

Glover Parker Rows the Atlantic

Randy Rieland

A little more than a year ago, Ben Clark received an unusual text from his Uncle Trent. By December, he'd be rowing across the Atlantic Ocean.

On January 19, Clark and three of his uncles rowed into a port in Antigua, completing a trip of more than 3,000 miles and 37 and a half days at sea. They had finished third among many international teams in a brutal race that starts in the Canary Islands and is known as the "World's Toughest Row."

"Most people think it was a cool thing to do," said the 21-year-old Clark, who lives on 39th Street with his parents Ernest and Tiffany. "But in some ways, it's a really stupid thing to do. I mean, if you want to cross the ocean, it makes more sense to do it with sails."

The fact that Clark had never touched a rowing machine before last year made the undertaking that much more daunting. So did his tendency to get seasick, something he discovered early in the journey. "This was my first time actually going out into an ocean," he said, noting that in the early days of the journey they dealt with high winds and 20-foot waves, "I was sick pretty much all the way across. It was hard to keep weight on. I was burning maybe 10,000 calories a day. That was difficult."

Joining the team

The original plan was for Clark's four uncles to crew the boat, but when his Uncle Troy hurt his back, a replacement was needed. That led to the text message inviting Clark to join the team. He said it wasn't a complete surprise, since his uncles had already asked his father, who wasn't able to participate.

One immediate challenge was that the crew was spread around the planet. One uncle was in Singapore, another in Florida, a third in Ohio. So they trained separately, coordinating their workouts virtually. Clark also started rowing on the Potomac and added training sessions at Thompson's Boat Center. It wasn't until last August that they were able to row together. To abide by the race's stipulation that they had to train together on their boat for at least 150 hours, the crew met in Copenhagen and spent 10 days rowing on the sea—an average of 15 hours a day.

But that really didn't prepare them for the experience of living together in less than 100 square feet of space in often rough seas for more than a month. That included adjusting to a schedule of alternating two hours of rowing with two hours of sleep in small cabins at either end of the boat.

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Ben Clark at his home with the whiteboard that his parents kept updated during the race.
Photo: Randy Rieland.



Three uncles and their nephew (Ben Clark) at sea.
Photo: Penny Bird, World's Toughest Row official photographer.



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President's Report Announcing Our New Officers

Lisa McCluskey

late last year I put out a call for officers to keep things running with the Glover Park Citizens' Association. I am pleased to announce that we have two new officers who will serve on a temporary basis until they are officially elected in the spring: Secretary Miriam Van Dyck and Sergeant-at-Arms Jeff Russell.

Meet our new officers:

Miriam Van Dyck, who works in the International Monetary Fund's Communications Department, has been a DC resident since 1991, when she moved from suburban Chicago to enroll at Georgetown. Since her graduation from GU's School of Foreign Service in 1995, she has lived in various neighborhoods in NW and NE DC before moving to Glover Park in 2016. Miriam has raised two children in the District: her older son is a graduate of Lafayette Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament School, and Gonzaga College High School, and is currently a freshman at the University of Alabama; her younger son is a graduate of Lafayette and Alice Deal Middle School, and is currently a junior at Jackson-Reed. Miriam is a late but enthusiastic adopter of SEC football and loves to travel (most recently with an emphasis on college tours), cook, and spend time with her friends, kids, and mini Labradoodle in her spare time. She is grateful for the opportunity to serve as Secretary, and is very excited to become more involved in



Miriam Van Dyck



Jeff Russell

the Glover Park community!

Jeff Russell is the President of the Friends of Guy Mason Recreation Center, Inc. With over 24 years of experience in nonprofit leadership, business operations, human capital, and multi-

GPCA Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 7 p.m.
Via Zoom

Agenda

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Police Report

Treasurer's Report

Vote on grant request for Glover Park

Village Food Support Program

Discussion on *Glover Park Gazette*

Guy Mason Activities

New Business

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media production, his desire to serve the community he loves led him to ask to be a part of the Glover Park Citizens' Association.

Next GPCA Meeting
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"We were taking on something that's extremely mentally taxing in a very tight environment," said Clark. "Four guys had to share that space, doing everything you need to do to stay alive. Probably the hardest part was figuring out, once we were on this boat out in the ocean, how were we going to work as a team. How were we going to perform well, and step off the boat loving each other more than when we got on?"

It likely helped that they were on a special mission to raise money for Afghan refugees through a GoFundMe page. One of Clark's uncles had worked for humanitarian groups in Afghanistan, while another served two tours there with the military. And, after the country fell to the Taliban, Clark himself was active in drives to find coats for Afghan families who had moved to the United

States. "We've all been involved with this in one way or another," he said. "It's a cause that's close to our hearts."

Clark concedes that he learned a few things about himself through the odyssey. For starters, he appreciates having his own personal space.

"Also, I think I learned a few things about how I work with others," he said. Beforehand, according to Clark, the team members drew up a contract in which they agreed to practice certain qualities throughout the endeavor, such as humility, kindness, patience and encouragement. But Clark admits that there were times when he felt anger or resentment while "putting on a happy face."

Ultimately, though, he said he came to believe that those kinds of negative feelings weren't

doing him much good. "Because love is the only thing that can truly guide us forward," he said. "One of the other things I learned is that I need to focus on choosing love over fear."

So, would he do it again?

"That's actually something I've been asked quite a lot," said Clark, an autism therapist who also is taking online courses toward a computer science degree. "I've crossed the Atlantic and it's beautiful, but I think I'm happy doing that once. But maybe if someone said, 'Let's do this trip where we run across America' I would say absolutely, that's an adventure I would do."

To date, the [GoFundMe](#) campaign has raised \$55,585 for Afghan refugees. For more, see [Foar Brothers Facebook page](#)

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# GPCA Meeting Minutes, January 2024

**Lisa McCluskey**

President Lisa McCluskey welcomed attendees, and thanked the participants who took part in the December 16 holiday party, including the Jackson-Reed Girls Lacrosse team, which provided face-painting and held a bake sale. The Boy Scouts, Communikids, Co-pass, Georgetown Library, the Glover Park Church Group, Glover Park Village, and the Stoddert PTO also took part. Lisa noted that toy donations collected at the holiday party were given to A Wider Circle. Rocklands and Lenore Rubino from Washington Fine Properties provided the raffle gifts for people who brought in toy donations.

Lisa McCluskey noted that she had fielded a number of questions on what the Glover Park Citizens' Association is doing to support Glover Park Main Street. She explained, that among other things, the GPCA issues the *Gazette* which includes a local restaurant guide in every issue and provides visibility for these businesses.

Lisa McCluskey introduced two new officers who will serve on a temporary basis until they are officially sworn in the spring: Secretary Miriam Van Dyck and Sergeant at Arms Jeff Russell. She also thanked the outgoing Sergeant at Arms, Frank Martorana.

The MPD did not take part in the January meeting. Participants expressed concern regarding the multiple robberies that have occurred at local businesses in the past several months.

The November GPCA minutes were approved (see the [December-January Gazette](#)).

Chris Finnegan, who presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Maggie Simpson, noted that \$15,857.46 is currently in the GPCA's bank account.

Liz Ludgin presented a grant request for the Jackson-Reed Girls Lacrosse team in the amount of \$600 for sticks, goggles, and balls for

players whose families cannot afford to pay dues. The request was unanimously approved.

Marsha Goldberg reported that the Friends of Guy Mason and Sophia Henry Real Estate provided financial support for their December holiday dinner, and noted that their next event lunch and a movie, would take place on January 26.

An update was provided by Beth Miles on Glover Park Village, which was formed by the GPCA in 2009-2010 to help residents age in the community. As time has gone on, a number of other needs in the neighborhood have been identified. Given worries about social isolation, a great deal of effort has been put into finding ways for residents to socialize, including the utilization of Guy Mason facilities.

Holly Pollinger provided an update on the Glover Park Village food support program, thanking the GPCA for last year's \$2,500 grant and asking for a vote on an additional \$2,500 grant at February's meeting.

Lisa McCluskey provided a brief update on local schools, noting that boundary studies for Stoddert were still under way, and that Stoddert would undergo renovation within the next several years. She also noted that 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Hardy this year will have the opportunity to decide whether they would prefer to go to Jackson-Reed Highschool or the new Macarthur Highschool. Starting next school year, Macarthur will be the default in-boundary school unless students have a sibling at Jackson-Reed.

Participants resolved to discuss the possibility of returning to the production of print editions of the *Glover Park Gazette* at February's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 6.



The Jackson-Reed Girls Lacrosse team expresses their gratitude for the GPCA grant.



# ANC3B Meetings Report December 2023 and January 2024

Melissa Lane

## December 2023

- Captain Darren Haskis gave the police report. In the past 30 days, 17 property crimes were reported, including one felony robbery, 10 thefts, 3 thefts from auto, and 2 motor vehicle thefts. The Glover Park Market was robbed on Thanksgiving Day. MPD is investigating but does not have good video of the suspect (see January meeting report below for more details). **Addendum: MPD reports that on 1/27, they arrested the suspect responsible for multiple burglaries including those committed at Glover Park Market.**
- A vote on the development of 3300 Whitehaven was tabled in November to revise the Planned Unit Development (PUD) benefits to include support for Stoddert Elementary, as it will be the in-boundary school for residents of the new development. The project will convert an unused office building into 230+ apartments. The project is in ANC 2E but abuts ANC3B in the middle of Whitehaven Street. The group has asked for ANC3B's support. Eddie Mansius from the Grosvenor Group summarized his presentation from November. Several parents expressed concerns about the construction and the disruption to the British School located at 2001 Wisconsin Avenue, next to the building proposed for redevelopment. Mr. Mansius agreed to work more closely with the parents and the British School to minimize disruption. A motion was made to approve the PUD plan. It passed 4–1 with Commissioner Carroll voting against (Commissioner Blumenthal was unable to attend the meeting).
- DDOT plans to install three speed humps on the 4000 block of Davis Place behind Stoddert Elementary School. Commissioner Lane introduced a resolution requesting that DDOT analyze the entire two-block area surrounding Stoddert School and develop a comprehensive plan to address all safety concerns rather than focusing on a small one-block area behind the school. A motion was made to approve the resolution and it passed unanimously.

## January 2024

- Commissioner Blumenthal introduced the proposed slate of officers for 2024: Commissioner Blumenthal, Chair; Commissioner Carroll, Vice Chair; Commissioner Lavezzo, Treasurer; and Commissioner Lane, Secretary. A motion was made to approve and it passed unanimously.
- Lieutenant Paul Johnson gave the police report. In the past 30 days, the Glover Park Market at 2411 Wisconsin Avenue was robbed three times. MPD has obtained a good image of the suspect. They believe it is the same person during each robbery, and they know who he is. Commander Savoy, the new Commander of the Second District, added that MPD is working with the owners of the Glover Park Market to make their business more secure. She believes they will be able to close the case soon. Other crimes during the 30-day period include 1 Assault with a Deadly Weapon (between two friends), 3 thefts from auto, and 6 thefts. Four of the thefts were at CVS at 2226 Wisconsin Avenue.
- The agenda item regarding the review of the application for historic status for the Colonnade at 2801 New Mexico Avenue, which was opposed by most residents and not approved by the condominium's board was rendered moot. Carolyn Brown, counsel for the Historic Preservation Task Force of the Colonnade, announced that an agreement had been reached between the parties and the application for historic status had been withdrawn.
- A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve funding to upgrade the Glover Park History website, which is hosted by ANC3B.

**Next ANC3B Meeting; February 8, 7 p.m. Via Zoom**



## The Glover Park Archaeological Museum\*

Carlton Fletcher

As shaped architectural elements of this type were left unguarded near Wisconsin Avenue during the construction of the cathedral, discovery of this block at the rear of a former group house on Tunlaw Road suggests that it was transferred from the cathedral grounds nocturnally.

\*A [virtual collection](#) of marginally significant relics of the past.



Neo-Gothic Tracery Molding,  
Indiana limestone.

## Puttering in the Garden

# Are Your Seeds Ready?

*Roger Williams and Laura Ivey*

**S**tarting with an aside, make sure you get your seed orders in early, particularly for things like spring bulbs and tubers. Sellers don't want leftovers, and the popular items will sell out while you dawdle.

Meanwhile, temperatures are plunging! Snow is going to pile up! Weather men and women across our area are threatening us with a chilly Armageddon. Yup, just the regular during these last weeks from January into February, usually the coldest of the winter. For years I have noticed that a clear sky on the Wolf Moon is likely the definition of "cold to the core," giving us the coldest nights. Why would any sane person even begin to think about gardening?

The answer: Because the seeds are thinking about it. Particularly, the seeds you may have saved can have their own built-in timers and requirements, and those that developed in temperate climates and/or are perennials will more likely be subject to these internal clocks than annuals or those from tropical climes. You tomato growers can rest easy.

### Stratification

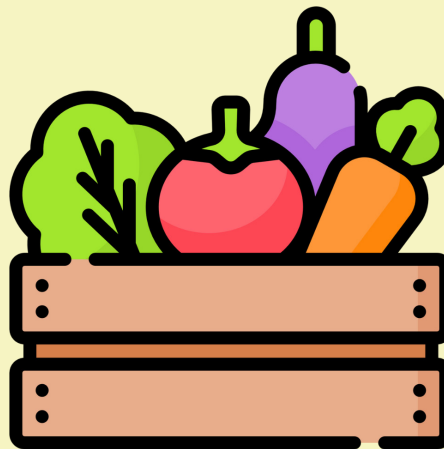
The clocks I am speaking of are the freeze-thaw cycles that some seeds require before they will break dormancy and germinate. The broad term for this cycling is "stratification," and the rhythm will vary with the seed type. If you buy your seeds from a supplier, it is likely this has been managed for you already; if you have saved seeds from your travels, you want to be aware of it.

It seems that stratification applies more to perennials than annuals, and also applies more to flowers and trees that drop their seeds later in the year. Consider: It would not be good for these delicate seeds to germinate on a warm day in October. But if you have collected seeds as your travel (and what gardener hasn't had that itch more than once), you may want to read up on the stratification needs of your seeds.

### Scarification

Another process may be helpful, especially for some thicker-hulled seeds, or seeds with rougher skins: scarification. This is the deliberate but gentle abrading of the outer coating that allows the seed to accept water more easily, thus triggering germination. Plants don't require it, but you will get a higher germination rate with lupine or milkweed, for example, if you do it.

Will non-scarified seeds germinate? Most definitely, but perhaps not this year. This could be Mother Nature's way of making sure



that some seeds survive until a better season comes along. It is also the reason that the wildflower garden you seeded a few years back has shown different plants arriving, sometimes 2–3 years after you plant.

### Frost Seeding

Lastly, for this winter note, I want to mention frost seeding. This is the process of dropping seeds onto an open field right about now, early February, when there is still some freezing to come. If the seed reaches the actual ground, it will be subject to a freeze-thaw, wet-dry cycle in the dirt that surrounds it, and slowly get incorporated into the soil to just that lovely  $\frac{1}{4}$ " depth the seed magazines ask of you but which is really hard to accomplish.

Frost seeding is not necessarily the most productive or cost-effective way of seeding, but it does get many seeds in just the right place at the right time for germination. Nature may be profligate, but you may question the cost. In any case, you can rake gently, or not; spread the seeds; or just scatter the seeds as you might your hopes. Rake again lightly if you want. Mother Nature will do the rest. She's known how and has been working on this for a while now.

And though it is still winter, the days are getting longer. St. Brigid's Day, Imbolc, or Groundhog Day, whichever you prefer, is bringing first signs of Spring. Keep an ear open for the first owls. It is a new year, happening right now. As many hymns will ask of us, "Awake!"





Glover Park Village

## Free February Events

Erin Byrne



### February

#### Artful Afternoons

**Tuesday, February 13, 1–2 p.m.**

Point Chaud, sign up link coming soon.

#### Coffee and Conversation

**Friday, February 23, 1–2 p.m.**

Point Chaud, sign up link coming soon.

#### Brain Health: Virtual Meeting on Leap Day

**Thursday, February 29, 1:00–2:30 p.m.**

Virtual, sign up link coming soon.



## A to Z

An empty page, drab  
compositions, discarded  
earlier, give off  
gloom. I abandon my search.  
If only a J,  
kingbird or horned lark would call  
me, its sound its own,  
original, might that help  
quiet my despair,  
stir me once again to start,  
turn off the T.V?  
With new songs and squawks to mix,  
yes, perhaps I'll make a buzz.

Edna Small



*For fun, this poem uses two Japanese forms: Iroha Mojigusari (lines start and end with letters in alphabetical sequence) and Choka (alternating 5 and 7 syllable lines, ends with two of equal length).*

## Guy Mason Recreation Center February Virtual and In-Person Events

*Marsha Goldberg*

### Art Class with Cynthia Lewis (in person)

**Tuesdays, February 6–March 5, 1–3 p.m.**

This hands-on art class, which has been meeting on Tuesdays in January, will continue weekly from February 6 through Tuesday, March 5. No registration is required and materials will be provided. Even if you missed the earlier sessions, please don't hesitate to join us.

### Post-Valentine's Day Treat

**Friday, February 16, 12–2 p.m. Lunch and Bingo.**

As a post Valentine's Day treat, Guy Mason is sponsoring Lunch and Bingo on Friday, February 16. Lunch is 12–1 p.m. and bingo, 1–2 p.m. Please RSVP to Marsha Goldberg at [mslonegoldberg@gmail.com](mailto:mslonegoldberg@gmail.com) or call 202-248-4254 by Tuesday, February 13.

### Guy Mason Virtual Reading Group

**Wednesday, February 21, 11a.m.–Noon**

The book for February is *Four Aunties and a Wedding* by Jesse Q. Sutanto. The aunties are back, fiercer than ever and ready to handle any catastrophe in this delightful and hilarious sequel to *Dial A For Aunties*. To join the group and receive the link to participate in the virtual meeting, please contact Wendell Kellar at [Wendell.kellar@dc.gov](mailto: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.



### Lunch and a Movie

**Friday, March 1, Noon-3 p.m. In-person at Guy Mason**

As February is a short month, this event will be in March (there will be another movie at the end of March). The movie is *Good Will Hunting*, starring Robin Williams and Matt Damon. This Academy Award winning film tells the story of a brilliant working-class kid, Will Hunting, who is failing in the lessons of life. After one too many run-ins with the law, Will's last chance is a psychology professor who may be the only one who can reach him. Lunch begins at noon, and the film starts at 1p.m. Closed caption will be available. If you would like to join us, please RSVP by February 27 to Marsha Goldberg at [mslonegoldberg@gmail.com](mailto:mslonegoldberg@gmail.com) or call Guy Mason at 202-727-7527.





## Real Estate Watch

# How 2023 Shaped Up for Home Buyers

**Maggie Simpson**

2023 was a challenging year for real estate—high mortgage rates, a very low supply of homes for sale, and a strong jobs market that buoyed demand. Here in DC that meant fewer home sales but higher prices. How did it shake out for buyers across the country? According to a report by Clever Real Estate:

- Although competition has eased nationwide [due to increased mortgage interest rates] a surprising 38% of home buyers still paid more than the asking price for a home in 2023.
- Nearly 2 in 3 recent buyers (61%) said searching for a home took longer than expected. Three-fourths of buyers (76%) searched for at least one month, while nearly half (47%) looked for at least three months. While house hunting, 95% of Americans made more than one offer.
- Homes are out of reach for many Americans because home prices have risen more than two times faster than income since 2000. Since then, home values have soared 162%, while income has increased only 78%. To afford a home today, Americans need an average income of roughly \$166,600, but the median household income is just \$74,580.
- The average house-price-to-income ratio is 5.8, more than double the 2.6 experts recommend. None of the 50 most-populous metros have a home-price-to-income ratio equal to or below the recommended 2.6.
- About 83% of non-homeowners want to buy a house but can't because: they don't have enough for a down payment (53%), homes

near them are too expensive (43%), and interest rates are too high (36%).

*[Note that, while mortgage lenders recommend putting down 20% on a home, it is not a requirement. Still, a majority of Americans continue to believe it's a limiting factor in their ability to buy a home.]*

One of the most striking findings of the report is that just 14% of Americans know the true cost of homeownership. About 1 in 4 Americans expect to pay less than \$5,000 in additional costs every year—but, actually, the average homeowner spends three times as much and devotes about 17 hours/month to repairs and improvements.

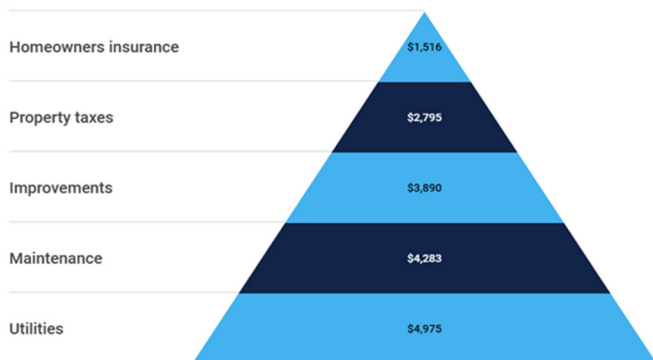
Not surprisingly, looking back, most homeowners say they would have done things differently had they realized the true cost of owning a home:

- 42% would have purchased a home that requires less maintenance.
- 33% would have negotiated a better price or contingencies on their home.
- 29% would have purchased a less expensive home.

Despite all this, Americans remain enthusiastic about real estate. Nearly a quarter of millennials and those in GenZ say that buying a home is a goal in 2024!

For the full report, see *Real Estate Facts 2024: Housing Market Statistics and Survey Research*, <https://listwithclever.com/research/>

**Average Annual Cost of Home Ownership in Addition to a Mortgage in 2023: \$17,459**



Source: <https://infogram.com/copy-1-pyramid-cost-1h0n25y53n07z6p>

### Glover Park Sales of Single-Family Homes

| Address               | Sold Price  | Date     |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------|
| 2459 Tunlaw Rd NW     | \$1,259,000 | 12/06/23 |
| 2317 37th St NW       | \$1,390,000 | 12/15/23 |
| 2311 Huidekoper PI NW | \$1,170,000 | 01/16/24 |

# Friends of Guy Mason Unveil Exciting 2024 Plans

*Jeffrey D. Russell*

As we look forward to 2024, the Friends of Guy Mason Recreational Center is gearing up for a year filled with community engagement, fun-filled activities, and dedicated efforts to maintain and enhance our beloved neighborhood park. With a rich history of community involvement and a commitment to preserving the natural beauty of Glover Park, The Friends of Guy Mason have outlined an ambitious and exciting agenda for the upcoming year:

## Glover Park Day Extravaganza

One of the most anticipated events on the community calendar, Glover Park Day will make its grand return on June 1, 2024. The Glover Park Citizens' Association, partnering with The Friends of Guy Mason, is diligently planning a spectacular celebration filled with live music, local artisan vendors, delicious food from neighborhood restaurants, and engaging activities for neighbors of all ages. Glover Park Day is always a celebration of our vibrant community and an opportunity for residents to come together and revel in the spirit of Glover Park in spring.

## Family-Friendly Events

As Valentine's Day approaches, we will stage a "Cards and Cookies" event for kids to show their creativity as they apply their own artistic decorations to Valentine's cards and cookies. For a fun summer ritual for kids and adults alike, we are planning an "Ice Cream Social." A favorite of the Dog Run users, "Howl-O-Ween," will be back again this year with the community pups dressed up in their finest costumes.

## Movie Nights Under the Stars

The Friends of Guy Mason plans to continue a series of captivating outdoor screenings for families and friends to enjoy. Nestled within the park's lush, these movie nights offer a perfect opportunity for the community to gather, unwind, and partake in the simple pleasure of watching classic films under the starlit sky.

## Park Clean-up Initiatives

Recognizing the importance of preserving the natural beauty of Guy Mason Recreation Center, The Friends are continuing their

commitment to maintaining a clean and inviting park environment. Scheduled clean-up days will provide an opportunity for residents to come together and actively participate in the preservation of our communal green space. These efforts aim to ensure that Guy Mason remains a pristine and welcoming haven for all who visit.

## Continued Grounds Maintenance

In addition to periodic clean-up events, the Friends of Guy Mason are dedicated to the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the park's grounds. From landscaping projects to the upkeep of recreational facilities, our efforts will be focused on ensuring that Guy Mason remains a premier destination for outdoor leisure and relaxation. Our "Fragrance Garden", the labor of love for long-time board member, Milton Grossman, is a delight to the senses when in bloom. We are looking for volunteers, with and without green thumbs, to help maintain this botanical gift so that it keeps on giving.

The Friends of Guy Mason's ambitious plans for 2024 underscore our unwavering dedication to fostering a strong sense of community and preserving the natural charm of Glover Park. Through a diverse array of events and initiatives, we are poised to invigorate our neighborhood with an abundance of opportunities for camaraderie, recreation, and the appreciation of our local environment.

As we eagerly anticipate the unfolding of these plans, it's clear that the Friends of Guy Mason are steadfast in our mission to cultivate a vibrant and thriving community within Glover Park. With our unwavering commitment and the enthusiastic support of our neighbors, 2024 is set to be a year filled with memorable experiences and a deepened sense of pride in our remarkable neighborhood.

The Friends of Guy Mason, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit. We give our time and money to sponsor all these events. However, there are still costs. The scope of what we do is entirely dependent upon financial contributions from neighbors like you. So please give in any amount you can afford. To Donate, visit [www.Friendsofguymason.org](http://www.Friendsofguymason.org). We would love to hear from you. [Friendsofguymason2022@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofguymason2022@gmail.com).

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## Glover Park Dining Guide!

# Cozy Up in a Glover Park Eatery

Glover Park's mainstreet corridor offers a wide variety of shops and restaurants to enjoy. Forget the traffic, parking hassles or extra cost of a car service and enjoy a walk over to dine-in at one of our many local establishments. Ordering in or for pick-up on busy weeknights is also a benefit of living close by.

Looking for entertainment or a special date night? 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 the gift cards! Many local businesses offer gift cards, printed or virtual. They are perfect for anyone on your gift list.



**Aladdin House of Kabob & Gyros**  
[aladdinhousedc.com](http://aladdinhousedc.com)  
 (202) 944-3933

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## Glover Park Village Green

# Consider 3 Local DC Climate Change Groups

*Holly Pollinger*

As you look ahead into 2024, you might be thinking about what you can do about climate change. You might be thinking that you can't do anything—you're just one person after all and you *do* recycle. But if you are leaning toward doing a little more for your Glover Park neighborhood, for your city, or for the world, you might want to consider lending your support to one of these three national organizations: Sierra Club, Climate Reality Project, The Third Act.

They all have local chapters and like-minded volunteer—i.e., people who are busy but have carved out a few hours a week to help. Volunteers, like you, attend monthly planning meetings guided by knowledgeable leaders, then decide what topic seems compelling and what participation level seems possible.

For the DC Chapter of the [Sierra Club](#), for example, I am on the Energy Committee and one of the campaigns is to get electric vehicle chargers installed around the city. A bill is awaiting action by D.C. Councilmembers to plan and fund this effort, so I wrote a paragraph, with the help of Sierra Club experts, and sent it to the address I was given. I even mustered up my courage and read it out loud to the committee during testimony time. I also handed out flyers at an event downtown in support of electrifying our transportation system. Time spent was probably 12 hours total over two months.

[The Climate Reality](#) project, started by former Vice-President Al

Gore several years ago, and is now worldwide. Its focus is on training a Climate Reality Leadership Corps to help encourage climate change fighters in their hometowns to put on events, give talks and ask people to support environment issues of all kinds. The training is fascinating and is given on Zoom and through short online classes. It is open to all and free. The DC Chapter is growing and right now is focused on supporting the [Beyond Gas](#) campaign to help homeowners transition from gas stoves and furnaces to electric stoves and heat pumps. The cost of doing this is quite substantially underwritten by the federal government's Inflation Reduction Act.

[The Third Act](#) is of particular interest to us at [Glover Park Village Green](#) as it is made up of neighbors who are 60 or older. Its website starts out: "Old cannot mean complacent! Our children and grandchildren need our help and our energy, know-how and political clout. ...!" Celebrated activist, Bill McKibben, leads the charge and has helped build this D.C. group, which last year staged the "Rocking Chair Rebellion" in downtown D.C.—protesting against the big banks that underwrite fossil fuels. Nonviolence and civil disobedience in the style of Thoreau, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King, Jr. are the hallmarks of this group determined to move people to action.

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| List price breaks        | Properties sold |      | Average sales price |         | Change in sales price |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|
|                          | 2022            | 2023 | 2022                | 2023    |                       |
| ▲ \$1.5M                 | 9               | 3    | \$1.72M             | \$1.58M | -8%                   |
| ▲ \$1M                   | 17              | 13   | \$1.27M             | \$1.30M | +2.4%                 |
| ▼                        | -               | 3    | -                   | \$976K  | -                     |
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