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Remembering Mark McCants

A Glover Park Neighbor, Educator and Mentor to Many

Lisa McCluskey

During the recent school break we learned of the sudden passing of our colleague Mark McCants. Our hearts are heavy and there is much healing to do, but our community has many wonderful memories.

Mark was an extraordinarily passionate early childhood education teacher, having taught Kindergarten and, most recently, 1st grade at Stoddert. Mark's smile, laughter, light, and energy were infectious. He knew no strangers and was loved by everyone whose lives he touched.

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Mark had a desire to teach children from all walks of life, and found that Washington, DC, was just the place to do that. Mark was a highly regarded teacher at Stoddert, where staff, parents, co-workers, and students benefited from his authentic teaching methods. There was always music playing in his classroom as his students entered the door to begin their day. He greeted each one, by name as they entered and always referred to them as his "smarties." And, as he was known to say, "Once a smartie, always a smartie."

During the pandemic he taped many good morning video messages for all students. His welcome to the online school day was a must for so many households—a much needed bond during this time. He made sure to include encouragement and uplifting music so that each child felt the Stoddert love.

Mark was a coach and Athletic Director for many years at Stoddert, a cherished role that kept him close to the students in higher grades and fellow staff members. One of the last times I spoke with him, I remarked on a conversation that I overheard him having with some players during half-time at their basketball game. They were down by many points, but he made sure that they knew that he believed in them and that they should all keep working hard and be proud. I wanted him to know that I had heard him, and that I knew what it meant to the kids to have his unbending support no matter what—win or lose. During the summer he carried his love of sports to work for the Kids Elite Sports Camp in DC. He was always busy.

Mark filled many roles and had a deep love for his extended family. To complete all the roles in his life, he added becoming a husband to Tara and stepdad to Bentley on March 2, 2021 with his final and greatest role of becoming a Dad on March 12, 2021, with the birth of his son, Trae Lamb McCants.



Mark McCants
1984–2023.

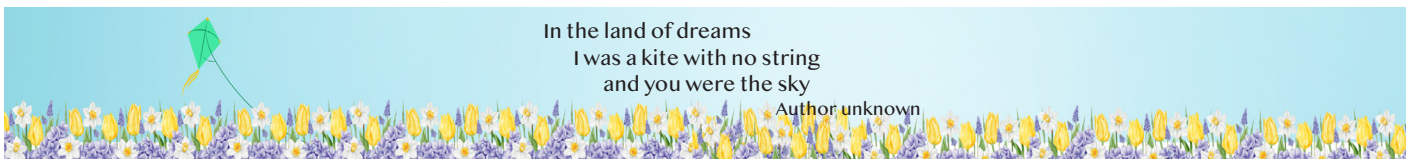


Players wore special decals at a recent game to honor Mr. McCants.

"Mark was such a confident person, just to start off. The energy he provided each and every day was not only consistent but also so positive and infectious. He was the Obi-wan to my Anakin—he was a guide, and an example more importantly. Working with him was captivating and made my day each time I was in the classroom. He treated those around him, especially the kids, as family and he was so intentional about it too! That will be one of the things I will take that he has taught me."

Jamie Elliot, Stoddert Teacher

Mark was laid to rest on March 3, 2023, in Ohio. School-wide remembrances are ongoing with a special ceremony planned for students and staff later in March. Students have created special artwork in his honor using kites that are displayed throughout the school. Friends have set up a [Go Fund Me page](#) for the family.



In the land of dreams
I was a kite with no string
and you were the sky

Author unknown



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President's Report

Best of Glover Park

Lisa McCluskey

Do you have a favorite restaurant or business in Glover Park?

Let's have some fun and support local businesses. In March, we are launching our Best of Glover Park nominations and poll! Categories will include, Food and Drink, Goods and Services, People and Places. Winners will receive a special decal to display and bragging rights! If you would like to volunteer for this endeavor, reach out to me at president@gpcadc.org.

Please mark your calendar for our in-person meeting this Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in Stoddert's cafeteria. We will start our meeting with light refreshments and a chance to mingle. Please note that only the



front entrance of the building must be used at this time and the elevator is not accessible. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

Glover Park Citizens' Association

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 7 p.m.

Stoddert Elementary

Agenda

Police Report

Bench, plaques and call boxes

Treasurer's Report

Membership Report

Secretary's Report

Guy Mason Report

New Business

For updates, check www.gpcadc.org & Glover Park list serv (<https://groups.io/g/GloverPark>)

Volunteer for Glover Park Day!



We are currently seeking new committee members. If you would like to join us, please email gloverparkday@gpcadc.org to add your name to our mailing list and to receive weekly updates.



Glover Park Day is being held Saturday, June 3. There is lots to be done before and during the big day. We will be meeting on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Guy Mason Recreation Center (3600 Calvert Street, NW) on March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, May 6, May 13, May 20, and May 27. We will also meet on Thursday, June 1, from 5 to 8 p.m.



GPCA February 2023 Meeting Minutes

Alicia Allison

President Lisa McCluskey opened the February 7, 2023, meeting of the Glover Park Citizens' Association (GPCA) at 7 p.m., urging all to read the latest *Gazette* and calling attention to and thanking all the contributors and volunteers who work on the newsletter. She then turned to Lt. Johnson of the Metropolitan Police Second District (MPD2) for the crime report.

Police Report

Lt. Johnson noted 10 total crimes, including one violent crime, a robbery, on February 5 at 5 p.m. near the intersection of Beecher and 42nd Streets. NW. Three teenagers robbed a person of personal property. In addition, there were three thefts from autos. He mentioned that in one instance tools were stolen from a truck, but added that this month, none of the incidents involved car part thefts. There were six additional thefts (no further information) for a total of 10 crimes.

He mentioned that MPD2 would take part in a walk February 8 with neighborhood members and officials from the District Department of Transportation to assess lighting in the neighborhood as it relates to crime and crime prevention. Neighborhood participants expressed concern about light pollution, hoping that any changes would take into account research on that topic. One participant noted that one area of particular concern was the dark corridor up 37th Street, NW, toward Benton Street, NW. It provides a dark egress for any would-be thieves. Lisa McCluskey noted that planning for the Stoddert addition will provide an opportunity to examine lighting around the school, and she thanked Lt. Johnson for looking into the lighting issue in the context of the broader neighborhood together with community members.

Repair, Reinstallation of Bench and Call Box

Jarrett Ferrier raised a recent incident in which a car lost control and went up on a Calvert Street, NW, curb near 37th Street NW, resulting in damage to a restored and decorated call box and bench, both of which had been the product of GPCA work and contributions. He was interested in receiving a police report on the incident in a quest to seek funding to repair and re-install those items. Lt. Johnson advised him to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in order to get a copy of the report. In the meantime, the GPCA member made a motion for GPCA to provide \$368.50 to repair and re-install the bench; the motion was seconded and the members in attendance at the next meeting will vote on the matter.

The conversation about next steps continued after Lt. Johnson concluded his report. Ferrier, who wrote an article in last month's *Gazette* about the incident and the GPCA's history with the benches and callboxes, shared that he had salvaged the two pieces and currently has them in his possession.

Participants agreed we will need to research the cost of getting the call box back up before moving forward on that project. In addition, the plaques on the benches are in bad shape, due to exposure to the elements, and new stainless-steel plaques for all the benches in the neighborhood would cost approximately \$465.60. Participants discussed doing a walk around to see if all the plaques or just some needed repair and whether or not we could secure an additional discount from the vendor given that they did not hold up very well.

Separate, but related, Ferrier reported that he had replaced all the signs at the neighborhood entrances as the GPCA had voted to do. Aside from one that needs more work, they are looking good. GPCA had agreed to maintain the areas around the signs when the DC government allowed them to go up, so that is an ongoing project, aided by

additional partners in the neighborhood

Treasurer's Report

GPCA Treasurer Maggie Smith presented a balance statement showing that current assets had increased by about \$500 over the month, mostly due to *Gazette* advertising, to a total of \$17,158 as of January 31, 2023.

Mayor's Office for Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)

Matthew Barclay, the Mayor's liaison for Glover Park and other Ward 3 neighborhoods, introduced himself to the group and expressed interest in being invited to all the activities the GPCA organizes. He explained the office's mission as trying to help neighbors, residents, and businesses navigate bureaucratic hurdles in the city government. The MOCRS team has been on the scene during critical events and has also been doing "sweeps" looking for 311 requests that could be submitted to make improvements. He noted three budget engagements coming up February 8–11. On February 13, the city will open The Ethel, 1900 C Street NE, in honor of Ethel Kennedy.

He also mentioned that leaf services had been extended through February 11, and the city is currently working on Zone B. He added that Christmas tree pick-ups are extended as well. One resident noted that she had just put her tree out and called 311, and it was quickly picked up. On leaf sweeping, a participant suggested that the city notify in advance via signage what areas they would visit and when. Currently parked cars interfere with thorough sweeping, but he was sure that residents would try to facilitate and leave areas vacant if given notice. The city had done some good work, he concluded, but debris in parking lanes remained a problem.

The GPCA President asked him to walk us through the various Ward 3 projects in the budget, mentioning the Stoddert addition, the new school on Macarthur Boulevard NW, and any Department of Parks and Recreation plans. Barclay emphasized that the budget for FY24 was still in process and that was precisely why the city was seeking public input through the upcoming forums. He said he would look into any new information he could find regarding the specific projects mentioned. The GPCA President also asked for his help in identifying a speaker on the city's anti-bias and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, adding that we'd identified a speaker for last month's meeting who had to back out at the last minute. Finally, one participant asked Barclay to look into the number of low-hanging wires around the neighborhood, many of which he surmised were antiquated and obsolete, having been replaced but not removed. Barclay was interested in the idea, and for his part added he was also interested in how the city could move some lines underground.

Councilmember Frumin's Office

Elias Benda, Legislative Assistant for Councilmember Frumin, also participated in the meeting and provided his contact information for the community (EBenda@dccouncil.gov). He is following the budget closely, and stated that for the Stoddert addition project, the final layout is still being worked on. [Note: For more information, see links provided in last month's January *Gazette*.] Benda said the Councilmember will advocate for an increased number of classrooms and that he had received a lot of good community input on the project from a call just prior to the GPCA meeting. He added that MOCRS did a good job flagging neighborhood needs for government agencies, but he also recommended double-tracking requests through constituent

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ANC3B News

February 2023 Meeting Highlights

Melissa Lane

- Lt. Johnson gave details of a robbery at 42nd and Beecher Street on Sunday, February 5. The victim, a 14-year-old male, was robbed of personal property by three other juveniles. Asked if a gun was involved, the Lieutenant said that the victim could only say that he felt something “hard.” In addition to this offense, there were nine thefts and seven thefts from auto in the past 30 days.

- Commissioner Blumenthal described the settlement agreement with Good Guys. The agreement, which strengthens security and noise control measures, was approved by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Security will be enhanced in response to recent gun incidents inside Good Guys. ABRA will also make its own upgraded security requirements. Residents who live closest to Good Guys are not protected by noise ordinances pertaining to ABRA-licensed establishments because they live in a mixed-use zone (MU-27). The Settlement Agreement protects their interests in peace, order and quiet with a provision stating that no noise from inside Good Guys shall be heard beyond the immediate vicinity of Good Guys’ front door. This Agreement is enforceable by ABRA and violations can result in sanctions and/or fines. Residents who are disturbed by noise beyond that perimeter can call either Manager Mike Aloupis (301-641-3344), Manager Jenna Gross (610-730-5453), Owner Mahesh Patel (304-731-5859) or the ABRA Complaint Line (202-329-6347) 7 p.m.– 4 a.m.

- The Commission unanimously approved a letter to Councilmember Frumin that calls for public bus transportation to the new high school on MacArthur Boulevard. The high school opens next school year (August 2023) and will be the designated public high school for Glover Park students. Currently there is no public transportation with a reasonable travel time available for most of the boundary area assigned to the new high school.

- Commissioner Howie gave a report on the status of the plans for Stoddert School expansion and the status of the boundary issues, DCPS’s initial plan called for a new cafeteria and four classrooms to be added to the east side of the school (the side facing the field). Problems have been raised with that plan, including having a cafeteria far from the main classroom areas, potential damage to the heritage tree between the athletic field and the school, and loss of athletic space on the field. DCPS will re-consider the plan and look at the option of at least putting the cafeteria on the west side of the school. Per the

boundary issues, DCPS will not make any decisions until the Foxhall Elementary School is built.

- Commissioner Blumenthal gave an update on the neighborhood walkthrough on February 8 to assess dark areas identified by residents. It included representatives from ANC 3B, 2nd District MPD, and DDOT. In general, the neighborhood is well lit, but there are problems areas including 37th Street and Tunlaw Road where the lights are high, and the light distribution is uneven. Dark areas also include Benton between Huidekoper and 39th and along the park-side of 42nd Street. The National Park Service is reluctant to add lights along the park because of the potential damage to plants and wildlife. Commissioner Howie mentioned the DC program that offers rebates for installation of outside cameras for homeowners that are registered with the MPD. The link to the program is <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/page/private-security-camera-rebate-program>

- Sophie Cohen, Constituent Liaison in the Office of Congresswomen Eleanor Holmes Norton, gave a presentation on the services available from their office. They are able to help with an issue involving a federal agency. Walk-in hours are 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or inquiries can be submitted online at <https://digitalprf.house.gov/AddressAuthentication?id=DC00> or constituents may call the office at 202-408-9041.

- Belinda Perry from the Office of Campaign Finance shared information about both traditional and public financing Fair Elections programs. Public financing is funded by DC residents only. It allows candidates more time to meet directly with constituents without the burden of fundraising. In the 2020 campaigns in DC, 31 candidates used the fair elections program in the primaries and 11 in the general election.

- Janelle Williams from the Department of Buildings gave an overview of the office services. DCDOB used to be part of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs until October 2022 when it was split into two departments: the Department of Buildings and the Department of Licensing. DCDOB handles permitting and vacant and blighted buildings as their main focus. The Department of Licensing will present its services to the ANC in April.

GPCA MARCH MEETING

Join us Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m.
In person at Stoddert Elementary



Guy Mason Recreation Center

3600 Calvert Street, NW — 202-727-7527



March

Free Virtual & In-Person Events

Marsha Goldberg

Guy Mason Virtual Reading Group

Wednesday, March 15, 11 a.m.–noon

This month we are reading *Cold Comfort Farm* by British novelist Stella Gibbons. The story concerns Flora Poste, a London woman who loses her parents at the age of 19 and decides to live with some of her country relatives until she marries. She chooses a family of Sussex farming cousins, the Starkadders, and resolves to tidy up their lives for them. The book, written in 1932, is a hilarious and merciless parody of rural melodramas. To join the group and receive the link to participate in 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 Library.



Lunch and a Movie Returns!

Friday, March 31, 12 noon–2:30 p.m. in person at Guy Mason

Please join us for a light lunch and a film. This month we are showing *Cold Comfort Farm*, starring Kate Beckinsale, Ian McKellen and Rufus Sewell, directed by John Schlesinger. An adaptation of the satirical British novel. Flora Poste, a London society girl, finds a new home with some rough relatives, the Starkadders, of *Cold Comfort Farm*. With a take-charge attitude, Flora changes the Starkadders' lives forever when she settles into their rustic estate.



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service requests to Councilmember Frumin's office—where possible, with existing work-order numbers. In response to a comment stressing the need to ensure the upkeep of buildings we already have, including keeping Stoddert, Guy Mason, and related fields open for public use, Benda said Frumin is committed to having recreational space open to the public.

Approval of the November Minutes

The GPCA Secretary then asked for a motion to approve the January minutes; the motion was passed unanimously.

GPCA Membership

Allen Tomlinson provided the latest membership count, noting 224 members across 141 households as of January 31, but had received six renewals in recent days so the number was at least 230 now. The GPCA President suggested we look at information about recently sold properties and send some new neighbor outreach information.

Guy Mason Updates

Marsha Goldberg shared Guy Mason updates with the group, flagging cancellation of a February 10 Valentine's Day event that would have to be rescheduled; she said

that notices would be sent out via other channels, as well. She highlighted the reading group, still meeting virtually, was reading *Love Songs of W.E.B. DuBois*, by Honoree Fanzine Jeffers. The next lunch and movie date (February 24) may be used to reschedule the February 10 event, in which case the movie will be moved to March.

Meeting Adjournment

Participants were asked to send in ideas for speakers and for *Gazette* articles. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. At its peak, 26 participants were in attendance, including our guest speakers.

Lucky You

Glover Park: “Neighborhood in the Woods”

Jack Everett

Glover Park has a lucky situation. It is nestled in a horseshoe of wooded Glover Archbold Park and Whitehaven Parkway. Tunlaw and 37th Street bridge the gap between the horseshoe of woods. Lucky us again, there is no through street in our neighborhood, providing us a measure of seclusion. Hidden away as we are, I once had a guest, a long-time resident of Washington, say, “I thought I knew this town, but I was totally unaware of this entire neighborhood.”

Whitehaven Parkway forms the southern wooded border of our neighborhood and is in two parts. The small section is south of Holy Rood Cemetery between Wisconsin Avenue and 37th Street. The larger section is to the west of 37th below W Street, to about where the fence along the Hillandale neighborhood turns south towards Reservoir Road. Whitehaven Parkway belongs to the city of Washington, DC, but is maintained by the National Park Service. Beyond that to the west, all the wooded part between New Mexico south to Reservoir Road is our section of Glover Archbold Park. All 183 acres of Glover Archbold Park is part of the Rock Creek Park system. Because we have this unique situation of being partly surrounded by woods, some woodland birds find it easy to venture into our little neighborhood and so, too, do some woodland critters. For example, we have a resident pair of barred owls and on occasion, even during the day, you can hear them hoot. Of course, we have some urban birds here, too, such as house sparrows.

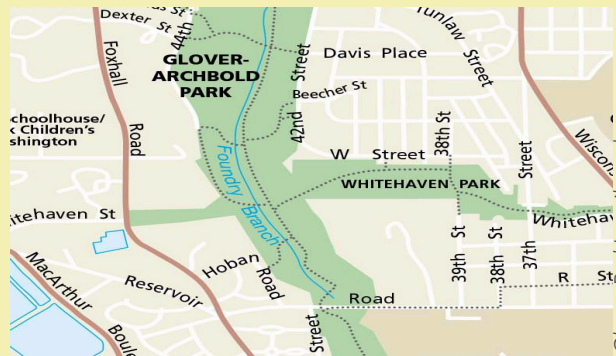
Foundry Branch Stream & Trail

By the way, the Foundry Branch stream—so named due to a long-gone cannonball foundry once along the Potomac near where the stream used to enter the river—runs north to south the entire length of Glover Archbold Park. It begins more than a half mile above our section of the park, just south of Van Ness Street west of Wisconsin Avenue. It is broken to the south by Massachusetts and Cathedral Avenues above our section and by Reservoir Road below our section and continues below Canal Road to the Potomac River. The Foundry Branch trail runs the entire length of the park (2.5 miles of trail) parallel to the sometimes dried up Foundry Branch stream, though you have four roads to cross to get to Canal Road. At the trail's end at Canal Road and off to your left is a tunnel that you can walk through to get to the towpath between the C&O Canal and the Potomac River. Think of it this way: You could walk from Glover Park through the woods, cross just one road, and walk all the way to the Appalachian Trail!

Our portion of Foundry Branch stream runs west of and parallel to 42nd Street in Glover Park. Along the east side of the stream is the Foundry Branch trail. Occasionally along the way you may see an exposed sewage pipe that parallels the stream and path. The Whitehaven trail runs east to west from Wisconsin Avenue and terminates at the Foundry Branch trail. Both trails are maintained by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club in cooperation with the National Park Service. The Foundry Branch stream enters our section just below New Mexico from a pipe and pools there before it continues to flow south near to Reservoir Road. Sometimes the pool's water near the pipe is orange or white from some sort of pollution that so far has not been thoroughly addressed. Even though it flows in the northern part of the Glover Archbold Park section, it often dries out before



Foundry Branch Stream.



Glover Park's trails and stream map, courtesy of the National Park Service.

reaching Reservoir Road, meaning the Foundry Branch stream exists interrupted.

As it flows south, several creeks from the west feed the stream cleaner water as I believe a storm drain just south of the garden on 39th does as well. Our section actually has some life in it. There are frogs and tadpoles and water striders. Occasionally I have seen the rare pair of mallard ducks. Halfway to Reservoir Road there is a dam, below which is a pool used often by our water loving canine friends. Last summer some children were in the pool and I explained to the two adults on that occasion that the water was probably polluted and unsafe for swimming. Just before Reservoir Road there is a drain that may take whatever water reaches it to the Potomac. Above the drain is the foundation of what looks like an old bridge of red sandstone covered now by fill. Above that is Reservoir Road which, on the Georgetown side of the road, shows very little evidence of the former stream.

Wesley Heights & Whitehaven Trails

Near the garden on the north end of our portion of the park, the Wesley Heights Trail heads west crossing 44th, continues to Foxhall Road and on to 49th Street and into Battery Kimble Park. From there you can take a six mile or so circular hike by heading south in Battery Kimble, crossing McArthur Boulevard and continuing south toward Canal Road and here it gets a bit tricky. To get across Canal Road you have to take a steep path on the opposite side of the stream to the abandoned light rail bed. You can see where it comes out the next time you drive down Reservoir to take Canal Road toward Chain Bridge. The open area will be visible on your

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Creating & Sustaining an Official Dog Park

R.A. Slepoy

Guy Mason Field, established as a beautiful green space in the 1950s, had fallen into disrepair by the early 2000s. The partially enclosed field had become overgrown with weeds and was mainly used by locals as a romping ground for their dogs.

Efforts to improve conditions on the field gained momentum in 2003 when Georgetown University formed a coalition with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation and Who's on Deck, a nonprofit organization dedicated to youth baseball. The organizations entered a three-year agreement to renovate the field to serve as a home for Georgetown University women's softball team.

The project entailed significant improvements to meet NCAA requirements, including replacing the old fence and playing surface. In addition, the outfield fence created a new boundary that expanded the adjacent "unofficial dog park" to 12,000 square feet. Locals used this space as a dog run, but some began to time their dog park visits to coincide with the softball games. This brought more attention to the dog park, making it a popular destination for people who loved dogs and baseball.

Among those using this "unofficial dog park" was Adriana Cordera, a local graphic artist. After moving to Glover Park, she adopted Nemo from the Humane Rescue Alliance and appreciated the importance of dog play for her puppy's social and physical development. Visiting the park became a part of their routine. Then, in early 2012, she met Amanda MacKaye—a trailblazer and a dog park activist, among other roles—at the dog park. Their alchemy ultimately had a transformative impact on the dog park community, culminating in the creation of an official dog park.

DOGMA's Role

Creating an official dog park required evidence of neighborhood support and establishing rules that would govern the park and make it easier to enforce these rules for the safety of humans and animals alike. The two women, joined by several neighbors, formed the Dogs of Guy Mason Alliance (DOGMA) and began collecting signatures. They presented their proposal and draft rules before the ANC. Once approved, work on updating the area along the adjacent Guy Mason parking lot began in the late fall of 2012.

In January 2013, Guy Mason Dog Park opened for business with a taller fence, a water fountain, two poop bag dispensers, two trash-

cans, and two plastic-coated metal benches in addition to the teak benches already in place, as well as a bulletin board at the entrance. In 2018, the Friends of Guy Mason added two gazebos for shade and installed a French Drain to deal with standing water after rainfalls.

Adriana said that the official dog park brought the community together, noting that "patrons of the park went above and beyond to maintain the park and even use their own money for improvements. We met a lot of cool people there. Some we saw only once, and some were regulars. The dog park attracted quite a variety of users from neighbors to parents of kids attending university, to well-known journalists to professional dog walkers." Nemo enjoyed many happy years at the park too, before passing away in 2021. Though Adriana hasn't yet adopted another dog, she stops by to drop off bags for doggie cleanup and to chat with the people she has met over the years.

"Lifeguard" on duty

Even before the park became an official dog park, though, there were rising concerns about individuals who did not pick up after their dogs and, on occasion, about aggressive behavior among humans and animals, and dog walkers letting their dogs run willy-nilly but in the park.

Nature abhors a vacuum. People wanted the dog park, and there was no dearth of good theories on how to make it work, but putting theory into practice required an individual with special powers. Enter Jeanne Dushel. She was a natural to fill the leadership void once the park's rules were in place. As the unofficial mayor and dog whisperer of the Guy Mason Dog Park, Jeanne freely shares her many years of experience observing and handling different breeds of dogs.

Jeanne started as a pet sitter and noticed that problematic behavior, such as destructive chewing, excessive barking, and certain types of anxiety, diminished after dogs were given social playtime. She believes many undesirable behaviors are due to the dogs being isolated and not having an opportunity to learn social skills. When dogs are encouraged to socialize in good and appropriate measure, they become better citizens and understand and adopt good canine behavior from better-behaved peers. They learn self-moderation and fair play. They learn how to mouth wrestle without inflicting injury, and bigger dogs learn to adjust their bite to avoid injuring their playmates.



Early days of Guy Mason Dog Park.



Jeanne Dushel.

Jeanne also understands pack mentality, a canine characteristic that most dog owners don't witness until their dogs join a group of other dogs. On occasion, when chaos threatens to erupt, Jeanne acts as a social worker and moderator to bring things back to a peaceful equilibrium. This requires effort and cooperation from all parties and a willingness to listen and respect the needs and perspectives of others.

When there's a leader in the park, people tend to pick up after their dogs; squabbles are settled before they become feuds, and an atmosphere of community prevails. Jeanne is

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Retrieval



Ten years ago she died. This morning
I could not recall her name, no matter
how hard I tried. It was lost somewhere
inside the labyrinth of my brain.
I could recall long lunches, bunches
of flowers she brought, books we bought
to share, times we spent at beaches.
For hours, today, I sought her hidden name.
Later, unbidden, it came to me, clear
and calm and confident, Pat. I welcomed
her with joy, and a hint of dread. Not of the dead,
but sensing I could lose my past, bit by bit.
I recited, from memory, Spring and Fall,
a poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins,
stumbling only where I always have.

Edna Small



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gifted with the innate ability to be aware, attentive, and focused on the present moment. Some people are naturally inclined toward mindfulness; others may need to cultivate it through intentional practice. Jeanne is mindful, though she confesses she does not meditate.

She oversees a park that values orderliness. She also replenishes wood chips; refills containers with small bags; picks up unclaimed dog poop; fixes broken things and takes on many other tasks too numerous to list. Jeanne is typically at the park 12:30 to 5 p.m., five days a week and sometimes on the weekend when supplies are needed. She is also a Board Member of the Friends of Guy Mason and attends all their meetings.



The National Cherry Blossom Festival invites Washington, DC area residents to spring on the creativity and register now to decorate their homes for spring in all things pink and blossoms with Petal Porches.

How does it work?

Registration is FREE. All registered participants will receive a downloadable sign to print and include in your display. Once registered, you will be added to the official Petal Porches Map.

Make sure to register before March 13 to get a FREE Official National Cherry Blossom Festival Petal Porches yard sign!

[Register Now!](#)



Spring Forward March 12,
Set your clock forward one hour

Real Estate Watch

Home Owners Insurance—Are You Covered

Maggie Simpson

When you purchase a home, one of the many tasks required is setting up a homeowner insurance policy (also known as hazard insurance). Many times, homebuyers already have a car insurance policy or renter insurance and end up getting their new homeowner policy through the same provider of insurance. That can mean not shopping around very much for the best coverage or the best price. That's true, also, of those who have owned a home for many years without regularly checking to make sure that their homeowner insurance is the best match to their needs and budget. Shopping around can be time consuming but it's important and it's something you should never stop doing, whether you just bought your first home or have been paying your mortgage for decades. Here are some key considerations:

Review Your Current Policy. When you compare your current policy and its price to those offered by other insurance companies, you need to know what your current terms are, both so you can compare apples-to-apples and because your needs may have changed over the years. Renewal terms and premiums can change every year and the limits of the policy may adjust also. So, pull out the most up-to-date version of your policy and make note of all the information on your Declaration Page: your premium, deductibles, personal property coverage, riders (i.e., extra policies for coverage that is not otherwise included) and limits within each category of coverage.

Here in the DMV it's not common to have additional coverage like flood, tornado or hurricane coverage, but you may have add-ons like coverage for jewelry, fine art and other unique personal property to take into account.

Go Shopping. Set aside an afternoon and call or go online to the websites of at least three insurance providers. Of course you will be looking for a good price, but if you find a policy that is offering half the price of a competitor, it's important to know exactly why that is. Some insurance companies lower their premiums by offering managed repair programs that allow the insurance company to send out their own contractors to make any covered repairs. Though this may sound like a good thing, it puts the control of the claim and the quality of the repair work firmly in the hands of the insurance company. In the end, the goal of an insurance company is to pay out as little as possible, and removing your leverage via these programs will help a company to do so. An important category to review is the limitations on coverage for water damage. Most claims on homeowner insurance policies

have something to do with a water leak or a burst pipe. Many policies that offer low premiums will limit their coverage of water damage and this can be financially devastating for a homeowner. Consider paying a bit more for a policy that has realistic limits on water damage (see <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/homeowners-insurance/water-damage/>.) This will likely save you a lot of money in the long run if you need to make a serious claim.

Get Enough Overall Coverage. Many insurance companies these days offer "replacement cost" policies. Because of new technology and building materials, an insurer can replace your home—or key systems in it—for less than they may have originally cost (in today's dollars) and that can mean lower premiums. Sometimes that works out very well. To truly benefit, however, you need to make sure that the company will pay for like-kind replacements. If you value your 1930s tongue-and-groove hardwood floors, for example, make sure the offered policy won't limit the payout for floors to an amount that will only cover today's more common engineered wood flooring. Inquire about such details and be sure you know the replacement value of your home's features and your personal property through appraisals and receipts.

Credit Score and Bundling. Did you know that your credit score will play a big part in determining your insurance costs? It's true, so before you sign and commit to a price you were quoted, make sure you understand whether there is anything you need to do to improve your score and get a better quote. To save even more, consider bundling your home insurance policy with auto, life or umbrella liability insurance.

If you have any questions about home insurance policies and price comparisons, talk to your financial advisor or research various policies and insurance companies through review services like Consumer Reports or Washington Consumers' Checkbook.

Glover Park Sales of Single-Family Houses

Address	Sold Price	Date
2123 Observatory Rd.NW	\$1,060,000	2/28/23
3803 Calvert St. NW	\$1,263,000	2/07/23
2326 Huidekoper Pl	\$1,065,000	2/06/23

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right before you get to the light. You cross from there to the sidewalk on River Road and walk down to Canal Road and wait for the light to change to enter the service road to Fletcher's Cove. There you can stop at the store in the summertime and get a popsicle or a soft drink. From there you walk east toward Georgetown and take the tunnel back to Glover Archbold Park and home.

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Also, you can hike from the Whitehaven Trail, cross Wisconsin Avenue and continue to Montrose Park and Rock Creek Park. Washington has sometimes been known as The City in the Woods. You can thank Charles A. Glover for whom our neighborhood is named for helping establish the Rock Creek Park system among his other achievements. See Jarret Ferrier's portrait on the wall supporting the steps on W Place off 37th Street. Are we not a lucky neighborhood?

Glover Park Dining Guide!

Dining in With Dumplings

Glover Park's mainstreet corridor offers a wide variety of shops and restaurants to enjoy. Spring is a great time to enjoy a walk over and dine-in or relax on your porch and order out!

Dumplings and Beyond just re-opened their dining room! Enjoy a wide variety of Chinese foods.

Don't forget the gift cards! Many local businesses offer gift cards, printed or virtual, that are perfect for anyone on your gift list.

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.



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BreadSoda

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202-342-0100

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places.singleplatform.com

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Glover Park Grill

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Limited inventory has kept Glover Park sales low as the 2023 season begins.

CLOSED SALES, January averages

List price breaks	Properties sold		Average sales price		Change in sales price
	2022	2023	2022	2023	
▲ \$1.5M	1	-	\$2.10M	-	-
▲ \$1M	2	1	\$1.39M	\$1.46M	+5%
▼	1	-	\$700K	-	-
Average all price points	4	1	\$1.39M	\$1.46M	+5%

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