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The Monthly Newsletter of the Glover Park Citizens' Association

Time Marches On

Lisa McCluskey

Daylight Saving Time (DST) starts at 2 a.m. on March 10. In the spring, participating states and D.C. turn clocks forward one hour on the second Sunday of March, causing us to “spring forward” and lose an hour of sleep. Clocks “fall back” on November 3.

It is a myth in the United States that DST was first implemented for the benefit of farmers. In reality, farmers have been one of the strongest groups to lobby against DST since it was first implemented. The factors that influence farming schedules, such as morning dew and dairy cattle readiness to be milked, are ultimately dictated by the sun, so the time change introduces unnecessary challenges.

DST was first implemented in the US with the Standard Time Act of 1918—a wartime measure to save electricity during World War I in the interest of adding more daylight hours to conserve energy resources. Year-round DST or “War Time” was implemented again during World War II. It lasted until the last Sunday in September 1945.

After the war ended in 1945, many states and cities east of the Mississippi River (and mostly north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers) adopted summer DST.

From 1945 to 1966 there was no federal law on DST, so localities could choose when it began and ended or drop it entirely. A complicated patchwork of daylight-saving policies that varied in length and by city, state, and municipality emerged.

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 established the system of uniform daylight saving time throughout the U.S. Today, most of the United States

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Poster on passage of Daylight Saving Time, 1918.



Daylight Saving promotional postcard, 1918.



Advertising opposing Daylight Saving Time.



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The GPCA promotes the well-being and interests of the residents of Glover Park.

Your dues support community events, local advocacy,
the publication of the *Gazette*, improvements to the neighborhood
including welcome signs, benches and pocket park maintenance.



President's Report Some Things Never Change?

Lisa McCluskey

At last month's meeting a neighbor who has lived here for over 50 years stated that way back when the hot topic was poop. Yes, dog poop. It's been a chronic problem city-wide and in Glover Park for decades. DC loves our dogs, and active dog owners can help build strong communities.

But, guess what? According to a 2021 survey, DC is one of the most dog poo-luted cities in America. DC ranked ninth, according to the company, which shared its survey in recognition of International Pooper Scooper Week—yes, such a thing exists, the first week of April. You can read all about the survey in a detailed article from [Protect My Paws](#).

I think we can do better. I think we *can* change. Even a little? Next time you head out with your pooch, grab a bag, and if you are



going out at night, a flashlight, and do your duty! In the woods and fields, all poop should be disposed of properly.

Where? Dispose of your pet waste in your own private trash can or in a public one—not your neighbor's trash can, and not in the woods/parkland. For the DC [laws and regulations visit this page](#).

🌸 Next Meeting March 5, 7 p.m. via Zoom 🌸

GPCA Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m.
[via Zoom](#)

Agenda

President's Report

Secretary's Report

Police Report

Treasurer's Report

Guy Mason Activities

Glover Park Village Events

New Business

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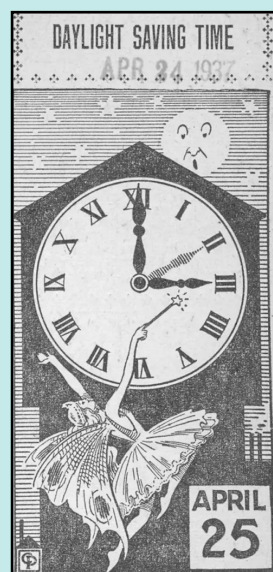
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observes DST, so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less. Exceptions include Arizona (except for the Navajo Nation), Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. In 2022, the US Senate passed the Sunshine Protection Act; which would permanently activate DST, but it was not approved by the US House of Representatives.

As of 2024, Federal law supports switching between daylight saving time and standard time twice a year, despite some unsuccessful efforts to do away with it.



A 1966 political cartoon representing the confusing management of daylight-saving time from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.



A 1937 advertisement reminding readers to turn their clocks ahead.

GPCA Meeting Minutes, February 2024

Miriam Van Dyck

President Lisa McCluskey welcomed participants to the meeting. She noted that there have been a number of complaints about dog waste left on Stoddert Field as well as on the streets around Stoddert.

MPD Report. Lt. Paul Johnson of the 2nd District provided an update on crime in the neighborhood. He noted there were 15 reported crimes in the last month, including assault with a dangerous weapon, compared to 10 at the same time last year. He also noted that there had been an arrest in the robberies of Glover Park Market, and the man charged with the robberies (now jailed) is suspected of committing other crimes in the neighborhood.

Lt. Johnson was asked whether Glover Park residents would see extra patrols in the neighborhood. He said there would indeed be more foot traffic as well as unmarked vehicles in the area, particularly in the immediate vicinity of Glover Park Market and the gas station. He noted that the MPD's home security camera reimbursement program is still in effect and advised anyone interested to visit the [MPD website](#). Secretary Miriam Van Dyck presented a motion to pass the minutes from January's meeting. The motion passed.

Glover Park Village Food Support Program. A vote was taken on the grant request raised at January's meeting for \$2,500 for the Glover Park Village Food Support Program. The request passed.

Treasurer's Report. Chris Finnegan presented the Treasurer's report, noting that the GPCA has \$17,222.35 in its bank account, representing its total assets. This is up approximately \$75 from the funds available at this time last year, and he noted that he expected a number of membership checks to be cashed shortly.

Glover Park Gazette. A discussion was held on the *Glover Park Gazette*, for which Lisa is the graphic designer and Sheila Meehan is the editor. The discussion centered on the possibility of re-establishing the production of printed copies. Lisa noted that she will be printing

out copies of the *Glover Park Gazette* and bringing them to Guy Mason. Lisa explained that there are financial implications to printing a large number of copies and asked for a volunteer to help with identifying printing options and pricing. Sergeant-at-Arms Jeff Russell volunteered to help with this task.

Guy Mason Update. Marsha Goldberg noted that there were a number of activities going on at Guy Mason during the month of February, including lunch and bingo, a virtual reading group, and lunch and a movie. Everyone is welcome at these events. [For details on March events, please see page 7 of the *Gazette*.]

Friends of Guy Mason. Jeff Russell noted on behalf of Friends of Guy Mason that there had been a positive response to the recent clean-up day at the park. Friends of Guy Mason is also sponsoring several Valentine's Day activities during the month of February—Cookies and Cards for kids, as well as a Puppy Love event at the dog park.

Glover Park Village. Holly Pollinger highlighted several upcoming free events being held by Glover Park Village: Artful Afternoons (a presentation by a local artist) on February 13 at Point Chaud; Coffee and Conversation, also at Point Chaud on February 23; and a program on Brain Health on February 29. For information on March events, visit www.gloverparkvillage.org

Georgetown Library. Wendell Kellar from the Georgetown Neighborhood Library spoke about the exhibit on display at the library, *Emerging Impressions—Washington Printmakers Gallery Students Art Exhibit*, as well as several other programs at the library, including Baby and Toddler Storytime, Chair Yoga, and a recent talk on James Baldwin given by a local historian. He also noted that the library is starting a regular Coffee and Conversation Circle. More information is available on the [Georgetown Neighborhood Library website](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

The Glover Park Archaeological Museum*

Carlton Fletcher

The M-1951 Entrenching Tool—a collapsible shovel and pick intended for military use—was indispensable for digging foxholes and filling sandbags. Sold as army surplus, items like this sometimes saw action again in the 1950s, when children used them to build “forts” and “clubhouses” in the woods.

Although its short wooden handle (which appears to have rotted away) would have made it impractical for gardening, this particular rusted remnant was found at the edge of the Whitehaven Community Garden, south of the intersection of W Street and 39th Place—one of two former [victory gardens](#) in Glover Park.

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



Entrenching tool.

ANC3B Meetings Report

February Meeting Highlights

Melissa Lane

• **Police Report.** Lt Paul Johnson reported 15 crimes in the past 30-day period (1/8–2/7), unchanged from the same period last year. An assault with a deadly weapon happened in the 3900 block of Davis Place. It was an incident between two friends and closed with an arrest. One robbery occurred in the 2400 block of 37th Street at the Glover Park Market. The perpetrator was arrested and charged with that crime as well as others at the same Market, the nearby gas station, and others in Georgetown. Lt. Johnson said the perpetrator will be held until his trial. The other crimes during this period were three thefts from auto, four auto thefts, and six general thefts. A question was asked about a carjacking on January 13 at Idaho and Cathedral Avenue. It was not in our PSA 204 statistics because it happened in PSA 205. Captain Darren Haskins said that the case is still open and that when more information becomes available, he will contact Commissioner Blumenthal so that she can relay the update.

• **Cannabis License for Elevated Lounge at 2428 Wisconsin Avenue, NW.** Commissioner Blumenthal announced that the cannabis

dispensary in Glover Park will be applying to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration to become a licensed cannabis retailer. ANC 3B will be taking up the issue and soliciting community input at a future meeting when ABCA posts the notice of application.

• **ANC 3B Grant Money Availability.** Commissioner Blumenthal said that ANC 3B does not use its funding for administrative staff support but rather holds it for community grants. Those interested in applying for a grant should consult the ANC 3B grant guidelines at anc3b.org and contact their commissioner.

• **WMATA Funding.** Commissioner Blumenthal said that the Mayor and Council have announced that they will increase the DC share of WMATA costs thus mitigating some of the drastic cuts proposed to bus routes. Stay tuned. It is unclear what the impact will be on Glover Park and Cathedral Heights bus transportation at this point.

• **Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 4, 2024, via Zoom.

Winter Haiku

Edna Small

deep boot prints
in the snow
apples baking



out walking
oops
black ice



snow dusted ground
and yet
budding daffodils



Puttering in the Garden

Cover Cropping

Roger Williams and Laura Ivey

When does winter actually end? Well, going by the calendar, you could argue for 2 February, the Celtic Imbolc festival amongst others. If you are an astronomical type, you might say half way between the winter and summer solstices (soltsti?) and put it at the Spring Equinox 19 March this year—and at exactly 11:06 p.m. if you want to stay up to watch... something.

But if you are an observant type—and what gardener isn't—you might take note of what Mother Nature is doing right now, and you will see that spring is already happening. Yes, there may be future snows and frosts, but if you look now, magnolias, cherries, and dogwood are budding, the crocuses may already have gone by in some yards, daffodils are marching upright no matter what.

And so are the weeds. So, let's get right to the root of the matter.

This leads to a short discussion about fostering all sorts of roots in your garden plot, alive or dead, but better alive. And these are not just the roots of the 'good' plants you want to have this year. This year's 'good' roots need the decaying roots of bygone plants to enrich the whole plot. That dying organic matter in your soil feeds a whole ecosystem of bacteria, nematodes, protists, fungi, and enzymes that in turn help your 'good' plants thrive. It may seem counterintuitive, but it is actually a good idea to have living roots already in your garden, already feeding the myriad bacteria and actinomycetes fungi that will help feed your 2024 plants.

Lo and behold, Mother Nature is ready for you and she is sending in ... the weeds. These quick-to-germinate seeds are made for the quick run to dominance. Whether annual or perennial, those weeds, once in place, are hard and/or tiresome to remove. Been there, done that, don't like it, thank you.

The trick is to do the weeds one better. Get something else growing that will shade out the weeds well before you intend to plant. Enter Spring Oats, such as [available here](#) or even at some better garden stores locally to save shipping. These are quite satisfying because you can sow them now! The oat seeds will germinate at a soil temperature of 38F, and will put the weeds in the dark quickly. Oats also have an allelopathic quality, inhibiting the germination growth of other plants around them. Discouraging weeds during spring is a great thing, but to do this, you need to replace them with a cover crop. Hence, oats are a good choice for right now.

For a plot approximately 1,000 sq ft, you'd need approximately 1–1.5 lbs of oat seeds, which amounts to a couple of handfuls. To sow the oats, make a mess of your topsoil with a heavy steel rake or by twisting the tines of your garden fork in the dirt if you have good wrists. Then broadcast the oats, rake them in or stomp the ground so the seeds will be somewhat buried. Done—stand back and wait.



If you were to plant oats, in 6–8 weeks they would be small but lush, shading out baby weeds. At that point, they can be cut down and dug in. (Remember, rotting plant matter is a Good Thing!). And right there, all the critters who have been enjoying the company of the oats will be more than willing to move over to start the same party with your beans, peas, lettuces, greens, tomatoes, herbs, etc. Started plants, either yours or from a nursery, can go right in after you've turned in the oats. However, if you are putting in warm weather crop seeds, wait to plant for about 10–14 days after cutting the oats. Remember that allelopathic quality of oats. It lingers for a while, so wait a bit after cutting down the oats, enough for that quality to weaken enough to allow for seeding. This oat planting, of course, won't work well in your garden if you are planting early seeds, such as kale, but if you have started plants and are careful, you can do both at the same time by leaving a bit of space around the plants.

What about weeds that will thrive in warmer months? Again there is another magic cover crop: low clover such as alsike or Dutch clover. You can put your prized plants right in with the clover, and as long as there is sufficient organic matter and a fertile bed, your plants will do well nestled in the clover. Both sets of roots will be an invitation to the soil life, and they won't fight each other as long as there are available nutrients. Later, when the clover dies back or is dug in, the nitrogen-fixing portion of the roots will become available fertilizer for the next crop. And so the cycle goes on.

To us aging gardeners, the idea of planting something to handle the weeds is a great idea, much better than all that crawling around on our knees, or bending down to pull weeds, or hoeing weeds, let alone the cursing. Moreover, the image of your garden will always be lush and fruitful because you have gotten to the root of the matter.

Guy Mason Recreation Center March Virtual and In-Person Events

Marsha Goldberg

Guy Mason Virtual Reading Group Wednesday, March 20, 11 a.m.–Noon

This month's read is *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin. Originally published in 1953, the book was Baldwin's first major work. This haunting coming-of-age story is based in part on Baldwin's childhood in Harlem and is an American classic. 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 Public Library. Ask the librarian for the book for the Guy Mason Reading Group.



Lunch and a Movie

Friday, March 29, Noon–3 p.m. In-Person at Guy Mason

In honor of Women's Month, the movie for March is *9 to 5*, starring Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton. This office satire is about three female secretaries who decide to get revenge on their tyrannical, sexist boss by abducting him and running the business themselves. Lunch begins at noon and the film starts at 1 p.m. Closed caption will be available. If you would like to join us, please RSVP by Tuesday, March 26, to Marsha Goldberg at mslonegoldberg@gmail.com or call Guy Mason at 202-727-7527.



Glover Park Village

Free March Events

Erin Byrne

Preventing Falls with Kelly Cutler

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

In offices above the UPS Store. [Register Here](#)

Join us for a falls-prevention class with Kelly Cutler. We will gently move our muscles and practice a few exercises to support our balance.

Artful Afternoons

Tuesday, March 12, 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Guy Mason Recreation Center.

[Register Here](#). The class will include a lecture and time to discuss art with others in the neighborhood.



Brain Health

Wednesday, March 26, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Virtual. [Register Here](#).

Guy Mason Recreation Center. Join us for Brain Health check-ins. We will discuss ways to develop a stronger memory with easy at-home 'reading, writing and rithmatic' exercises that will give you pleasure and light up your brain at the same time!



Coffee and Conversation

Friday, March 29, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm. Point Chaud. [Register Here](#).

Join us for coffee and conversation while we discuss our experiences with art and life.



Glover Park Village Green

DC Villages Collaborative

Holly Pollinger

As many of you know, [Glover Park Village](#) (GPV) is Glover Park's free, independent, nonprofit, volunteer organization serving people as they grow older in our community. In addition to belonging to the national Village to Village ([VtoV](#)) network and the Washington Area Village Exchange ([WAVE](#)) serving the DMV, Glover Park Village is now also part of the new DC Villages Collaborative ([DCVC](#)).

The DCVC—a coalition of the 13 Villages located in the District—has been formed during the past few years as more and more DC Villages shared information, met with each other to talk about the issues affecting them, and supported each other in many ways. It became clear that coming together to express our collective opinions and advocate for them is both smart and creative.

Each Village retains its autonomy but cooperates on furthering various goals. The Collaborative is still in its early stages, but some of the advocacy ideas to support aging in the community include strengthening the caregiver workforce, promoting adequate housing and care facilities, improving pedestrian safety, addressing food insecurity, and, of course, funding for Villages. In short, DC Villages is a voice for those who want to improve the options for aging well in our communities.

If you, or a member of your family, has been supported by GPV or been a volunteer helping neighbors then you know how it works; we are the “last mile” support system delivering to the door, inviting people to socialize, chatting about everyday life, giving hands-on help where needed, and generally adding to the quality of life for people as they age in familiar surroundings.



Now, thanks to DCVC, we have a bigger megaphone. We hope to grow our volunteer roster, encourage more people to request the services they need and make everyone more aware of our valued older population here in Glover Park.

And, more immediately, if you would like to speak your mind or get more involved with GPV and the issues affecting us all, please call 202-436-5545 or email us at info@gloverparkvillage.org and share your thoughts with us.

Real Estate Watch

Glover Park Sales of Single-Family Homes

Maggie Simpson

Real Estate Watch is on an early Spring break. Stay tuned for more advice and sales information in the April edition of *the Gazette*.

Glover Park Sales of Single-Family Homes		
Address	Sold Price	Date
2020 Tunlaw Rd NW	\$962,000	02/08/24



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.

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	2023	2024	2023	2024	
▲ \$1.5M	0	0	-	-	-
▲ \$1M	3	1	\$1.26M	\$1.17M	-7%
▼	0	1	-	\$962K	-
Average all price points	3	2	\$1.26M	\$1.07M	-16%

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