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Wintertime In the Nation's Capital

What Were the Holidays Like 100 Years Ago?

Lisa McCluskey

In my search for holiday spirit and a front-page article, I rambled around my home wondering what the holidays were like 100 years ago in the “Roaring Twenties” before DoorDash, LED lights, HGTV and the fear of ICE and political strife. I found some lasting traditions as expected, but reminders of similar political and social changes that we have weathered before in our beloved city. There are certainly interesting differences between how Americans celebrate Winter holidays in the 1920s and today, yet in my research what I have discovered is that some of the elements of Winter holiday cheer that in 2025 we consider “classic” in fact originated or crystallized in the '20s.

To set the picture in 1925 it was post World War 1 and America was experiencing a surge in economic prosperity, technological advancement, and consumerism. Prohibition was in effect. It was the jazz age, (widespread popularity of jazz music and dance) and a miracle year of modern literature. Many great and notorious novels were released in 1925, including *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald, *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf; and Adof Hitler's *Mein Kampf* was also published. All while Harlem Renaissance writers, artists, and critics were garnering notice—keep this in your pocket for Jeopardy.

Christmas 1925 was marked by the increasing commercialization of the holiday, with the standardized image of Santa Claus (chubby caucasian with a beard) featured in advertising and new popular gifts, like radios and Kodak cameras becoming common. Celebrations included decorating with crepe paper, hosting parties, and giving gifts that ranged from practical items like silverware to toys like model train sets. The silent film *Santa Claus* was also notable with Christmas-related event from 1925.

In the 1920s Chanukah became a more prominent holiday on the Jewish calendar and commercialization set in accordingly. Fun Chanukah songs were written and gifts and festive clothes were suggested in ads. Loff's Candies began producing Chanukah gelt.

Last but not least, there was the outlawed booze. A coveted Christmas gift for many was top-shelf liquor smuggled from Canada. A single bottle of illicit Seagram's cost the equivalent of \$142 in today's currency once it reached the East Coast. In *The 18th-Century Politics of Santa*

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Mexican Embassy Christmas Party, 1925



Office Holiday Party, Western Electric Company.

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President's Report

Build It And They Will Come!

Jarrett Ferrier

Glover Park is a little Field of Dreams in a variety of ways. Here I am referring to The GPCA IN PERSON meeting last month! Personally I do not remember the last time neighbors actually convened (not Zoom) to discuss topics affecting our neighborhood. We decided to give it a try without knowing how many of you would venture out on a Tuesday evening.

I, for one, was thrilled with the attendance for the meeting at Stoddert Elementary on November 7. Perhaps Council member Frumin's willingness to join was the draw? Maybe it was voting on the liquor license moratorium? Then there's always the chance that people just want to get away from their screens? Maybe the answer is "D—all of the above."



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Claus in America, Author Judith Flanders writes of an eyebrow-raising connection between Santa Claus and black-market alcohol. During the 20s, the image of a big bellied Santa Claus—although around since the mid-Nineteenth Century—was cemented as “the” image and became mass-produced, particularly in print ad campaigns.

According to an article from the *Baltimore Sun*’s D.C. Bureau, there were some exceptions. “Prohibition authorities will exempt rum-soaked British plum puddings, an especially popular import at Christmas, from the nation’s booze ban.” According to then assistant commissioner, James E. Jones, “Nobody could eat enough plum pudding to make them intoxicated, it’s too sweet.” The full (apologies) blurry article is to the left for your reading.

Christmas 1925 in D.C. featured the third annual lighting of the National Christmas Tree and the second “live” tree, likely a response to a national movement led by the American Forestry Association, to encourage the use of living trees for community Christmas trees. From 1924–1933, the National Christmas Tree was at Sherman Plaza, part of the President’s park, south of the Treasury Building, close to the White House’s east entrance, the first had been a cut tree on the Ellipse. The ceremony was attended by thousands and presided over by President Calvin Coolidge. The event included the U.S. Marine Band and singing choirs, with the tree lit by President Coolidge, who pressed a button to trigger both the lights and an “aerial bomb” to signal the illumination to other communities so that they may light their trees and decorations as well. For the first time, the ceremony was broadcast over the radio. The night also saw public caroling on the area that is now the Ellipse, followed by a separate ceremony for African-American residents.

Based on trends from the era, other holiday activities included events much like those we enjoy today—office parties, such as one held at the Western Electric Company, and gatherings at embassies, such as one at the Mexican Embassy. Photos from these events are shown on the front cover of the *Gazette* and offer a peek into past celebrations.

Specific weather events during December 1925 included several snow and rain storms between December 18 and December 29, which preceded a significant cold spell that continued into January 1926. What will the holidays be like in 2025? You can easily ask AI. . . The last time Washington, D.C. had a white Christmas was in 2009, when 7 inches of snow were on the ground. This was not due to snow falling on Christmas Day, but was the result of a major snowstorm that hit the area just days before, often referred to as “Snowpocalypse” by those of us that were here as we also had snow some days later.

You can enjoy the National Christmas tree lighting as they did in 1925. This year’s event will be held December 4. Another popular winter event is the National Menorah lighting ceremony, which will take place on December 14. The first lighting was in 1979 by President Carter and is hailed as the most prominent public Chanukah event in the world.

In Glover Park we have many holiday events including GPCA’s annual Winter Party, on December 13, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., see page 9, Miracle in the Alley, see page 16, and other events hosted by local organizations, [linked here](#). However your family and friends celebrate your winter traditions, take time to look around our community and your home to think about the rich traditions that abound close by and note, again, how lucky we are to live in this special place.

Now, Alexa, what will 2026 bring. . .

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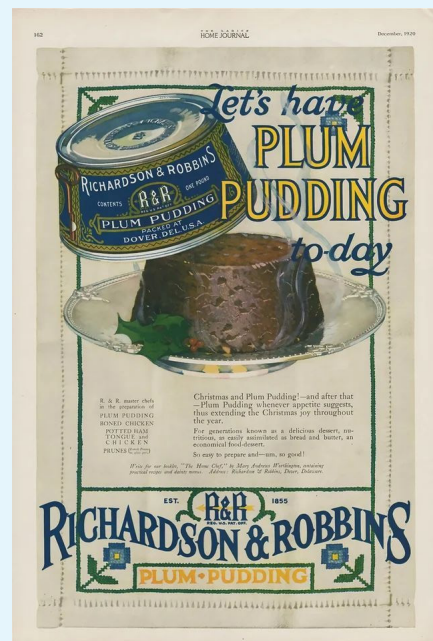
Dry Authorities To Allow Rum Into U.S.; In Pudding

**British Well-Wishers Can Ship In
As Much Liquor-Soaked Christ-
mas Dessert As They Wish.**

[Washington Bureau of The Sun.]

Washington, Nov. 18.—Thanksgiving and Christmas will be merry if the plum pudding of old England—the rum-soaked delicacy of tradition—can help to make them so. British well-wishers of the American holidays can send over all of the alcohol-flavored Yuletide pudding their fortunate friends in the United States can eat without fear of the Volstead act, so the prohibition authorities say.

“Let them come,” said James E. Jones, assistant prohibition commissioner, who drafts the rules and regulations for the administration of the Volstead act. “Nobody could eat enough plum pudding to make them intoxicated, it’s too sweet. Besides, there will not be enough plum pudding imported into this country to be noticeable, and we have much more important work to do than assigning officers to taste Christmas puddings.”



GPCA November 2025 Meeting

Miriam Van Dyck

The November meeting was held in person at Stoddert Elementary School.

Lt. Paul Johnson of MPD presented the police report, noting that there were 13 crimes to report – 6 thefts from auto, and 7 other thefts; this is up 2 from the same time last year.

DC Councilmember Matt Frumin was a special guest at the November meeting; he addressed participants and took questions. Topics of discussion included replacement of the Guy Mason baseball fence (he noted that this is on order after lots of pushing from his office), and repairs to Guy Mason playground; Frumin committed to bring DPR out to tour all the various issues, which also include accessibility and lighting. Frumin also thanked Ashlee Mercer from the Constituent Services team for her work.

The budget for 2026 was presented and a motion was made to approve the budget, which was seconded and approved.

The liquor license moratorium in Glover Park was discussed. A motion was made to continue the moratorium with the exception that GPCA

would like ABCA to allow up to two (new/additional) tavern licenses during the three-year period.

A Glover Park resident asked for assistance in securing buy-in to move the benches outside the Wells Fargo Bank at Calvert and 37th streets due to excessive noise. A DDOT permit would be needed to move the benches. Participants decided to postpone any motion and vote on the relocation of benches until the January meeting, when there will have been the opportunity to do more due diligence on cost of relocation. Kendall Gibson from the Mayor's office noted that she would start discussions to explore possibilities.

Membership in the GPCA was discussed, with participants noting that it was difficult to remember if/when to renew their yearly membership. Participants committed to holding additional discussions on the issue.

Jarrett Ferrier provided an update on events at Guy Mason, including a [coat drive](#) that will run through January 3.

Holly Pollinger provided an update on Glover Park Village activities. More information is available at the [Glover Park Village](#) website.



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November 13, 2025

ANC3B Meeting Highlights

Melissa Lane

• **Police Report.** Lt. Johnson reminded everyone that thefts, especially of packages, go up during the holiday season and to please use Amazon storage lockers at the Second District station or Whole Foods for package delivery. He also said that thefts from auto also go up during the holidays and to lock vehicles and not leave anything in plain sight. Over the past 30-day period, the number of crimes was down by 12 compared to the same period last year. There were six reported crimes, four were thefts from autos (break-ins) and two were package thefts.

• **Discussion and Resolution Regarding Continuation of the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium.** Commissioner Turmail recapped the discussion from last month on the moratorium. It was initially put in place in the early 1990s and included restrictions on all types of liquor licenses in Glover Park, including liquor stores, restaurants and taverns/clubs. It has been gradually cut back and now only includes restrictions on the number of taverns and clubs. The current moratorium expires in 2026. The question is whether to ask for it to be extended for another three years and include only taverns and clubs or let it expire. The Commission has discussed the issue and received comments from the community, including the Glover Park Citizens' Association, which recommended extending it but increasing the number of tavern and club licenses by two. After careful consideration, Commissioner Turmail put forth a motion to ask the Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis Administration to extend the moratorium by three years but to make one additional club/tavern license available if one is not already available. Commissioner Turmail will seek clarification from ABCA on whether a now-closed business

still has a valid tavern/club license that could be made available. The motion was seconded and passed 6-0.

• **Ashlee Mercer from Councilmember Frumin's office gave updates.** A new third grade swim program will expand to Ward 3 schools without displacing senior swim classes. The new schedule will protect seniors swim three days per week while accommodating students. [Fall leaf collections](#) have begun. Residents can find their collection scheduling guidelines on dpw.dc.gov/leaf or by calling 311. For residents 65 and over or those with disabilities, the deadline for applications for sidewalk snow shoveling exemptions is December 2. Applications are available online or by contacting 311.

• **Kendall Gibson from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services asked people to sign up for "Snow Team Heroes."** These teams help shovel sidewalks for the elderly and disabled members of the community. The mayor's office will provide supplies, including snow blowers. One resident, who is wheelchair-bound, asked about clearing sidewalk corners that are often left mostly untouched after a storm. Kendall asked the woman to send her contact information so she can help her. Also, Kendall is working on getting a roll-off dumpster stationed somewhere in the community at the end of the year where people can dispose of their holiday trees.

• **Commissioner Howie announced that "Miracle on the Alley"** debuts on Saturday, December 6 at 6 p.m. behind the 3800 block of W Street. All are welcome.

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Glover Barkers December

Milo and Marty

Melissa Lane

Milo and Marty both were adopted from Dog World Rescue in Clifton, VA. Both are “foster fails.” DWR rescued them both from Ruin Creek Animal Shelter in Henderson, NC.

I got Milo in March 2022 when he was about 4. He and his two brothers and one sister had been owned as hunting dogs (I’m still trying to picture Milo as an intrepid hunter but I digress). The owner got sick and surrendered them to Ruin Creek. DWR brought Milo and his sister (who was pregnant but Milo doesn’t like to talk about it) to Clifton. I fostered Milo for a day before I “failed.” (And renamed him Milo instead of “Danny.”). His sister, after having eight puppies three weeks later, was also adopted as were all the puppies when they were old enough.

Milo had a heart-worm infection. After he was done with treatment, I started fostering again because he did NOT like being an only dog (and he definitely did not like being left home alone). We had 2 fosters who were successfully adopted and then in September 2022, Marty (originally Mo), arrived. Marty was part of an “accidental litter” born in March 2022. When we got him, he was six months old and only 10 pounds. Milo said “I want this one” and the rest is history. Foster fail number 2



Marty and Milo.



Glover Barkers January

Ridgi and Dakota

Michelle Joubran

Ridgi, short for Riva Ridge, the longest ski run at Vail and a Thoroughbred racehorse, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes in 1972. This is a big name to live up to for this apricot havanese who just celebrated his 10th birthday. Ridgi came to us from Havre de Grace, MD as a puppy. Hiking is Ridgi’s favorite pastime, always happy to walk and explore so long as it’s not raining. Once considered the Major of Glover Bark, Ridgi loves to say hello and give you a near human look. We should walk him separately from his younger more fearful brother from another mother.

This brings us to Dakota our 45-pound red merle Mini Australian Shepard. Yes, I said Mini. Dakota came to us from Fredrick, MD as a puppy back in 2021. We will celebrate his 4th birthday this July with a bowl of homemade chicken and rice served at the table as we do annually for both pups. Dakota has a lot to say about a lot of things. If you have a dog you may not have met him directly. We are the ones who cross the street as you are coming. Truth be told, Dakota is a very sweet boy. As a COVID era puppy he missed the dog socialization portion of rearing. He is flat out afraid of other dogs and feels it’s his job to protect his people. This smart boy loves to chase a ball and is happiest off leash on a field rounding up animals of any sort.



Ridgi.



Dakota.

Glover Park Village Free December-January Events

Erin Byrne

December

Achieving a Good Death: A Practical Guide to the End of Life **Tuesday, December 9**

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Guy Mason Recreation Center

Author and end-of-life activist, Chris Palmer, speaks to Aging Well in your community.

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Holiday Celebration and Giveaway

Tuesday, December 16

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Guy Mason Recreation Center

It's that time of year to say hello to old friends and meet some new ones! We'll celebrate the holidays by packing some gift bags to deliver to our special members and enjoying some scrumptious food and drink fit for the season. Please join us for this merry holiday gathering.

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Coffee and Conversation: Visit to Point Chaud

Friday, December 19

1 p.m.–2 p.m.

Point Chaud Cafe & Crepes

Join us for coffee and conversation while we discuss our experiences and upcoming events.

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January

New Year Brain Health Program Re-Launch

Tuesday, January 13

1 p.m.–2 p.m.

Guy Mason Recreation Center

Join us as we re-launch our Brain Health program with easy at-home reading, writing and simple math exercises. These exercises are fun and have been shown to "light up" your brain!

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Coffee and Conversation: Visit to Point Chaud

Friday, January 23

1 p.m.–2 p.m.

Point Chaud Cafe & Crepes

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Frost on the Window, Anonymous
Frost etches the glass,
A delicate, icy art,
Morning sun breaks free.

Glover Park Village Fire Your Furnace

Holly Pollinger

Now that the weather has turned cooler, everyone is getting ready to snuggle down and turn up the heat. Our older population in the Glover Park Village welcomes the relief from the long hot summer and is taking on the age-old task of getting the mothball smell out of sweaters and coats.

Throughout Glover Park, owners of single-family homes and those who live in apartment buildings are making sure boilers are working properly for water heating, central heating and all kinds of power generation.

In D.C., we have been very lucky to have a determined group of citizens watching out for us as we learn more about heating, power generation and how the changing climate is affecting our quality of life. For months, community scientists tested nearly 700 DC and Maryland kitchen gas stoves for nitrous dioxide (NO₂) and other pollutants under the umbrella of the Beyond Gas campaign. Nearly two-thirds of the kitchens tested in the District of Columbia and Montgomery County, Maryland, had unsafe levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). NO₂ is linked to negative health consequences, including respiratory diseases like asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) as well as cardiovascular problems. The data from the results were given to the DC Council and educated community members

about the importance of moving **Beyond Gas**.

Their report, Cooking Up Danger, has been seen by thousands who are taking action to change their stoves to electric.

The Beyond Gas campaign is now seeking residents of Glover Park and others who would like to have their gas furnaces and other appliances tested for free. Furnaces, water heaters, boilers, dryers and more can be tested. Here is the way to do this:

1. If you heat your home with gas, sign up to get your home tested here. If you don't know how your home is heated, that probably means you heat it with gas!
 2. Share the link to sign up for testing with friends, family, neighbors, or any listserv you are on: sc.org/DMVheattest
- Glover Park Village is, of course, particularly concerned for its older citizen population that is more likely to react to air pollution problems. All of us—young and old, however—are aware of the rise in asthma and other respiratory issues and diseases.

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GLOVER PARK WINTER CELEBRATION

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Stoddert Elementary School
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(new and unwrapped) for A Wider Circle
- Moon bounce
- Meet the Glover Park Snowman for photos
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Real Estate Update

Reflections on a Crazy Year

Erin Sobanski, COMPASS

Historically, the DMV Real Estate market is cyclical. We have a surge of buyer activity and new listings from early March through late June, affectionately known as The Spring Market. Then after a summer break (July–August), there is a resurgence of activity beginning just after Labor Day through early November. Any listings remaining after Thanksgiving are either withdrawn with a strategy to relaunch the listing in the spring or scooped up by buyers looking for a deal. While this may be a simplification, we usually rely on these trends when advising clients for listing or purchasing their home.

2025 has marched to a tune of its own. Because so many DC residents' livelihoods are tied to the federal government in some manner, the housing market was sure to be impacted. There were

three major events: DOGE layoffs (February), Tariff Wars (marked by President Trump's "Liberation Day" speech of April 2) and a government shutdown of a record length (October and November). Coupled with the ever-increasing cost of living and interest rate improvements (September), we have ultimately seen a shift in buyer motivation, an emergence of sellers willing to negotiate and a new real estate era to navigate.

As I have previously written, the neighborhood housing market cannot be lumped into one category of "Glover Park." It is more appropriate to evaluate houses, boutique condos, traditional condos and cooperatives as individual markets. The tables below demonstrate how listings performed by the month at which the home was listed on the public (MLS) market.

Houses

Table 1. Listing data for Houses by Month Listed

Month Listed	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Count of Listings	2	1	6	7	5	8	4	5	6	3	1
Average of List Price	\$1,338,500	\$1,365,000	\$1,175,958	\$1,447,000	\$1,339,243	\$1,213,238	\$1,254,667	\$1,526,667	\$1,157,775	\$1,530,000	\$965,000
Average of Close Price	\$1,326,000	\$1,365,000	\$1,238,583	\$1,462,500	\$1,325,400	\$1,209,286	\$1,230,000	\$1,526,667	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ave Discount from Original Price	11% (inc)	0%	8% (inc)	1% (inc)	2% (dec)	6% (dec)	3% (dec)	0%	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ave of Total Days on Market	9	7	15	8	13	36	51	11	31	11	10

Table 2. Glover Park Houses that were Withdrawn, Canceled or Expired in the MLS

Address	Month Listed	Original List Price	Final Sales Price	Month Closed	Percent Discount in Price
2009 37 th St NW	Apr	\$1,160,000	\$1,055,000	Jul	9% (dec)
2031 37 th St NW	Aug	\$1,100,000	Rented for \$4,900/month	Nov	N/A
2316 Huidekoper Pl NW	Apr	\$1,195,000	\$1,065,000	Sep	11% (dec)
2429 Tunlaw Rd NW	Jul	\$1,695,000	\$1,490,000	Oct	12% (dec)
3811 Benton St NW	Apr	\$1,498,000	\$1,340,000	Aug	11% (dec)

Notes:

- While all homes that were listed in Sept, Oct, and Nov have secured contracts, not all contracts have closed. They are all expected to close by mid-December, so we will note have final data until then.
- At time of press, there is only one active listing for a house on

the market.

- Five (5) of the above homes listed this year, sat on the market, and then "re-launched" under a new MLS record. These failed listings are not included in the above data. They are noted in Table 2.

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Boutique Condos (8 units or less)

Table 3. Listing Data for Boutique Condos by Month Listed

Month Listed	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Count of Listing Entry Date	3	2	4	2	2		4	1		1	
Average of List Price	\$783,300	\$687,450	\$707,425	\$554,900	\$737,000		\$632,400	\$770,000		\$599,900	
Average of Close Price	\$787,042	\$697,500	\$710,629	\$531,250	\$714,000		\$620,795	\$735,000		\$590,000	
Count of Close Date	3	2	4	2	2		4	1		1	
Average of Discount from original price	1% (dec)	1% (inc)	1% (dec)	9% (dec)	3% (dec)		5% (dec)	5% (dec)		2% (dec)	
Average of Cumulative Days on Market	36	32	66	71	14		47	0		19	

Traditional Condos

Table 4. Listing Data for Traditional Condos by Month Listed

Month Listed	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Average of List Price	\$448,450	\$325,000	\$262,450	\$281,250	\$318,333	\$217,083	\$226,000		\$450,000		
Average of Close Price	\$438,300	\$325,000	\$262,450	\$280,000	\$316,667	\$194,000	\$224,000		\$430,000		
Count of Close Date	4	2	2	2	3	3	2		1		
Average of Discount from original price	3% (dec)	5% (dec)	0%	0%	0%	23% (dec)	1% (dec)		4% (dec)		
Average of Cumulative Days on Market	55	108	11	178	24	89	103		8		

It should be noted that the tables above reflect the listings for condos that sold. At time of press, there were several active listings and noted unsuccessful listings.

- Active listings for boutique condos: 12.

- Expired/Canceled/Withdrawn listings for boutique condos: 19.
- Active listings for traditional condos: 9
- Expired/Canceled/Withdrawn listings for traditional condos: 34.

Co-operatives

Table 5. Listing Data for Co-operatives by Month Listed

Month Listed	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Count of Listing Entry Date	1	1		1				1			
Average of List Price	\$205,000	\$200,000		\$200,000				\$128,951			
Average of Close Price	\$205,000	\$200,000		\$195,000				\$128,870			
Count of Close Date	1	1		1				1			
Average of Discount from original price	0%	0%		3%				0%			
Average of Cumulative Days on Market	14	208		15				23			

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Commentary and Conclusions

Every Tuesday afternoon, I participate in a “Market Chat” call for DMV COMPASS agents. We usually have at least 200 agents participate to share insight into the observations on their listing activity, open houses traffic, buyers motivations and client sentiments. The perspectives are anecdotal, they align with the data demonstrated above.

- Prices have decreased.
- The market for houses continues to outperform the market for

condos.

- Buyers and Sellers are not aligned on pricing.
- Buyers now have the opportunity to negotiate on price, contract contingencies, inspection items and timing.

Notes on the data–

- Data was extracted from BRIGHT MLS. While most agents who sell a listing privately enter there transaction into Bright MLS to increase reporting accuracy, one can assume that some private sales are omitted from this data.

Guy Mason Recreation Center

December 2025 and January 2026 Virtual and In-Person Events

Marsha Goldberg

Guy Mason Holiday Brunch

Wednesday, December 17, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Join us for a delicious brunch to celebrate the holiday season. Please register by Wednesday, December 10 by contacting Marsha Goldberg at mslonegoldberg@gmail.com or calling 202-248-4254 as we can only accommodate 40 people.

Guy Mason Reading Group (virtual)

Wednesday, December 17, 11 a.m.–12 noon

This month we will be reading *The House of Trelawney* by Hannah Rothschild. This dazzling novel, both satirical and moving, is about an eccentric dysfunctional family of English aristocrats and their crumbling stately home. Think Evelyn Waugh meets Nancy Mitford. To join the group and receive the link for the virtual meeting, please contact Wendell Kellar at Wendell.kellar@dc.gov. Copies of the book are available at the Georgetown Branch of the DC Public Library. Ask the librarian for the book for the Guy Mason Reading Group.



Guy Mason Coat Drive

Friday, November 14–Monday, January 5, 2026

The Center will be collecting coats for all ages. Please drop them off at Guy Mason from 12:30–7 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Guy Mason Reading Group

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 11 a.m.–12 noon Virtual

To begin the year we will be reading *Rules for Visiting*, by Jessica Francis Kane. The novel focuses on May Attaway, a university gardener, who sets out on an odyssey to reconnect with four old friends over the course of a year. To join the group and receive the link for the virtual meeting, please contact Wendell Kellar at Wendell.kellar@dc.gov. Copies of the book are available at the Georgetown Branch of the DC Public Library. Ask the librarian for the book for the Guy Mason Reading Group. All are welcome.

Lunch and a Movie

Friday, January 30, 2026, 12–3 p.m.

To start the year, the movie for January is *Grey Gardens*. This American documentary depicts the everyday lives of two reclusive upper-class women, a mother and daughter both named Edith Beale, who lived in poverty at Grey Gardens, a derelict mansion in East Hampton. Lunch begins at noon and the movie at 1 p.m. If you would like to join us, please reply by Tuesday, January 27, 2026 to Marsha Goldberg at mslonegoldberg@gmail.com or call 202-248-4254.



Georgetown Public Library December—January Events

To attend the following events, please visit the [library website](#) to confirm details and to register, if required. For more information regarding Library events, contact us: 202-727-0232.

Children & Teen Events Lego Challenge!

Calling all builders! Join us for some Lego fun each Tuesday! Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; January 6, 13, 20, 27, 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Ages: 5–12

Baby & Toddler Story This is for Time—
10 a.m. No walk-ins, pre-registration only
Wednesdays, December 13, 27,
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Ages: Birth–5

This is for 10 a.m. One session PER day, please. Join us at the Georgetown Library for stories, rhymes and songs for little ones ages 0-2! Online pre-registration is REQUIRED. No wait list/walk-ins. Registration ([dclibrary.org/georgetown](#))

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Baby Lap Time

Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18, 2:00 p.m.–
2:30 p.m.

Ages: Birth–5

Baby Lap Time is for caregivers, and infants and babies until they start walking. No registration required!

Popcorn & a Movie

Thursday, December 11, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Join us for a movie and munch on popcorn, while supplies last. We will stop popping more popcorn by 4:30pm.

Winter Craft Time—Drop-In

Friday, December 19, 4 p.m.–5 p.m.

Ages: 5–12 Years Old

Join us for a relaxed drop-in craft time with winter-themed crafts.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Wednesday, December 31, 11:30 a.m.–
12:30 p.m.

Get ready for 2026 with our fun Noon Year's Eve celebration for kids 12 and under. The Library will be closed on actual New Year's Eve, but we can get ready together. We'll have hot cocoa, dancing, games, and a chance to reflect on 2025

Adult Events

English Conversation Club

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.

Is English your second language, and are you hoping to improve it? Would you like to know more about American culture and current events? Would you like to practice speaking in a comfortable group? Contact library for more information.

Movie Night Movies

Monday, December 8—Scrooged, 5 p.m.–
7:00pm

Monday, January 5— TBA 5 p.m.– 7 p.m.

Once a month, we will be showing a feature film.

Georgetown Library Chess Club

December 6, 20: 2:00pm - 3:30pm;
January 3, 17, 24

Georgetown Neighborhood Library - Meeting Room 1
(10-80 Person Capacity)

All Ages

The Georgetown Library Chess Club welcomes players of all ages and skill levels.

We provide the boards and pieces, and you provide the excitement!

Pilates with Purpose

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;

January 5, 12, 19, 26—9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;

January 6, 13, 20, 27 – 9:45 a.m.–10:30am

Strengthens your core, improves flexibility, and restores balance—both physically and mentally.

Register: [aroundtowntdc.org](#)

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Chair Yoga with Beth Lawrence
Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;
January 5, 12, 19, 26; 11 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Would you like to gain strength, flexibility, and balance physically while encouraging relaxation and meditation mentally? Register: aroundtowntdc.org

Coffee & Conversation—
A Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, December 2, 9; 2 p.m.–3 p.m.

Customers are invited to join a casual conversation with other library customers and individuals from the neighborhood. Coffee, tea, and snacks are provided.

Jane Austen's 250th Celebration
***Sense and Sensibility* Screening**
Monday, December 15, 5 p.m.–7 p.m.

Mixed Media Approaches with
Chinedu—Art Class
Tuesday, December 30, 11:00 a.m.–
12:30 p.m.

Explore a variety of mixed-media approaches to art! Register: www.aroundtowntdc.org

The Glover Park Archeological Museum

Carlton Fletcher

This Pepsi-Cola bottle was unearthed during the Tunlaw Alley Ivy Dig of 1986–7. Its embossed inscription—“Old Dominion Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Arlington, Virginia”—means that it was produced between 1948, when that plant went into operation, and 1958, when this style of bottle was [replaced](#) by the “Swirl Bottle.” This artifact is a tangible reminder of a highly successful ad campaign in which an earworm [jingle](#) hammered home the point that a Pepsi cost half as much of its most important rival's product. “Pepsi-Cola hits the spot, twelve full ounces, that's a lot! Twice as much for a nickel, too, Pepsi-Cola is the drink for you.”

“Prefabricated Concrete Makes Debut Here, *Washington Post*, June 15, 1947, p.R8; June 15, 1947, Arundel to Sell Stock of Bottling Company,” *Evening Star*, September 21, 1955, p. 40.



Be sure to check out the [Glover Park Archaeological Museum](#) online.

Holiday Trees & Greenery Collection

The DC Department of Public Works (DPW) will [collect holiday trees and greenery](#) from January 2 through February from DPW-serviced households, which includes single-family homes and apartment dwellings with three or fewer units. Here is what you need to know about this year's holiday tree and greenery collection:

Holiday trees and greenery will be collected from the front of the residence at the curb. If Holiday trees and greeneries are not picked up 7 days after being placed, curbside, residents can call 311 and make a “Christmas Tree Removal - Seasonal” service request. After February, holiday trees and greenery should be placed at the normal point of collection for trash and recycling. Holiday trees and greenery will be collected as space permits in the truck. Inclement weather may delay holiday tree and greenery collections.

Residents can also drop off holiday trees and greenery Monday through Friday, 8 AM – 4 PM at Guy Mason Recreation Center at 3600 Calvert St NW.

For more information on Holiday Reduce & Reuse Tips, please visit our [Zero Waste DC website](#).



Glover Park Dining Guide!

Glover Park Eateries

Forget the traffic, parking hassles or extra cost of a car service and enjoy a walk over to pick up or to dine-in at one of our many local establishments for the holidays.

Check out individual websites listed below or call for more information about offerings, including music, trivia, sporting event coverage or try out a new drink.

Don't forget that local businesses offer great ideas for gifts. How about flowers, wine, gourmet candy, cards, a salon visit or even a hand-woven rug?

You can find a lot of great options for gifts close to home! A list of Glover Park businesses is available [here](#).



**Aladdin House
of Kabob & Gyros**
aladdinhousedc.com
202-944-393

Domino's
dominos.com
202-342-0100

Old Europe
old-europe.com
202-333-7600

Angelico la Pizzeria
angelicopizzeria.com
202-333-8350

Dumplings and Beyond
places.singleplatform.com
202-338-381

Point Chaud
pointchaudcafe.com
202-758-2241

Bonjon Rumi
bonjonrumi.com
202-506-4246

Eerkin's
eerkins.com
202-333-3600

**Rocklands Barbeque
& Grilling Co.**
rocklands.com
202-333-2558

BreadSoda
breadsoda.com
202-333-7445

Einstein Bros. Bagels
einsteinbros.com
202-448-9473

Subway
order.subway.com
202-337-1080

Chipotle Mexican Grill
chipotle.com
202-706-7508

Joia Burger
joiaburgerdc.com
(202) 999-8195

Wingo's
wingos.com
202-878-6576

Divino
divinodc.com
202-621-7221

Kusshi
kusshisushi.com
202-333-3986

Xiquet
xiquetdl.com
202-913-4671

Mogee Tee
mogeteeusa.com
202-333-2929

GLOVER PARK'S 8TH ANNUAL

Miracle in the Alley

3800 BLOCK OF W ST

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6TH
6:00 PM**

**WALK THE ALLEY UNDER THE LIGHTS,
ENJOY THE INFLATABLES,
CANDY CANES, HOT COCOA*,
& THE GLOVER PARK HOLIDAY SPIRIT**

***BYOB TO SPIKE**



A festive day of shopping, refreshments, and fun for the whole family!
Shop LinksxLove Jewelry + Clothing, and Accessories from Around the World,
Goods from Local Artists, Crafters, and Other Boutiques.

Enjoy a Petting Zoo!

We'll have Adoptable Pups,

Delicious Holiday Food and Drinks from Petite Delice & Curo Coffee

And that's not all!

If we're very nice, a special appearance by Santa himself!

December 13TH 10AM-5PM
GUY MASON RECREATION CENTER

Scan for FREE tickets here





Keep Our Neighborhood *Great* JOIN GPCA

With your help the Glover Park Citizens' Association promotes the well-being and interests of the residents and businesses of Glover Park.

Your dues support Glover Park Day, the *Glover Park Gazette* newsletter, Winter Holiday party, clean up events, food support programs, neighborhood improvements including welcome signs, benches, pocket park maintenance, Halloween decorating contests, Best of Glover Park, and more. Visit gpcadc.org to pay and learn more!

Join / Renew Now!

Membership Levels:

1 adult: \$25

Household of 2 or more adults: \$45

1 senior citizen: \$20

2 or more senior citizens: \$35

Business: \$80

Pay online at gpcadc.org, scan the QR code or mail in payment!

GPCA Membership
P.O. Box 32268
Washington, DC 20007

