You’ve waited all year, and now it’s time to warm up your winter night at the Glover Park Holiday Party! The festivities commence December 14, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Our very own GPCA and PTO are sponsoring this joyous annual tradition, which will take place at the Glover Park Community Center at Stoddert School. Slip into the holiday mood as you meet Santa, say hi to the Marines, and donate to their Toys for Tots campaign.

A merry band of your neighbors, led by Lisa McCluskey, Sheila Meehan, and Erin Sobanski are busy preparing for this long-time neighborhood tradition. There will be something for everyone—young and old, including spaces for kids to have fun and adults to catch up with their friends in the Oasis room, plus lots of food, soft drinks, and juices.

Potomac Pizza is donating stacks of its tasty offerings and Surfside will provide a side dish. There will also be fresh-made popcorn and hot chocolate as well as trays of goodies and apple cider.

All activities are free, but for this community event, we ask you to come with family, friends, and neighbors and encourage you to bring a new unwrapped toy valued at $10 or more for the USMC Toys for Tots campaign as well as a dessert/side dish/bag of marshmallows for the Marines to share. This will ensure there will be food and drink aplenty!

For kids and families, be sure to be there early to enjoy special musical performances, a visit with Santa, and a chance to speak with the Marines who will be on hand to collect your toy donations. Stoddert’s gym will be hopping with DJ Ricky keeping the beat going, two moon bounce stations, games, crafts, and other activities.

For adults who want to spend time with friends and neighbors and for parents who want to take a break from the high-energy gym, the Oasis offers a low-key respite. There will be plenty to eat and drink—choose from an array of homemade goodies and treats.

For all, there will be door prizes drawn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone who donates to the Marines’ campaign earns a ticket for each toy they bring. A big thank-you to Surfside, Elements Spa, Town Hall, and Glover Parks COMPASS agents Erin Sobanski, J.P. Montalvan, Michael Gailey, Sean Aalai, Shari Gronvall and Daniel Brewer for their generous donation of raffle prizes! We hope you, in turn, recognize their support for our neighborhood by patronizing their businesses.

This is Glover Park at its best. Celebrate the season with your neighbors and donate to Toys for Tots. Please contact Lisa McCluskey at lkmclcluskey@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

Thank You!
For many years, the Glover Park Holiday Party and Toys for Tots collection were organized by an extraordinarily dedicated team led by Joe Fiorello, Sue Lohsen, and Dean Hill. They stepped down in the spring but very generously lent their advice and support for this year’s party. We also want to thank the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, Friends of Glover Park, Potomac Pizza, and Surfside as well as Maggie Simpson, Long & Foster Real Estate; Sophia Henry Real Estate; and Veritas City Church—their contributions have helped make the 2018 Glover Park Holiday Party possible.
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If you love living in Glover Park, get involved!
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Presidential Report

Holiday Wishes & New Year Resolutions
Karen Pataky

A n early New Year’s greetings to all and a fond hope that your Holiday Celebrations have been or will be very enjoyable.

As the year comes to an end, many of us ponder New Year’s resolutions and perhaps some have them at the ready. Here are a few additional suggestions:

Check out the activities at Guy Mason Rec Center. It offers a wide range of programs, including yoga, French conversation, pottery, and a lively book club. An avid bridge club also meets there twice a week. In addition, its free musical, social, and topical events welcome all comers as well as helping hands.

On pleasant days you might try out the new outdoor gym equipment located next to the main pathway, adjacent to the ball field.

Consider volunteering for Glover Park Village. Neighbors drive fellow neighbors to medical and dental appointments, assist with computer difficulties, provide “muscle” to shovel snow, and help residents with decluttering. There are many ways to lend a hand.

And become more engaged in the neighborhood. Join our Glover Park Citizens’ Association and attend our near-monthly meetings. These are usually held on first Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Stoddert cafeteria. Check out our ANC3B monthly meetings, too. Those meetings are typically on third Thursdays, also at Stoddert.

Neighborly Reminder
All DC residents are required to have the sidewalks cleared of snow and ice by eight hours after cessation of snowfall. It’s very easy to slip, fall, and break a bone, and we are legally responsible if someone has an accident due to our negligence. Happy 2019!

GPCA November 2018 Minutes
Sally Everett

GPCA President Karen Pataky called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Police Report. No report was available.

GPCA-PTO Holiday Party will be held on Friday evening, December 14, 6–8:30 p.m., at Stoddert. The party is open to all and will feature Santa and U.S. Marine collecting donations for its Toys for Tots campaign.

For the kids, there will be pizza and other treats; crafts and moon bounces; and DJ Ricky.

For the adults, the Oasis room will provide tasty offerings in a quieter space for catching up with friends and neighbors.

Please bring a dessert/side dish to share and an unwrapped toy for the the Marines campaign. Volunteers are needed for the event; please contact Lisa McCluskey at lkmccluskey@gmail.com.

To help fund the event, a motion was made and seconded that asked the GPCA to provide up to $500 for the 2018 GPCA-PTO Holiday Party. Absent a quorum, the motion will be voted on at the January meeting.

The Guy Mason Holiday Party will be held on Friday evening, December 21, beginning with a free turkey dinner at 6 p.m. Attendees must register for the dinner and are requested to bring a dessert. The Sing-Along begins at 7:30 p.m., with no need to register. Everyone—children and adults—is invited.

Guy Mason Activities. Dorothy Biondi and Marsha Goldberg provided information on upcoming free events at the center. The Levine School of Music will present a cello recital on Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m. and a Free for All program with Scrabble, Lunch, and Movie (A Christmas Story) on Friday, December 14, starting at 11 a.m.

Office of the People’s Counsel for the District of Columbia. No representative was available and the presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer Maggie Simpson sent a report detailing revenue and expenses for Glover Park Day. Income totaled $11,699 derived primarily from the sale of T-shirts and contributions from merchants. Expenses totaled $13,199.78, representing costs for bands; the rental of tables/chairs and sound equipment; and other miscellaneous expenses.

Membership Report. Membership Director Allen Tomlinson reported that the GPCA gained 12 members over the month for a total of 381 members, representing 263 households.

Secretary’s Report. Absent a quorum, the October meeting minutes will be voted on at the January 2019 meeting.

New Business. Gingko Trees. A resident raised a question by email about the inconvenience caused by Gingko trees in Glover Park. [President’s note: Following the meeting, it was learned that the Urban Forestry Division of DDOT has a new policy concerning these trees (https://ddot.dc.gov/page/female-ginkgo-tree-removal-policy)].

Potholes. A question about the city’s plan for fixing potholes was addressed to Rich Harrington, Mayor Bowser’s Ward 3 liaison for community relations and services. Mr. Harrington responded that it is a top priority of the mayor’s to get all streets and alleys in top shape and that a schedule of pothole repair is available online at PavDC.

Next Meeting. Due to New Year’s Day, the next meeting of the GPCA will be held on January 8.

President Pataky adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.
ANC 3B October Meeting
Melissa Lane

Police Report. One violent crime occurred last month. It was domestic in nature and was closed with an arrest. Property crimes stood at 13 last month, up from 9 for the same month in 2017. The increase was largely due to thefts. Commissioner Turmail said that ANC 3B will dedicate a future meeting to discuss ways to increase pedestrian, auto, and bike safety in the area. Lt Neal will ask traffic officers, Alton Brown and Tony McElwee to attend that meeting.

Status Update from DDOT on ANC 3B Service Requests. Donise Jackson, DDOT Ward 3 Liaison, gave an update on issues identified during the DDOT walk-through with ANC 3B commissioners in March 2018. They included a) removal of rush hour no parking signs northbound on the 2300 block of Wisconsin Avenue; b) addition of no parking signs on Observatory Lane east of Wisconsin Avenue; c) traffic safety investigation to deal with speeding and pedestrian safety on Cathedral Avenue, including crosswalks and signage in the 4100 block; d) traffic safety investigation at the intersections of Wisconsin Avenue with Fulton and Garfield Streets; and e) solutions to problem of AM traffic congestion southbound at W Place and Wisconsin Ave. These issues are scheduled for investigation by DDOT in the near future.

Introduction of Mahesh Patel, New Owner of Good Guys. Mahesh Patel, the new owner of Good Guys, bought the club from Behnam Zanganeh in October. Mr. Patel owns a number of other adult clubs in West Virginia and Virginia and has a number of other properties and businesses including shopping malls. He purchased the Good Guys business, liquor license and building from Mr. Zanganeh and is aware of the current settlement agreement with ANC 3B.

Mr. Patel intends to retain the same management staff, name, and façade, but is planning some interior renovations. He committed to talking with ANC 3B before undertaking any changes. He introduced Mike Aloupis who has managed the club for ten years and will continue to do so.

Resolution on Providing Men’s Hypothermia Shelter West of Rock Creek Park. Commissioner Turmail introduced a resolution calling for a hypothermia shelter to be established west of Rock Creek Park for homeless men. ANC 3B passed a similar resolution in November 2015. As the need has grown, ANC 3B again passed a resolution urging the DC Department of Human Services to identify and establish a temporary hypothermia emergency shelter for men this winter west of Rock Creek.

Letter to Councilmember Cheh on Small Cell Technology Guidelines. Last month, ANC 3B approved a letter to DDOT asking to defer adopting its proposed design guidelines for installing small cell antennas for 4G/5G service until more public information is disseminated and more opportunity is given for review and comment from the public, ANCs and the DC Council. This month, ANC 3B passed a resolution to send a similar letter to Councilmember Cheh for input to her November 19th Roundtable on the topic.

Request from Hardy PTO for $2,500 Grant for Library Books and Other Materials. Jason Orlando, Co-President of the Hardy Middle School PTO, made a grant request for $2,500 to update the library collection and purchase other library supplies. ANC 3B approved the request.

Updates and Information
Please see the ANC3B website (https://anc3b.org) for updates and more information on DC agency coordination on dangerous behaviors exhibited by some homeless; a pilot program to provide senior wellness programming in multiple locations in the Wards 2 and 3; and developments on Councilmember Cheh’s proposed Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018.

The next meeting of ANC3B will be Thursday, December 13.

Winter Sounding
Early morn, as I walked out
crust crunched beneath my feet
icing caked the bent bamboo.
Past noon, when I returned
the bamboo stood straight again
sparrows filled the air with song,
my cold heart melted.

Edna Small
Friends of Guy Mason Fundraiser Returns
*Milton Grossman*

Friends of Guy Mason (FOGM) is pleased to announce that a favorite community get-together will be back in early 2019. Please join us on Thursday, January 31, from 6 until 9 p.m. for our fundraiser party at the Kimpton Glover Park Hotel.

We missed 2018, but we will be offering everything past attendees from Glover Park and Massachusetts Avenue Heights have enjoyed. Once again our major supporter Foxhall Partners—owner of Glover Park Hotel—is generously contributing its ballroom and a delicious array of small-plate food from the kitchen of Casolare. There will be an open wine and beer bar and live music, as well as a small silent auction of carefully selected dining, entertainment, and travel opportunities.

We are currently inviting Glover Park residents to add their names to the list of Executive Hosts (a $600 contribution, which includes four party tickets) or Hosts (a $350 contribution, which includes two tickets). To be included on the printed party invitation, please contact Meg Markham as soon as possible (meg.markham@gmail.com or 202-337-6716). Individual tickets at $75 will become available when party invitations are mailed out in late December.

This has been a busy year for FOGM. We faithfully carried out our regular commitment to maintaining and improving the garden, the tree cover, and the landscaped areas. We continued to offer financial support for the rich array of programs and classes organized by a devoted core of volunteers.

And our major project brought something brand new to Guy Mason; the installation of the set of outdoor adult-exercise equipment, which opened on Glover Park Day.

The community’s continuing support will enable us to advance our mission of making Guy Mason better.

Food Project Tackles DC Students’ Nutrition Needs
*Alysa MacClellan*

Toward the end of the past school year, three local moms learned that a local teacher was using his own money to buy food to put into his student's backpack. The child did not have enough to eat over the weekend when school-provided breakfasts and lunches were unavailable. The idea that some kids in our local schools do not have enough food to eat when they go home for the weekend struck a nerve. And it turns out more kids are facing the same challenge.

The initial conversation led to more discussions with parents, who were equally shocked. The three parents—Stoddert’s Lucie Leblois and Alysa MacClellan and Eaton’s Krista Weymouth—decided to do something about it and started the DC Food Project. Over the past few months, their nonprofit organization has been working with school administrators and local organizations, among others, to develop a weekend bag program that discreetly sends food home for children who qualify.

In conjunction with these efforts, the Stoddert parents also launched a Share Table Program that encourages students to place unopened and/or sealed foods that they have chosen not to eat in a basket for other students to take additional helpings of food that would otherwise be thrown away.

The DC Food Project team is already busy working with other schools to launch the Share Table Program and the Weekend Bag Program. The goal is to expand these programs throughout schools in Washington, DC.

As the programs look to grow, however, they need additional funding. Your donation will go straight to helping DC Food Project launch Share Tables and Weekend Bag Programs around the city.

**Sponsor a Student.** To supply a child with a weekend bag for one school year, the cost is $270; for a half year, $135; for one month, $30; and for one week, $7.50.

**Sponsor a Share Table.** The start-up cost is $60.

To donate and/or learn more, please visit www.dcfoodproject.org

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**Stoddert Elementary Named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School**

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private schools based on their overall academic excellence. Every year the U. S. Department of Education celebrates great schools demonstrating students achieving at high levels. Congratulations to all Stoddert faculty and staff for receiving this recognition.

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I want to tell you about a book I wish I’d had 20 years ago. New York Times best-selling author Julie Morgenstern has written a new book, *Time to Parent*, that is everything I love under one cover: parenting and organizing!

Below are the top five insights (there are many more):

- **Parenting is a huge job with no job description.** Job ambiguity is a recipe for overwork, insecurity, and anxiety. Julie finds the edges of how to both raise a human being and be a human being.

- **The million-dollar question.** How much time and attention do kids need? Answer: Short bursts (5–20 minutes) of undivided attention delivered consistently. Wow! We can all do that.

- **To do this job well, we have to be well.** Getting our own sleep, exercise, love, and fun are all essential to being a great parent. When we are short on time, we have to think about getting these in micro-doses—short bursts (except sleep, which we really all need in bigger doses than we are getting!).

- **Today’s parents have to resist the lure of technology.** Consider setting up consistent times of the day to check email, and leave it off during the other times. What about leaving both your shoes and your device at the front door?

- **Feeling overwhelmed?** Use Max.Mod.Min. Find the edges of a task and then use reality to guide you to right size your work. Example: We need dinner. Max: Find a new recipe, run to the market, chop, sauté, broil, and toss. (Time: 2.5 hours). Min: Order out, set the table with paper plates, and eat. (Time: 15 min). Mod: Pick up a prepared roast chicken, cook up that broccoli, and have the kids toss a salad (Time: 40 min).

I provide Time Management Coaching for busy parents. Together we will find time for you to raise a human and be a human. And/or join me for a Parent Encouragement Program at Temple Micah this winter for a three-part Anger Management class. Email me at paigetrevor@mac.com for more details or with any questions.

**Parenting in the Park**

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*Paige Trevor*

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**Special Events**

**Friday, December 7, 7 p.m., Levine Chamber Music Concert**

Love chamber music? Join us for this special musical event. Vasily Popov, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Levine School of Music Chamber Orchestra will present a program of cello music performed by advanced Levine students in solos and small ensembles. A reception to meet the artists will follow.

**Friday, December 14, Free-For-All**

11 a.m. Scrabble; 12 p.m. Lunch with friends and neighbors; and 1 p.m. Film, *A Christmas Story*. This much-loved classic, based on the Jean Shepherd novel, tells the hilarious tale, set in 1940s Cleveland, of young Ralphie, who tries mightily to convince his parents, teacher, and Santa that a Red Ryder BB gun is a perfect Christmas present.

**Friday, December 21, Holiday Celebration**

 Participate in the joy of the season with family, friends, and neighbors.

- **6 p.m. Free Turkey Dinner with All the Trimmings**. We welcome any desserts you wish to bring. Registration is required for this portion of the evening. Let us know how many are coming by emailing guymasonevents@gmail.com or calling 202-727-7527 by Wednesday, December 19.

- **7:30 p.m. Sing-along**. No registration required. Join us in singing the songs of the holiday season. Ann Glendinning again leads us in this joyous holiday tradition.

**Programs**

**Wednesday, December 19, 11 a.m.–12 p.m., The Reading Club will be discussing Far From The Tree** by Andrew Solomon.

**Mondays, 6 p.m. English as a Second Language** with Abigail Bruhlmann.

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With lots of shopping, traveling and other festive activities keeping you busy over the holidays, remember that this is also a busy time for thieves in search of an empty house to rob. People leave home during this time of year more than any other—and criminals know it.

A few years ago, I sold a home in the neighborhood just after Thanksgiving. My clients moved in, decorated for the holidays and bought gifts for their entire family. Right before Christmas, they came home to find all the presents—and other valuable belongings—stolen. What a miserable holiday surprise! Don’t let this happen to you—here are five steps to keep the Grinch away:

1. **Don’t announce your comings and goings.** Hold off on using social media. It’s tempting to let everyone know about your festivities or travel, but it’s always safer to wait until you return home to post photos and stories. Many convicted burglars admit they’ve used social media to find out when homes are likely to be empty.

2. **Use a security system.** Security systems work and burglars generally avoid them. If you already have one, make sure you do not use birthdays or other easy-to-guess numbers for the passcode. Be sure to clean the keypad regularly since your fingers can leave dirt and grease behind on the numbers you frequently use, which can make it easier to guess a passcode.

3. **Make it look like someone is home.** Use motion-sensor lights outdoors and timers on the interior lights to make it seem like you are home. For less than $20 you can even get a light that simulates a TV being played in a darkened room! If you’ll be gone for more than a few days, ask a friend or neighbor to pick up your mail, flyers or packages that would otherwise collect.

4. **Don’t draw attention to expensive items.** Conceal packaging in the trash or recycle bin for big ticket items like computers, gaming systems and electronics. Make sure nothing enticing is visible from the windows or doors.

5. **Think twice about high fences and tall shrubs.** Thieves are searching for the safest targets, and tall bushes or fences let them hide from neighbors and passers-by as they work on getting into your home. The best defense is a clear view of your front porch, back stoop, and basement windows. If you do want to keep bushes close to your house, choose something thorny that will deter a burglar.

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