

## The GP Community Garden: A Place That Grows on You

*Randy Rieland*

The piece of Glover Park real estate most in demand is a 30 X 30 foot square bordered by a fence that, with luck, will keep out most of the chipmunks.

Don't believe me? Well, about 110 people are on the waiting list, hoping that one day they'll be rewarded with a little patch of dirt to call their own.

What they're waiting for is a chance to take over one of the 148 plots in the Glover Park Community Garden along 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, a neighborhood remnant of the World War II "Victory Gardens."

The property is actually owned by the U.S. National Park Service and it sets the rules—only a small percentage of the plants in a plot can be flowers, no invasive species, and if you let weeds run wild, you risk being booted.

But the place is really run by the gardeners themselves, under the watchful eye of Dino Kraniotos, who lives with his wife, Pat, on Edmunds Street. Officially, Dino is chairman of the committee that manages the garden, but as someone who's been growing vegetables there for almost 30 years, he's also the resident sage, someone who knows well the tricks of urban gardening through soggy springs and scorching summers.

As someone who grew up in a farming family, Dino was drawn to the garden just down the street from his home. Back then, it was much easier to get a plot and soon he was a regular. Just being able to raise fresh, chemical-free vegetables and fruit, Dino realized, gave him so much pleasure. Today, three decades later, it still does.

In the 1980s, he says, the other gardeners tended to be older folks who pretty much kept to themselves.

Now, it's a more sociable group, and one that's getting younger. Part of the reason, laughs Dino, is Michelle Obama.



From his plot at 42<sup>nd</sup> and Edmunds, Dino Kraniotos keeps a watchful eye over the community garden.

"After she started talking about the organic garden at the White House, we got 59 applications in less than three weeks."

Once a person gets a plot—it costs \$25 to join, then \$30 a year—they become part of what's more like a club, where people share cuttings, bulbs, seeds and tips. Dino sets the tone in his corner spot, where gardeners can relax after a day in the sun under his big brown umbrella. Nearby is a stocked cooler.

It's a camaraderie that keeps people like Julie Andringa coming back. The former Glover Parker rides her bike here from her home near Carter Barron to take care of her plot. She's grown tomatoes, squash, peppers, grapes, blackberries and mint.

"There are gardens closer to where I live, but this is nicer," she said. "My friends are here."

She credits Dino with working well with the many different personalities in the garden. By his count, 36 different nationalities are represented there and some have different notions about how these things work.

This includes one woman who, according to Dino, called the Park Service and asked if they could send over some people to clear the weeds out of her plot.

Dino is diligent about making sure Park Service rules are followed. Every other week, he inspects the plots for weed outbreaks. If someone is letting things go too much, he sends them a weed reminder email. Sometimes, he has to send two or three. If they still don't respond, he tells them they'll need to give up their plot.

Usually, though, Dino is able to work things out. "Sometimes," he says, "you have to approach different nationalities differently."

For many, the appeal of having your own vegetable garden goes well beyond the cheap food. Annette Hussong, who lives in the neighborhood, has had a space there since 2001.

She had gardened with her father as a child and although he made her stick to

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## President's Report

# Revisiting the Case for a Neighborhood Watch

Melissa Lane

GPCA is back in full swing! After another wonderfully successful Glover Park Day on June 6, we took a break for the summer. We'll be back at it though in September. Please note that due to a late Labor Day, we will be meeting **Tuesday, September 8**.

**Neighborhood Watch.** Whether we have been reading our newspapers, listening to the radio, or following events online, we all know that crime in DC is up this year, particularly over the summer. And this increase is across the board—from major crimes to misdemeanors.

Glover Park has experienced this uptick, too. Most seriously and tragically, we had both a murder and a home invasion/sexual assault earlier in the summer. And there have been many reports of thefts and car break-ins. In July, a neighbor caught on camera two individuals on bicycles rummaging through parked cars during early morning hours—footage shown in a WJLA news report.

Periodically, we have had discussions in the 'hood about forming a neighborhood watch. It's an idea worthy of discussion again. Neighborhood watch is basically an organized community effort to help neighbors look

out for each other, establish communication networks, and partner with MPD and related city organizations to implement a strategy for identifying problems and addressing and preventing crime.

Using a strategy anchored in blocks and block captains, the neighborhood watch program also provides the basis for neighborhood disaster preparedness plans.

This is a topic that we have long talked about, but not to the point of implementation. The time is right to begin these discussions again. Establishing a neighborhood watch in Glover Park will be on the agenda for next meeting. Please come and join the discussion!

If you are not able to attend or would like to share your ideas and become involved, please feel free to contact me at [president@gpcadc.org](mailto:president@gpcadc.org). Also, for those who are interested, DC MPD runs periodic neighborhood watch training sessions. For more information, visit the MPD neighborhood watch website at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/neighborhood-watch>.

**Proposed Bus Service Cuts.** Word came this week that WMATA is yet again proposing to cut bus service to Glover Park. In this

**Glover Park Citizens' Association**  
**Tuesday, September 8 • 7:00 p.m.**  
**GP Community Center at Stoddert**

Police Report  
Neighborhood Watch Discussion  
Update on Benches  
Glover Park Day Report  
Membership Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Secretary's Report  
New Business

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case, the proposal is to make cuts to both the schedule and length of the D1 route. In the last decade, we have experienced numerous cuts to the number and length of routes and their frequency, as well as to the number of bus lines that go through our neighborhood. Let WMATA know your thoughts on these cuts by filling out their survey at <http://questionpro.com/t/ALAqdzSvD5>.

And added points if you can memorize the URL.

## GPCA May 2015 Minutes

Jarrett Ferrier

The meeting began promptly at 7:05 p.m. with a police report from Lieutenant Ralph Neal.

The report, which compared the previous 30 days to the same 30-day period last year, showed crime down in our area. Theft from auto dropped from 11 to 9. Concerns were raised about the inappropriate use of lanes at Ward Circle. The officer suggested GPCA invite a representative from DDOT to better address the issue. Another idea was to reach out to Councilmember Cheh's office to consider a camera at that location.

Allen Chester recommended an officer be on location at Stoddert to educate parents about the importance of properly using crosswalks with their children.

**GPCA Election.** The slate of proposed officers for 2015–16 passed unanimously. Officers will be as follows: President, Melissa Lane; First Vice-President, Jack Everett; Second Vice-President, Allen Tomlinson; Treasurer, Paul Thrasher; Secretary, Jarrett Ferrier; and Sergeant at Arms, Joe Fiorillo.

**Pocket Parks.** Jarrett Ferrier reported Wells Fargo bank tentatively agreed to place a pocket park on their premises. That, along with approximately four additional parks, should be in place by fall. Ferrier reported that permits still needed to be obtained.

**Glover Park Clean-Up.** Many thanks were given to local Boy Scout Troop 666 for their efforts in the neighborhood clean up. With their work, in addition to neighbors, the effort was successful. A suggestion was made to include a bulk pick-up next year. The Boy Scout Troop also volunteered to be the caretakers for the Welcome to Glover Park sign at Holy Rood Cemetery.

**Membership.** Allen Tomlinson reported that we currently have 301 members accounting for 202 households. He also mentioned his efforts to hand deliver letters to businesses along our commercial corridor. An additional idea is to send out envelopes to past members to encourage them to renew their membership. He suggested the power of going door to door to recruit new members.

**Treasurer's Report.** The report was given with the net income being \$1,932.41 for the period from April 5 to May 12 with the year to date at -\$449.52.

**Secretary's Report.** The minutes from the April meeting were approved unanimously.

**New Business.** The topic of Pearson's Wine and Liquor store being for sale was raised. Along with that land there was mention of the parking lot adjacent to Old Europe being for sale. The two properties have the same owner.

Mentioned also was the Guy Mason Film Festival with dates in May and June from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m. to allow many neighbors to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sophia Henry. Mrs. Henry has been an extremely dedicated member of the GPCA and a pillar of our community for many years. One after another, neighbors shared their gratitude and memories for her efforts to make the GPCA and Glover Park the best it can be!



## July Meeting Addressed Range of Issues

Jackie Blumenthal

The July ANC meeting started off in a frustrating fashion. We had hoped to discuss the murder of a homeless man at St. Luke's with the police, but the officer who attended was not from our PSA and was uninformed on this issue. We then hoped to hear from DDOT Deputy Director Greer Gillis about pedestrian safety issues, particularly in relation to the fatal accident at Calvert and 37<sup>th</sup> Streets in which an elderly woman was killed in a crosswalk. But Ms. Gillis did not show up. We have rescheduled Ms. Gillis for our September 10 meeting and expect our regular MPD officer to attend as well.

**Bike Route.** The Commission passed a resolution in favor of extending the existing bike route on New Mexico Avenue through Glover Park. The plan includes short sections of bike lane on the uphill portions of Tunlaw Road heading southbound past 39<sup>th</sup> Street and shared road between bicycles and motor vehicles for the rest of the distance down Tunlaw and 37<sup>th</sup> to Whitehaven Parkway.

Eventually, the bike route is to continue into Georgetown. The resolution amended the original plan to accommodate residents of Tunlaw Court apartments who stood to lose the only parking they have.

**Saying No to Electronic Signs.** The Commission also passed a resolution opposing a proposal that would allow electronic signs and billboards in at least four Designated Entertainment Areas (Verizon Center, Gallery Place, Nationals Ballpark, and the new southwest waterfront development). The proposal would give the Mayor sole authority to create additional DEAs. Instead we (and other ANC's) are proposing that the Zoning Commission take on that responsibility.

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**Wisconsin and Garfield.** In response to concern expressed by neighbors and the ANC3C about the pavement striping on southbound Wisconsin that forces a lane shift to the left, the ANC passed a resolution calling for DDOT to review the intersection at Garfield and Wisconsin.

**Savoy Suites Renovation.** The Commission then heard from Matt Wexler about the renovations under way at the Savoy Suites Hotel. He explained that the hotel will be renamed The Glover Park Hotel and will become part of the Kimpton chain when the renovations are completed, perhaps late this year. He said he and his team expect the hotel to be the favorite of neighbors and they want to be a positive part of the neighborhood.

As part of the renovation, the hotel is creating a roof deck that will seat 136 people. It is also renovating the ground floor restaurant, which seats 155. The 153 rooms will be offered at reasonable rates, with a discount available to guests of local residents.

The Commission passed a resolution to protest the expansion of alcohol service to the new rooftop space to allow more time for the hotel to come to an agreement with its neighbors regarding the hours of roof deck service and the use of amplified music, among other issues. The protest will not be filed if an agreement is successfully concluded before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration deadline for comment on August 10.

**Other Matters.** The Commission also approved a request to remove a ginkgo tree submitted by a majority of neighbors on 39<sup>th</sup> Place, which had already been sanctioned by DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration.

ANC Commissioner Abigail Zenner noted that in response to the two pedestrian fatalities on Wisconsin Avenue in June, AllWalksDC organized a memorial walk and representatives from DDOT, MPD, and Councilmembers Mary Cheh and Elissa Silverman participated. She reported that they are aware that our neighborhood is watching for their response to pedestrian safety issues.

**Next Meeting.** The Commission did not meet in August and will reconvene on September 10, when invited guests include Emanuel Briggs of DC Water, who will address greenscape issues and update us on the Glover-Archbold sewer line project, and DDOT Deputy Director Greer Gillis, who will discuss pending resolutions from ANC3B as well as pedestrian safety issues.

## The GP Community Garden

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weeding, she found herself feeling nostalgic for digging in the dirt.

She says she keeps learning new things. "You become a cooperative gardener. You rely on the wisdom and experience and generosity of the neighbors," she said.

"And you learn that maybe the things you had set out to grow may not actually grow. It makes you a more flexible person."

For Catherine Sabatos, the connection to the garden goes back to 1992. Her father had grown tomatoes and her mother canned them, and once she moved here, she found herself



Dino with summer's bounty.

drawn to the community garden where she admired all the fresh tomatoes and savored the smell of everything else. She describes gardening there as "therapeutic" and "meditative."

Catherine says she's gleaned her own life lessons: "Effort is rewarded. There are no guarantees in life or gardening. And you have to share nature with the other residents—meaning the chipmunks, squirrels, snakes, and bugs. Find a way to coexist."

You can find out more at the Glover Park Community Garden website at <http://gpcga.awardspace.com/>.

# Two Deaths Shock Glover Park

Margaret Guroff

Over the summer, the neighborhood lost two residents to violent ends. One was killed while crossing the street, and a second stabbed to death. Police have been investigating both cases.

## Margaret Ruth Dickie

On June 11, Margaret Ruth "Peggy" Dickie, 79, a resident of Carillon House (2500 Wisconsin Ave.), died after being hit by a Peapod grocery delivery truck at Calvert Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Street.

Dickie, a government retiree, had lived in



Peggy Dickie was a resident of Carillon House.

the apartment building for 50 years. A native of St. Louis, she studied music in college and was fascinated by biology, according to Carillon House concierge Michelle Miranda, who knew her well. "She was very kind and caring, and extremely intelligent," Miranda says. Dickie was a talented pianist, and she once transcribed *The Star Spangled Banner* and a work by Beethoven from memory for a neighbor who wanted to learn to play them on the guitar. "She loved going to the museums; she was fascinated by Japanese art, by linguistics, by other people's cultures," Miranda recalls. Although Dickie was a private person, "when she knew you, 'would do anything for you,'" Miranda adds.

On the day of the incident, the Peapod truck was stopped at a red light on 37<sup>th</sup> Street, then turned right onto Calvert, where it hit Dickie, who was in the crosswalk heading north, according to the *Washington Post*.

The Metropolitan Police Department's Major Crash Unit investigated the case, and in August presented it to the United States Attorney's Office for prosecutorial review, which indicates that police investigators believe a crime may have been committed.

At our press time, no charges had been filed against the driver, who cooperated fully in the investigation, according to police. Dickie had a living niece, according to Miranda, but police have not been able to locate her next of kin.

## Joel Johnson Jr.

On June 19, 53-year-old Joel Johnson Jr. was killed in the portico of St. Luke's Mission Center (3655 Calvert St.), the victim of a stabbing by an unknown assailant.

Johnson, who studied fine arts in college, was known by local friends as "the Quiet Guy," according to a profile in the *Washington Post*. After his employer, a film-processing company, closed three or four years ago, Johnson became homeless, though he always told family that he was staying with friends, the *Post* states. Johnson was a familiar face in the neighborhood and had planned to sleep under the St. Luke's portico the night of the attack.

"He was a photographer by profession, with a portfolio that included shots of parades and rallies, of the famous and ordinary, of moments centered on civil rights and social justice causes," the *Post* states. "He wrote on his LinkedIn page that he wanted to tell a story 'that others did not have a chance to witness first hand.'"

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the police at (202) 727-9099. Anonymous information may be submitted to the department's TEXT TIP LINE by text messaging 50411. The Metropolitan Police Department currently offers a reward of up to \$25,000 to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia.



# Glover Park-Burleith Farmers' Market

## September Schedule of Events

Erica Christensen

Summer is coming to a close and cooler temperatures are moving in. Kids are back to school and beach vacations are a recent memory, but there's still tons of fun to be had at your neighborhood farmers' market! Stop by the Glover Park Burleith farmers' market on Saturday to pick up your weekly supply of local foods! We've got everything you need from breads, pies, quiche, pickles, fermented foods, fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, cheese, eggs, fish and coffee! Located in the parking lot of Hardy Middle School at Wisconsin and 34th Street, NW, the market is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday through November 21. Check our website for the full line-up of vendors and special events, [www.communityfoodpartners.com](http://www.communityfoodpartners.com).

### September 5

**Music:** Carrie Hoagland & Friends  
**Pop-Up Vendor:** Heritage Honey produced locally in Georgetown and Palisades!  
**Free Bike Clinic:** 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

### September 12

**Music:** Bosscatt Empson  
**Free Bike Clinic:** 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

### September 19

**Music:** TBD  
**Free Bike Clinic:** 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

### September 26

**Music:** Burt the Dirt  
**Pop-Up Vendor:** Heritage Honey produced locally in Georgetown and Palisades!  
**Free Bike Clinic:** 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.



## Commercial Strip Confidential

# Mad Fox Materializes

Margaret Guroff

After two years of renovations, **Mad Fox Tap Room** opened August 17 at 2218 Wisconsin Ave., the former home of **Mayfair & Pine**. “We’re very happy to be here,” says Bill Madden, who owns the business along with wife Beth and two partners. “The more research we did on Glover Park, the more we knew that this was a good place for us.” The neighborhood’s family-friendly vibe is very similar to that of Falls Church, site of Mad Fox’s original brewpub, Beth adds.

The restaurant’s interior feels airier than it did before the renovation. Ceilings are higher, and a bulky climate-control unit that was housed near the staircase has been replaced by one on the roof. The relocation of that unit allowed builders to create a small mezzanine using an interior window that had been hidden behind wallboard for more than 50 years.

Along with a selection of Mad Fox beers on tap, the pub’s menu features kohlrabi hummus; green-tomato gazpacho; a “hifalutin” turkey burger; and entrees such as grilled ribeye steak with horseshoe fries. Chef Brandon Moser has worked previously in Orvieto, Italy, and at D.C.’s Bistro Bis.

In keeping with its family-friendly locale, Mad Fox offers a kids’ menu and has root beer on tap, made by the brewery with real cane sugar. The pub opens at 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and at noon on weekends.

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Glover Park may soon be welcoming a new business at 2319 Wisconsin Ave., but its current tenant, **Tennis Zone**, is not leaving, owner Ravi Shankar tells us. Although the building currently sports a “for

rent” banner, “we are staying here, but we’re moving upstairs,” Shankar says. The storefront’s second floor is currently vacant. Landlord Remy Esquenet did not respond to requests for comment.

Tennis Zone now offers yoga wear as well as tennis equipment. At press time, the shop was planning to run a \$20-off sale on women’s yoga and lifestyle apparel in September.

★

**Glover Park Hardware** hopes to open in its new ground-floor location (2233 Wisconsin Ave.) in October, according to owner Gina Schaefer. The company rented the vacant storefront shortly after its lease at the prior location (2251 Wisconsin Ave.) expired in January. The owners have been working ever since to renovate the space and install a needed freight elevator. Delays with the elevator’s installation have led to much frustration, both for the owners and for Glover Parkers who have sorely missed the shop.

The hardware store’s old space underneath **Washington Sports Club** is slated to become a **Rite Aid**.

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Plans for a rooftop deck featuring drinks and lite fare at the **Savoy Suites Hotel** (2505 Wisconsin Ave.) have some near neighbors worried about late-night noise and parking problems. The planned deck, which would have a seating capacity of 136, is part of an ongoing renovation that will end with the hotel being renamed “The Glover Park Hotel.”

The Savoy has been negotiating with neighbors to establish rules for the deck that would address their concerns, but at press time, no compromise had been reached. In light of this, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B filed a protest against the roof deck with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. The ANC will withdraw its protest if the hotel reaches a compromise agreement with neighbors.

The rooftop deck at **Surfside** (2444 Wisconsin Ave.) operates under a voluntary agreement that stipulates it must be closed by midnight, and any music must be recorded, unamplified, and inaudible outside of the premises. The ANC argues that any new rooftop deck in the neighborhood should not be allowed to stay open later or play louder music. (Two other establishments, **Mason Inn** at 2408 Wisconsin Ave. and **Mad Fox Tap Room** at 2218 Wisconsin Ave., are allowed to serve alcohol on rooftop decks, but neither of those decks has been built.)

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On July 23, a cyclist riding north in the 2200 block of Wisconsin Ave. fell while taking a curb cut up onto the sidewalk. The driver of an SUV emerging from a driveway then hit the fallen cyclist, who was transported to the hospital with serious but not life-threatening injuries. The driver was cited for failure to pay full time and attention to the operation of a vehicle.

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**Kumon Tutoring Center** has rented space at 2200 Wisconsin Ave., the former home of **BodySmith**. The center offers supplemental math and reading programs for children aged 3 and up. For information, visit [kumon.com](http://kumon.com).

## Calling all photographers!

Please consider contributing a neighborhood photo or volunteering for a Gazette assignment. If interested, email: [gazette@gpcadc.org](mailto:gazette@gpcadc.org) or call (202) 379-4824.



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# What You Need to Know If You Rent

Barbara B. Cline

The Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA) *DC Renter Bill of Rights* is now “official.” Here are suggestions to make this document an even more useful tool for DC’s 350,000+ renters.

Effective July 2015, Law 20-147, “Tenant Bill of Rights Amendment Act of 2014,” requires all DC housing providers to give a Bill of Rights to any rental applicant of a residential unit. Residential units include apartments, condos, co-ops, and rooms in a house. Although housing providers are not required to give their current renters a copy of the Bill of Rights, renters are strongly encouraged to download a copy.

The document is available in Amharic, Chinese, English, French, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese at <http://ota.dc.gov/publication/tenant-bill-rights>.

DC renters and landlords can also pick up or request copies of the Bill of Rights from OTA’s office, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300 N, Washington, DC 20009 or by calling (202) 719-6560.

## Legal Toolbox Needed

The Bill of Rights is just an outline of rights. It does not provide you with the steps in the legal process to enforce your renter rights.

Fortunately, a DC renter legal toolbox exists. It’s called the *Washington DC Tenant Survival Guide, Eighth Edition, 2013*. Published in English and Spanish, the 46-page Survival Guide has been around since 1979.

The Survival Guide provides potential remedies when rights are violated; the steps to follow/forms to file to enforce renter rights; and which DC government agencies to contact.

Topics include leases, repairs, evictions, and DC rent control law. The Survival Guide also includes renter resources, such as DC government regulatory agencies, inspectors, and legal services as well as resources for individuals and tenant organizations.

The Survival Guide, however, is not online. Contact the Harrison Institute for Housing and Community Development of Georgetown University Law Center for a hard copy: email [llc41@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:llc41@law.georgetown.edu); visit 111 F Street, NW, Suite 102, Washington, DC 20001; or phone (202) 662-4232.

## Continuing Education

Be aware that the Bill of Rights and the Survival Guide do not always use the same terminology and OTA’s Bill of Rights will be “more current” because of the law’s mandate for periodic updates.

But even with the two documents on hand, renters should be mindful that the legal landscape is complex and constantly changing.

To stay informed, also check DC’s Urban Turf ([dc.urbanturf.com](http://dc.urbanturf.com)) and the *City Paper’s* Housing Complex ([washingtoncitypaper.com](http://washingtoncitypaper.com)) column for updates and news on renter laws and issues.

Contact OTA Legislative Director Joel Cohn ([Joel.cohn@dc.gov](mailto:Joel.cohn@dc.gov)) to receive emails

on legislative updates and for questions on DC renter laws.

Contact OTA Education and Outreach Coordinator Delores Anderson ([Delores.anderson@dc.gov](mailto:Delores.anderson@dc.gov)) for e-mail notices of OTA stakeholder meetings on legislative issues and renter rights trainings.

Attend the free Eighth Annual OTA Summit, Saturday, September 26, held at the Kellogg Conference Center, Galaudet University, which provides on-site legal clinics. Register at [ota.dc.gov/event/eighth-annual-tenant-summit](http://ota.dc.gov/event/eighth-annual-tenant-summit).

Hope to see you at OTA’s 2015 Summit.



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## "Kelly" Brown Remembers A Gypsy Camp

Carlton Fletcher

**R**aymond Robert Brown (1904–1976), born at 3416 Reservoir Road, acquired his nickname because, as a boy, he loved to shine the pole and whistle to the horses at Engine Company No. 5 on Dent Place, where the firemen gave him the name "Kelly the Chief." In 1969, Brown recalled a gypsy encampment at what is now Hillandale.

"I remember years ago, Mrs. Hillary and Mrs. Chamberlin and mother (Sadie Louise Thomas Brown)—we'd go out to what we called the "B.T." woods where the big estate is now, which was right across from Georgetown Hospital, where the Archibald Estate is on this same location now. Every couple of years a big tribe of Gypsies in their wagons and horses and covered wagons would show up over night and they'd have big bonfires around with kettles of soup going. Momma and Miss Chamberlin and Mrs. Hillary got pretty well acquainted with these Gypsies, especially the King and the Queen of the tribe. And I remember that they once said they were going to have this huge wedding and wouldn't my mother and her friends make some dresses and blouses? All of them were good seamstresses and they felt sorry for the Gypsies and they knew they'd be invited to the big wedding. It was supposed to be a big festival. So mother and all her friends after making all these garments, delivered them one day. The next day when the wedding was supposed to take place, we went up to the woods and everything was cleaned out—the Gypsies had left overnight, if I recall correctly."

Brown's recollection is confirmed in the press: in 1911, a band of gypsies, led by a man called King Jawn, was reported to have pitched their camp on the outskirts of Georgetown for several days. Visitors to the camp—of whom there were several thousand—had their fortunes told and heard rumors that there was to be a gypsy wedding.

"The much-heralded wedding did not take place. According to Lieutenant Schilling, of the Seventh Precinct, the gypsies had no idea of performing a wedding ceremony, in the first place. 'King Jawn,' he said, 'is a shrewd customer. He knows the

value of advertising and acts as the press agent of the whole brigade.' No sooner had the gypsies comfortably settled themselves in the Georgetown camp than they confided in several women visitors that a wedding was to take place this week. 'Say not a word about it to anyone,' King Jawn told them. 'We do not want it known.' The request of the gypsy king was treated just as he thought it would be. Within an hour after the departure of the feminine visitors droves of persons came to the camp to make inquiries about the supposed pranks of the Hungarian Cupid. The gypsies are headed toward a warmer Southern clime, and expect to spend the winter in middle Tennessee."

("Gypsy Band Quits Georgetown For Warmer Clime—Hungarian Wanderers Suddenly Leave For Virginia," *Washington Times*, November 2, 1911, p. 13)

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## September Events at Georgetown Library

### Poetry Workshop

**Saturday, September 12, 2:00 p.m.**

Professor Alessandra Gelmi, seven-time national award-winning author of the novel *Who's Afraid of Red* and the poetry collection *Ring of Fire*, will teach us tips and tricks to make a poem sing.

Please bring a short poem to be workshopped in this class.

Registration Required. Please call 202-727-0232 or email [georgetownlibrary@dc.org](mailto:georgetownlibrary@dc.org)

### Author Talks

**Saturday, September 19, 2:00 p.m.**

Two well-renowned local authors will read and discuss their books.

**Nadia Hashimi**, international best-selling author and finalist in the 2014 GoodReads Choice Awards in the categories of Best Debut Author and Best Fiction. She will speak about her first novel, *A Pearl That Broke Its Shell*—a luminous tale of destiny and identity in Afghanistan. With a drug-addicted father and no brothers, young Rahima dresses as a boy and gains freedoms that were previously unheard of...freedoms that transform her forever.

**May Rihani**, pioneer in girls' education and a tireless advocate of women's rights has served as cochair of the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative between 2008 and 2010. Her seminal book, *Keeping the Promise*, is a framework for advancing girls' education used by organizations in more than forty countries in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. She will discuss her latest book, *Cultures Without Borders*.

### Book Hill Talks

**Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.**

**September 16: History of Co-op Housing in DC**

Amanda Huron, UDC

**September 23: Topics in Military History**

David Silby, Cornell University

**September 30: Inside the Greek Financial Crisis**

Maria Stella Gatzoulis, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

### First Thursday Evening Poetry Reading

**September 10, 7:00 p.m.**

Two local poets offer readings and the event is followed by an open mic. Please join us for wonderful poetry and bring your own poems to share.

### Reading Club at Guy Mason Recreation Center

The Georgetown Neighborhood Library has an outreach Reading Club that meets at the Guy Mason Recreation Center (3600 Calvert Street NW) on the third Wednesday of every month. Our next meeting on **September 16 at 11:00 a.m.** will discuss *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver.

**For more details on library events, please check at:**  
[dclibrary.org/Georgetown](http://dclibrary.org/Georgetown)



## Parenting in the Park

# Homework Hassles

Paige Trevor

**T**hey're baaaackkkkkkk! Anyone gritting their teeth and saying, "This year's gonna be different"? It's a fresh start, a new you, spanking clean spirals, freshened-up backpacks, sanitized lunch pails—all is right with the world.

Fast forward a week or two. Forgotten assignments, overdue library books, obsessive checking on EdLine, unauthorized phone use by children, and there is a spiral of defeat and sadness. Yelling, nagging, threatening ensue. Is it 2014 again? No, it's *early* in the 2015–2016 school year. We still have a chance Glover Park!

### Devices

Get technology tamed early in the game. Come up with *family* boundaries (that means you, too!). Here are some ideas to spark your thinking: everyone phone-free from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.; laptops in public spaces; computers off 30 minutes before bed; TV watching on Thursday–Sunday only; and phones spend the night together in the kitchen.

These are not "The Rules"; they are jumping-off points for you and your family to discuss. People (including kids) follow the rules if they help make the rules.

Try this, "Ok folks, this is an experiment—just Sunday night until Friday morning. We can all live with that, right?" It is much easier to tolerate a new idea if it's only for a limited number of days. After a few weeks of experimentation, you might find a happy middle ground for you and the kiddos.

### Homework Help

I know how satisfying it is to edit that term paper, give your child some nifty tips, or instruct them to rewrite something because you *know* they can write more neatly.



Homework is really a tool for the student and the teacher. It's very disrespectful to assume the child does not have it handled.

Consider also that it's a real relationship drain when we try to be the parent, the tutor, the teacher, the cheerleader, the copy editor, and the calendar minder. You are the parent. Be available to support, listen, love, laugh, and buy school supplies. Ask what reminders might be useful to them and then focus on your own big life.

### It Takes a Village

Kids really do run into trouble. Don't take it all on yourself.

If you've butted out of the homework and things are nose-diving, go talk to the teacher, the school counselor, the class aide. Think of these conversations as being more than one complete and satisfying event. Gather information, leave with some new ideas, and let questions and comments percolate.

Children are unfolding. You can't solve it all *now* (much as you want to). And teachers can't solve it all now either (much as you want them to).

Again, your kids' homework is for your kids. Allowing kids to experiment, struggle, fail, succeed, work too hard, procrastinate,

be a perfectionist, lose things, find things, triumph, and ultimately learn something is a *labor* of love.

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## The Last Chapter

I rest the book,  
a few pages  
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I let myself drift,  
not ready to leave  
this other world.

**Edna Small**

# Guy Mason Recreation Center

## Fall 2015 Classes

### Art For Kidz

Ages: 3–5, Free  
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
Starts: 9/22/15 Ends: 11/24/15

### Bingo

Ages: 50–65, Free  
3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. - Fridays  
Starts: 9/25/15 Ends: 11/20/15

### Book Club

Ages: 55 & up, Free  
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
Starts: 9/23/15 Ends: 11/18/15

### Brazilian Samba

Ages: 18 & up, Fee: \$90/\$95  
7:00 a.m.–8:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
Starts: 10/27/15 Ends: 12/15/15

### China Painting

Ages: 18 & up, Fee: \$90/\$95  
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Thursdays  
Starts: 10/29/15 Ends: 12/17/15

### China Painting

Ages: 18 & up Fee: \$90/\$95  
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Thursdays  
Starts: 10/29/15 Ends: 12/17/15

### Computer Class

Ages: 55 & up Fee: Free  
3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Thursdays  
(and by appointment)  
Starts: 9/24/15 Ends: 11/19/15

### Conversation Corner

Ages: 55 & up Free  
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
Starts: 9/09/15 Ends: 11/25/15

### Cooking with Passion

Ages: 50 & up Free  
5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Fridays  
Starts: 9/25/15 Ends: 11/13/15

### Duplicate Bridge

Ages: 18 & Up, Fee: \$6.00  
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Mondays & Thursdays  
Year Round

### Enamels & Fused Glass

Ages: 18 & up, Fee: \$40  
7:00 p.m.–9:15 p.m. Mondays  
Starts: 10/26/15 Ends: 12/14/15

### Knitters Club

Ages: 18 & Up, Free  
5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Mondays  
Starts: 9/14/15 Ends: 11/16/15

### Move It or Lose It

Ages: 18 & up, Fee: \$60/\$65  
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Wednesdays  
Starts: 10/28/15 Ends: 12/16/15

### Movement Exercise

Ages: 18 & up, Free  
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Saturdays  
Starts: 9/26/15 Ends: 11/21/15

### Nutrition/ Healthy Menus

Ages: 55 & up, Free  
7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
Starts: 9/22/15 Ends: 1/19/15

### Pottery: Level 1

Ages: 18 & up, Fee: \$145/\$155  
7:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Mondays  
Starts: 10/26/15 Ends: 12/14/15

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Ages: 18 & up, Fee: \$145/\$155  
7:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Thursdays  
Starts: 10/29/15 Ends: 12/17/15

### Pottery: Level 2

Ages: 18 & up, Fee: \$145/\$155  
7:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Wednesdays  
Starts: 10/28/15 Ends: 12/16/15

### Quilting

Ages: 16 & up Free  
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Mondays  
Starts: 10/26/15 Ends: 12/14/15

### Senior Crafts

Ages: 55 & Up, Free  
5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Thursdays  
Starts: 10/26/15 Ends: 12/14/15

### Seniors Moving, Going Green, & Growing

Ages: 55 & Up, Free  
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Tuesdays  
Starts: 10/27/15 Ends: 12/15/15

### Story Hour

Ages: 3–4, Free  
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Fridays  
Starts: 9/18/15 Ends: 11/13/15

### Tai Chi

Ages: 55 & Up, Free  
9:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m. Saturdays  
Starts: 10/31/15 Ends: 12/19/15

### Tiny Tots!

Ages: 2–4, Free  
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Wednesdays  
Starts: 9/23/15 Ends: 11/25/15

### Yoga: Integral

Ages: 18 & up, Fee: \$95/\$100  
9:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m. Tuesdays  
Starts: 10/27/15 Ends: 12/15/15

### Yoga: Integral

Ages: 18 & up, Fee: \$95/\$100  
9:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m. Fridays  
Starts: 10/30/15 Ends: 12/18/15

To register online, visit:  
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**Information:** Glover Park Village, Iona Senior Services, Men's Health Network, Office of the People's Counsel, Money Smarts Workshop, Legal Counsel for the Elderly & the Senior Medicare Patrol, Georgetown Library, Homeland Security & Emergency Management, Serve DC, Costco, Whole Foods, ADA Program Manager DC Taxicab Ride, Pepco, Lincoln Heritage, Terrific, Inc. Older Adults HIV Program, and the Mayor's Office on Community Relations, Ward 3.

# Glover Park Village Glover Park Village Marks Five Years of Service to Community

Patricia Clark

This fall, Glover Park Village (GPV) will complete its fifth year serving Glover Park, Cathedral Heights, Massachusetts Avenue Heights, the Naval Observatory, and nearby areas—providing transportation, decluttering, gardening, personal visits, technical support, and whatever someone needs to continue their quality of life in the neighborhood. Volunteers provide GPV services, village administration, events, and classes. Share your talents and time with your neighbors.

**Spread the Word.** One of the ways that many people hear about the services available to help them age in the community is from neighbors such as yourselves. Please be sure that your friends and neighbors know about GPV—both for the services and for opportunities to volunteer.

**Host Your Neighbors.** GPV will co-host some “getting to know the village” events in multiunit building lobbies and party rooms, as well as in homes—townhouses, apartments, condos, and/or coops. Please offer to have a small gathering at your home to introduce your neighbors to GPV.

## Fall Program

This fall look for further information about Glover Park Village events and classes. A few that will be coming are listed below.

**Medical Note Taking.** Coming soon will be GPV classes in medical note taking—learn-

ing to take notes while visiting the doctor for yourself or with someone else.

## Aging in Community Support Group.

This group will be led by a long-time participant in Glover Park Village. It will give people a chance to learn from and share with their contemporaries regarding options, services available, decision making, and any topics of interest to the participants.

## Using Imagery and Music to Relieve

**Aging-Related Stress.** Glover Park Village is offering a workshop that will provide support for dealing with anxiety and depression associated with aging and loneliness. Psychologist Dr. Patricia Webbink will explore the benefits of use of guided imagery through music to relieve stress, foster relaxation, and engender inner exploration and personal transformation.

A Duke University graduate, Dr. Webbink has written about and taught imagery through music and has been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show and Good Morning America as well as in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The U.S. News and World Report*.

**GPV Health and Wellness Fair.** GPV will host a fair and also have a table at the Guy Mason Health Fair.

For more information about the Glover Park Village, call 202.436.5545; email info@GloverParkVillage.org; write to PO Box 32255, Washington, DC 20007; or check the website

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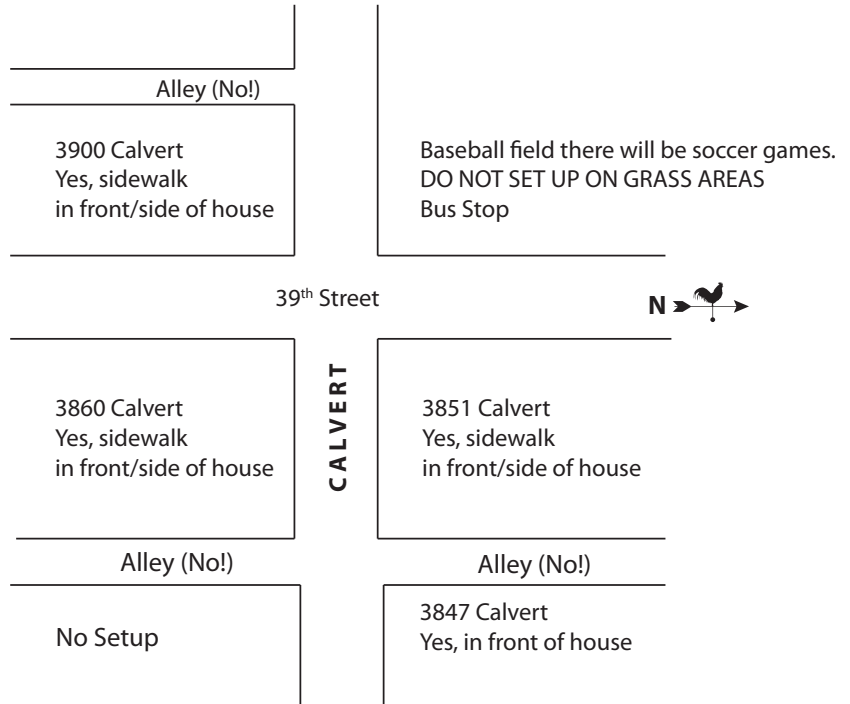
The annual neighborhood event will be held on all four corners of 39<sup>th</sup> and Calvert Street! No registration required. No set-up before 8:30 a.m. Spots are first come, first serve.

So dust off those attic treasures and garage keepsakes, and collect your outgrown and unused items and join your neighbors and friends for a day of buying, selling, and socializing.

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