, lower crime rates, and improving schools, I would also argue that my generation, Generation X, and the Millennials can thank television.

I am certainly not the first to point out the proliferation of TV shows showing the good life in the city such as Seinfeld and Friends in the 1990s and, more recently, shows like *How I Met Your Mother*, but not as many have singled out Sesame Street as a fundamental influence on our generation.

Sesame Street debuted in 1969 as an experiment to help children, and primarily lowincome children, prepare for school. It used solid research and teaching techniques to give children important foundations in reading, math, and even learning about different social situations. The experiment worked so well that two and now probably a third generation of children are growing up with Sesame Street.

So how do you get to Sesame Street? Have you noticed that you probably don't drive there? I would bet you would take the subway and, when you get there and see Oscar's garbage can in front of that iconic New York Brownstone, you know you've arrived.

It was very important for Sesame Street to be set in an urban setting; a place that the target audience could relate to. I remember Sesame Street feeling so real to me although I lived approximately 250 miles away from New York City. When my parents took me to NYC to visit, I always thought I would meet the muppets there. I also always wanted to live in a brownstone with a front stoop. I still kind of drool over brownstones. I am sure that I am not alone in the desire to live on Sesame Street, but at least I can take the D2 to Dupont Circle and walk to see the brownstones there and imagine I am visiting muppets.

You may not work on Sesame Street, but wherever you work in our area, May 16 is Bike To Work Day! BTWD is a really fun event held every year with pit stops and prizes along your commute. You can register online and even find a ride buddy. If you're new to bike commuting, you can be matched up with an experienced rider to lead the way! Find out more and register at: www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.



## Softball in Glover Park

For the 34th year, there will be softball in Glover Park. Pack a picnic, bring the kids, and watch your neighbors compete for bragging rights. Don't miss the fun!

Glover Park Co-Ed softball league has been in existence for 34 years this spring season. They are the longest running independent softball league in the DC Metro area. The league has 10 teams and plays a 14-week season starting the last weekend in March. There are games every Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Stoddert Field. The league concludes every year with a two day tournament the last weekend in July (July 26-27 this year) with a barbeque for the whole league.

For more information, including schedules, photos, team info, visit Glover Park Co-Ed Softball's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ GloverParkCoedSoftball. And follow them on Twitter at @GP\_Softball.

See you at the ball field!

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## Where Am I?

Deena Loeffler

ello neighbors! I was recently walking around the neighborhood and admiring all of the beautiful flowering trees: magnolias, cherry blossoms, dogwoods, and more. On my walk, I noticed a few interesting items in front yards. The first mystery image shows a tranquil figure basking in the sunlight. Hint: this is on a street named after a railroad baron, accord-

ing to www.gloverparkhistory.com. I recently learned that gargoyles are decorative waterspouts that preserve stonework by diverting the flow of rainwater away from buildings, while grotesques are any human or animal form that is a caricature or especially absurd. The second image shows a little grotesque keeping watch over passers-by. Hint: there is a fig tree at a busy intersection nearby. The third

image shows a small, Eastern-style building in front of a residence. Hint: mysteries 2 & 3 are quite close to each other. Good luck guessing and I'll see you next month!

Our mystery photo boundaries are: Glover-Archbold Trail to the west, Fulton Street to the north, Naval Observatory to the east, and Jelleff Rec Center / Social Safeway / Hardy Middle School / Whitehaven Parkway to the south.







### Answers to April 2014's Where Am I?

Picture 1: 3903 Davis Place NW

Picture 2: 2139 Tunlaw Road NW

**Picture 3:** Town Hall, 2340 Wisconsin Avenue NW

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## Village Blazing Volunteer Path at VtV Network Gathering Barbara Gage

Glover Park Village led the way in educating others about operating an all-volunteer village dedicated to supporting aging in community by presenting at the fifth national meeting of the Village to Village Network this winter in St. Louis, MO. Glover Park Village President Patricia Clark and I spoke about Glover Park Village's leadership as one of the few villages around the country running completely on volunteer steam (see www.vtvnetwork. org for information on villages around the country, including a recently released report surveying villages on their design, membership, and other characteristics). The village movement in greater Washington was well represented at the conference, with members of Glover Park, Palisades, Capitol Hill, Cleveland Park, and other villages from the area in attendance.

Presentations were made by villagers from across the country on promising practices, sustainability, strategic planning, documenting the benefits of village membership, and public relations. Additional sessions focused on topics including social efforts such as home-sharing programs, keeping our intellect alive, addressing the needs of the LGBT community, preparing for the age wave, building age-friendly cities, and attracting new members. In concert with the Brandywine, DE Village, the Glover Park Village team gave a presentation entitled "Running a Village on Volunteer Steam by Developing a Sustainable Volunteer Program." It illustrated two different models of operation: Glover Park Village's model with volunteers serving the community and leading its operations and Brandywine's model of an initiative housed at the Jewish Family Services of Delaware with staff and



volunteers running the operations. The two speakers provided interesting contrasts in operations, budgets, and types of services provided. And each discussed their challenges and successes as organizations relying heavily on volunteer workforces to meet local needs.

Many at the meeting were interested in learning more about the Glover Park Village approach. New villages are starting all the time and many are trying to run on minimal funding. Our successes (and challenges), as an all-volunteer village, generated questions and invitations for Patricia Clark to educate others on the Glover Park Village all-volunteer model. Kudos to all our volunteers! We are blazing the path for others to follow!

## Commercial Strip Confidential

## Sushi to Return to Glover Park

## Margaret Guroff

restaurant named Sushi Keiko has leased 2309 Wisconsin Avenue, the former home of **Sushi-Ko**. On March 12, company president Wei Zhang applied for a liquor license for the new restaurant. The Sushi Keiko menu will feature a variety of Asian foods, including sushi and sashimi, small plates such as grilled baby octopus with mango sauce, and entrees including roasted Maine salmon, the application states. Sushi Ko closed its Glover Park location last summer.

On the evening of April 20, a car smashed into **Georgetown Carpet** (2208 Wisconsin Ave.). According to an eyewitness, a taxicab was making a U turn to pick up a fare, temporarily stopping southbound traffic. One driver decided to pull around the cab and ended up veering onto the sidewalk and into the carpet store's façade, shattering a plate glass window. Thankfully, no one was hurt in the crash, according to several reports.

The luxury condo building going up at 2140 Wisconsin Avenue now has a name: Elyasi Place Condominiums. The building is scheduled for completion in late summer. According to developer Zak Elyasi, asking prices for the six units will run from \$400,000 for two groundfloor units to \$1.1 million for two penthouse units with private rooftop decks.

Mad Fox Brewery is expected to open in late summer at 2218 Wisconsin Avenue, the former home of Mayfair & Pine, according to a spokeswoman. Permitting delays slowed the brew pub's original early-2014 timeline, according to a March 24 tweet from the Virginia-based firm.

The International Union of Operating Engineers is moving to Maryland, and the group is selling its headquarters building at 2461 Wisconsin Avenue, an attorney for the group told Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B on April 10. The union is soliciting bids for the 12,000 square foot space through the end of July, a source reports.

Breadsoda (2233 Wisconsin Ave.) is facing potential discipline from the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration after an audit revealed that the bar had misreported its food and alcohol sales numbers for calendar year 2012. Although the restaurant took in more than the minimum gross food sales of \$2,000 per seat, it did not report its actual sales, due to what the owners termed "a clerical error." In an April 22 letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, co-owner Bill Thomas wrote, "I accidentally overstated our liquor sales. What idiot does that?" A report by ABRA investigator Adeniyi Adejunmobi challenges this assertion, though, stating that "based on the audit performed, Breadsoda underreported food and alcoholic beverages sales." A hearing on the matter has been tentatively scheduled for May 21.

Wide World of Wines (2201 Wisconsin Ave.) is now permitted to open on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., after the ABC Board approved its application for expanded hours. Previously, the shop was closed on Sundays.

A black 2008 Volkswagen Jetta was stolen from in front of JP's Lounge (2412 Wisconsin Ave.), according to a police report. The theft occurred sometime between 8:30 p.m. on April 12 and 9:00 p.m. on April 13, according to the report. Police confirmed that the car had not been moved or towed.

Between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on the morning of April 18, a bicycle was stolen from a bike rack on the 2200 block of Wisconsin Avenue, according to a police report.

Additional reporting by Laurie England. Got a question or a hot tip about the commercial strip? Email us at csctips@gmail.com. Confidentiality is assured.





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## Glover Park History

## The Schneider Family, 1900

Carlton Fletcher

uring much of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the neighborhood was dominated by a syndicate of master butchers who were purveyors of meat in the markets of Georgetown and of Washington City.

John C. Schneider, Jr. and Louis Schneider were two members of the syndicate whose house stood at the top of 37<sup>th</sup> Street, near the southwest corner of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Schneider's Lane (Wisconsin Avenue and Calvert Street).

The photograph shows Ozella Ellis Schneider, wife of Louis Schneider; John Schneider's wife, Mary Gallagher Schneider; and Mary's brother, Francis X. Gallagher.

Glover Park History is online at www.gloverparkhistory.com

Click on Neighborhood for Neighborhood Images, Family Album, and Oral History and Reminiscences

Memories and photographs to share? **E-mail carlton@gloverparkhistory.com** 



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## DC Gets the REAL ID

Effective May 1, 2014, DC will begin issuing a REAL ID, according to the DC DMV website. REAL ID is a coordinated effort by U.S jurisdictions and the Federal Government to improve the reliability and accuracy of driver's licenses and ID cards. The REAL ID credential requires a one-time revalidation of source documents when obtaining, renewing or requesting a duplicate DC driver's license or ID card. This validation will enable the DC DMV to ensure your identity and issue a federally compliant REAL ID driver's license/ID card. The new requirements will affect

what you need to bring to the DMV when obtaining, renewing or requesting a duplicate credential.

There has been some confusion as to when current DC driver's licenses/ID cards expire or become invalid for entering Federal Government buildings and boarding airplanes. According to an April 23 email from Mary Cheh's office, "District residents' license/identification credentials will remain valid until the expiration date indicated on the card itself. Everybody's license/non-driver's ID is valid and will remain valid to enter Federal

Government buildings and board airplanes until that expiration date. When you renew your existing credential (which may not expire until April 2022), you will then need to visit a DMV service center with your REAL ID acceptable documents to revalidate your identity, Social Security Number, and residency."

The implementation and time-frame of the REAL ID in DC is still changing. For the most up-to-date information from the DMV on the REAL ID and a list of acceptable source documents, visit http://dmv.dc.gov/page/real-id-credential.







## Parenting in the Park

## The Art of the Open Ended Conversation...

## Paige Trevor

oing down this parenting path with my own two teenagers and being a parent educator, I experience and listen to lots and lots of parenting struggles. Of the myriad tips and tools I know, one has been jumping out at me lately—the open ended conversation.

I think as parents we are often looking for a one stop shopping conversation (let's be honest, we mean lecture). We see a problem, we have a great solution, we have a conversation (again, let's be honest, we give a lecture and direction), and the child sort of goes along, but not really. Frustration ensues, and we think, "I told him/her..." We usually then tell the child again, this time louder, meaner, and stronger. Again, we come back to parenting classes frustrated and annoyed.

A more nuanced, more subtle, and more elegant tool is the open ended conversation. These conversations aren't efficient or speedy but can be effective and relationship building. Some of us really overachieving folks might not even know what an open ended conversation is. It's a conversation we enter into without any answers or assumptions. WHAT? Yes! And there is more! The open ended conversation is really many, many conversations. The parent brings up a topic, asks some questions, listens to the answers, and lets it be for a few days (excruciating!). Then the parent circles back around, asks some more questions, waits for more answers, seeks clarification, listens, and finally says, "thanks for telling me."

Wait? Is this a parenting tool? Why yes it is, and, while it isn't for every parenting job, you can start experimenting with it. "You seem really ticked off about chores lately. What chores might be more appealing? What chores do your friends have to do?" "Oh, you want to stay out until 10:00 p.m. on Fridays. Well tell me why I should say yes?" "Why do you think teachers give homework? What's the benefit to them? What's the benefit to the student?" "What careers look interest-



ing to you today?" "What do kids who go to parties these days and don't want to drink or smoke do? Is there an easy way out for them?" "Suzanne was so upset when she had to leave the park. Do you think her mother handled it effectively?" So many topics to choose from.

Remember our kids have their own private thoughts and ideas and assumptions. Rudolf Dreikers, parenting expert, said it so well, "Their ideas and viewpoints are important, particularly since they act in accordance with them!" Where might you use the subtle art of the open ended conversation in your family today? (See how I did that?)

## Urban Biology in the GAP

At the April GPCA meeting, local urban biologist Jim Tate discussed our neighborhood from an ecological point of view. He pointed out that we live a double lifestyle here: as an urban neighborhood in a stressed remnant of Temperate Broadleaf Eastern Deciduous Forest.

In his talk at the GPCA meeting, he promised to follow up with a list of online resources for those who are eager to learn more about the Glover-Archbold Park (GAP) unit of the U.S. National Park Service. Access the links below, follow where they lead, and you will better appreciate what a wonderful and conflicted life we all lead in the GAP.

#### **GAP Neighborhood**

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geography\_of\_Washington,\_D.C.
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glover\_Park
- http://www.nps.gov/cue/

#### **Eastern Deciduous Forest**

- www.blueplanetbiomes.org/deciduous\_forest.htm
- http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Experiments/Biome/biotemperate. php

#### GAP

- http://thenaturalcapital.blogspot.com/2009/08/car-free-dc-gloverarchbold-park.html
- http://biodiversity.georgetown.edu/searchfiles/infosearch. cfm?view=all&IDNumber=1520

#### Tree of Life

- http://tolweb.org/tree/
- http://ebird.org/content/ebird/
- http://vertebrates.si.edu/herps/
- www.nps.gov/rocr/naturescience/reptiles.htm
- http://eol.org/collections/33856
- http://mawdc.org/

#### **Issues and conflicts**

- www.dcen.net/dcen-report-a-discussion-on-urban-wildlife/
- www.citywildlife.org/

This link list can be improved with your help. Please share your thoughts, ideas, recommendations, and corrections with Jim Tate at jim@tate-tate.us or 202-841-2056.

## Glover Parkers

## Fletcher Takes the Long View on Glover Park History

## Randy Rieland

It's no exaggeration to say that no one knows Glover Park quite like Carlton Fletcher.

Not because he and his wife, Beth Miles, have lived in the neighborhood for almost 40 years. Others have resided here as long or longer.

No, Fletcher has a unique perspective because he has embraced the long view of Glover Park, back to the days when this hill was little more than a place where butchers slaughtered livestock and others grew crops sold in the city. He has, over the past 20 years, followed a paper trail of historical minutiae to assemble the story of the community's transformation from semi-rural settlement to urban village.

In short, Fletcher, 64, knows Glover Park's history better than most of us know our passwords.

Then there's another side of Fletcher, the professional artist who has been painting landscapes of the neighborhood for many years, albeit not exactly conventional ones. (More on that later.)

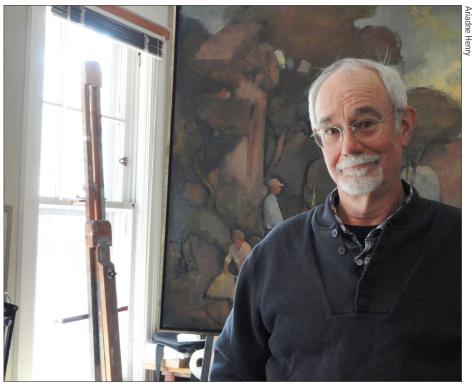
Fletcher's infatuation with Glover Park began in 1975 when he and Beth came to a party here. They liked the feel of it and a month later moved into an apartment. In 1986, they bought the house they still live in near the intersection of Tunlaw and 37<sup>th</sup> Street.

For his first 20 years in the neighborhood, Fletcher says he was a pretty typical resident, not much interested in anything that may have happened here before he arrived. In time, though, he began to wonder about things he noticed. What was the story behind the little church near 35<sup>th</sup> Street? Who owns the cemetery on the little hill overlooking Wisconsin Avenue?

In 1993, he began meeting with a small group of others who likewise were curious about how the neighborhood came to be. Eventually interest dwindled—except for Fletcher's. Historical research became his hobby, one that at times bordered on obsession. This was in the pre-Internet days and he remembers spending long hours in the Peabody Room of the Georgetown branch of the DC Public Library, gazing at microfilm of old newspapers, photographs, and public documents.

Ultimately, all those snippets from the past became a website called Glover Park History (www.gloverparkhistory.com). It's full of what can best be described as local color, including:

How Union soldiers in a "Signal Camp" were trained here to help warn the city if



Carlton Fletcher, Glover Park Historian

Confederate troops were seen moving along the Potomac

How after the war much of the area was owned by one of the aforementioned butchers, a man named Henry Kengla, who lived at what is now the intersection of Benton and Tunlaw.

How after he died early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Kengla's land was purchased by a rich local banker named Charles Glover

How in 1926, a real estate developer named B.H. Gruver, in a nod to Glover, ran an ad selling new homes in a community he dubbed Glover Park. The asking price? \$9,750.

How when Stoddert Elementary School opened in 1932, the *Washington Star's* historian bemoaned the fact that the name of Benjamin Stoddert, one of the founding fathers of the District of Columbia, hadn't been saved for a more prestigious building.

At the same time, Fletcher the artist was discovering other things about Glover Park that appealed to him. As a painter of landscapes, he appreciated that it was "just old enough that it no longer has a gloss of newness, but not so old that it feels quaint."

Fletcher isn't big on quaint. When he sets up his easel in the neighborhood, it's usually in places many might not consider scenic. A

favorite spot is near the intersection of Manor and Observatory Place because the view of the hills offers so much contrast and variety. But as often as not, you'll see him painting in Glover Park's alleys.

"Most people would regard supercans and utility poles as unattractive," he said. "But I don't like picture postcards. Alleys are the least organized and most complicated places in the neighborhood. For me, it needs to be real."

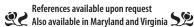
Which may explain why even after 40 years, he still can't get enough of the place.

"Glover Park," he says, "suits me very well."



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## Happenings at the Georgetown Public Library

#### Monthly Poetry Reading Series—First Thursday

W. Luther Jett and Miles David Moore are the featured poets who will read from their works on May 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

- W. Luther Jett is a native of Montgomery County, Maryland.
  His poetry has been published in numerous journals. His performance piece, *Flying to America*, debuted at the 2009 Capital Fringe Festival in Washington DC.
- Miles David Moore is founder and host of the IOTA poetry reading series in Arlington, Virginia. His books of poetry are *The Bears of Paris* (Word Works, 1995); *Buddha Isn't Laughing* (Argonne House Press, 1999); and *Rollercoaster* (Word Works, 2004).

**Introduction to the DC Public Library's Databases**. Georgetown Library staff will introduce several databases to the public:

- Tuesday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.—Spring into Good Health: A MedlinePlus Tutorial on the NIH's database at the Georgetown Neighborhood Library
- Wednesday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m.—Introduction to the Language Learning Database at Guy Mason Rec Center
- Wednesday May 28 at 1:30 p.m.—Introduction to Medline Plus Database at Guy Mason Rec Center.



#### **Book Clubs**

Wednesday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m.—Glover Park Village Reading Club will discuss "A Very Private Woman: The Life and Unsolved Murder of Presidential Mistress Mary Meyer" by Nina Burleigh

Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m.—Georgetown Book Club will discuss Jhumpa Lahiri's 2013 novel "The Lowland."

Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.—Twentythirtysomething Book Club (T.T.B.C.). Connect with local readers ages 21–35 at Breadsoda (2233 Wisconsin Ave. NW). For more information, contact erika.rydberg@dc.gov or julia.strusienski@dc.gov.

#### **Special Event**

June 9–16—Georgetown Neighborhood Library Presents a Marathon Reading of James Joyce's Ulysses. James Joyce's ULYSSES will be read aloud in its entirety by thirty actors and scholars including Robert Aubry Davis of WETA-FM and Laura Baxter, internationally acclaimed opera singer and voice coach. For more information, contact reading organizer Herb Guggenheim at 301-367-6742 or herb@herbguggenheim.com.

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## 3 Things You May Not Know About Buying a Home

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- An agent with renovation experience and an experienced home inspector are critical. An agent with renovation knowledge can help you with needs and costs before making an offer. An experienced agent is not a substitute for an experienced home inspector.
- 3. A complete comparative market analysis (CMA) is crucial.

  Recent sales data is important, but statistical analysis is vital, so you know what to offer, and when to walk away.

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