



Glover Park Gazette

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Glover Park Citizens' Association



Do You Know What's Best?

Best of Glover Park Contest Open for Votes

Lisa McCluskey

The Glover Park Citizens' Association's first Best of Glover Park contest is underway. Winners, runners-up and finalists will be announced before Glover Park Day (June 3).

Winners will receive a special decal to display and bragging rights! Many neighbors took time to nominate their favorites, now we vote. This venture is a celebration of Glover Park, and of the best people, places, foods, services, and shenanigans that make our neighborhood what it is. Our hope is to shine a little light on local businesses, volunteers and organizations. Time will tell if we make this another annual tradition.

How to Vote

[Click here](#) to go to the Best of Glover Park site to select your favorites. We do request that you only vote once. No interest in a particular category? Just skip it. Don't see your favorite? Leave



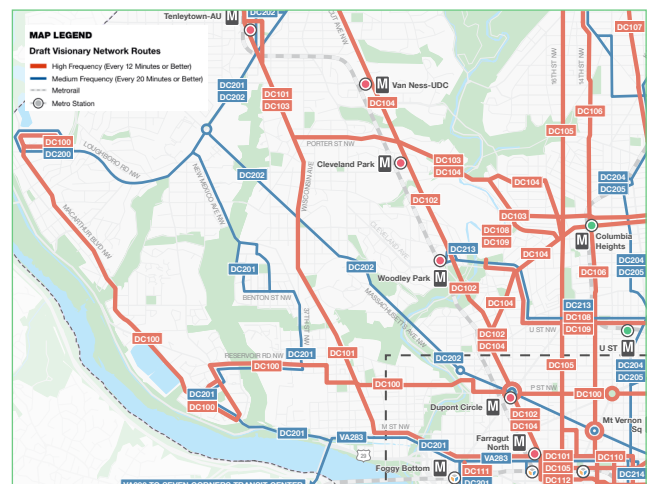
us a comment and consider making a nomination next year. Thank you for your help to kick this off!

Proposed Changes for Local Bus Routes

Lisa McCluskey

The GPCA is working to ensure that our community's concerns about the proposed new bus routes are presented to WMATA. The D2 bus route is once again on the elimination list due to low ridership and city-wide needs. This time it is part of an overhaul of DC's bus system that will take years to implement, although they must make some changes by later this year to serve the new high school on MacArthur Boulevard.

WMATA's [Better Bus website](#) outlines changes and improvements, but it is hard to navigate. The comment section can also be difficult for users. As a result, ANC3B is collecting responses to help WMATA understand neighborhood needs and concerns. Commissioner Blumenthal provided an overview on the [Glover Park listserv](#). We encourage you to review the plans and comment directly to ANC3Bmail@gmail.com. The full map of proposed routes [linked here](#) takes you to a city-wide map. A map of the proposed neighborhood routes is pictured on the right. Aileen Nowlan and Jesse Herman are spearheading efforts on this for GPCA.





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Responsible letters to the editor will be published as space allows.

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

Your dues support several community events, the publication of the *Gazette*, improvements to the neighborhood including welcome sign and pocket park maintenance.

Join/renew [online](http://gpcadc.org) now!



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President's Report

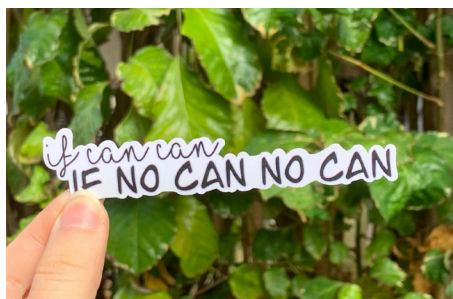
If Can, Can . . .

Lisa McCluskey

If you see something that needs to be done, lend a hand to volunteer or provide feedback with a solution. Want to know what's going on, or eager to share information? Go to a meeting.

With that said, I am happy to report that this year so many neighbors have teamed up to help with special programming for the GPCA's Glover Park Day and our other numerous events, wrote *Gazette* articles, mended benches and signs, attended meetings to share information, worked on solutions for local transportation issues, volunteered for our ANC, and more. Thank you. Your neighborhood values what you do.

Volunteering is not for everyone at all times. Yep, I said that too. My neighbor Sheila Meehan, who is our *Gazette* Editor



and consummate Glover Park volunteer, has a great Hawaiian pidgin saying "if can, can, if no can, no can."

We all lead busy lives. Have an issue? Consider taking the next step to identify how to fix it. If you can't implement your idea, team up, help find someone, contribute monetarily to the cause, or offer helpful feedback.

We hope to see you soon online at our next [meeting on May 2](#), or in-person at Glover Park Day!

Glover Park Citizens' Association

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 7 p.m.

[Via Zoom](#)

Agenda

MPD update

Treasurer's Report

Secretary's Report

Membership Report

Guy Mason Update

Best of Glover Park Update

Glover Park Day Update

Vote on 2023–24 GPCA Slate of Officers

Volunteer for Glover Park Day!

We still need help! Email gloverparkday@gpcadc.org

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 May 6, May 13, May 20, and May 27.

We will also meet on Thursday, June 1, from 5 to 8 pm

[Sign up to volunteer!](#)



GPCA April 2023 Meeting Minutes

Alicia Allison

President Lisa McCluskey called to order the April 4 meeting of the Glover Park Citizens' Association (GPCA), held via Zoom, just after 7 p.m. After welcoming members, she turned to Lt. Johnson of the Metropolitan Police Second District (MPD2) for the first agenda item.

Police Report

Lt. Johnson provided the crime report for ANC3B, citing six crimes over the past month, compared to 15 in the prior month. There were four thefts from vehicles and two additional thefts. All of the thefts from vehicles were from locked work trucks, and the thieves took mostly tools (plumbing, in one instance). These incidents took place on Tunlaw Road, NW; Davis Place, NW; Benton Street, NW; and New Mexico Avenue, NW, respectively. There were no reported burglaries, robberies, or serious assaults during the period.

Lt. Johnson opened the floor to questions. In response to an inquiry about the DC government's security camera program (<https://ovsig.dc.gov/page/private-security-camera-rebate-program>), he explained that the camera footage is not linked to the DC government or to the police. These cameras are still private cameras, and the police would have to ask permission to see or use the videos. One participant asked about a loud noise that sounded like gunshots recently. Lt. Johnson said the police had not been contacted about any gunshots; another participant said it may have been fireworks.

A resident asked if any action had been taken against unsafe drivers acting out on the National Park area behind W Street NW. A neighbor called in the plates/make/model of the vehicle in question, and information about the car was also circulated widely in the neighborhood and on listservs, possibly contributing to the cessation of the activities. Lt. Johnson clarified that these actions took place on the National Park Service grounds and their authorities would need to investigate them. He did not have any information on these activities.

Approval of the Minutes

Lisa McCluskey asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March GPCA meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

GPCA Treasurer Maggie Simpson reported assets of \$17,622.23. There had been some

income from membership renewals, but the balance was slightly lower than last month's due to Glover Park welcome sign maintenance and the beginning of the park bench restoration.

Membership

Allen Tomlinson reported 204 memberships comprising 136 households. Allen committed to producing a flyer for the Board's review to advertise the GPCA, and another member later proposed the idea of yard signs to advertise GPCA and its contributions to the neighborhood. There was also discussion of having a membership table at Glover Park Day (June 3) that could include another giveaway, similar to the Glover Park magnets that the GPCA has been providing at events.

Votes on Motions from March Meeting

Members voted on three motions during the meeting and all three passed. Accordingly, the GPCA will:

- Provide a grant of up to \$2,500 to Glover Park Village—with an initial payment of \$1,000 and additional disbursements of \$500 upon request up to the maximum—for a food support program that will address food insecurity among seniors in our community;
- Spend up to \$500 to replace tarnished plaques on benches in the neighborhood; and
- Spend up to \$3,000 to beautify the traffic triangle where Calvert Street, NW; 37th Street, NW; and Wisconsin Avenue, NW, come together.

After the vote, one GPCA member reported that there may soon be DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) efforts to redesign the traffic triangle area. Several members stated their intent to reach out to DDOT proactively to provide input. Nevertheless, members thought it was still worth beautifying the area in the short-term given that any eventual changes would likely not take place quickly.

Jarrett Ferrier, who is leading the effort, is working with an experienced gardener in the neighborhood to choose plants and tap into the DC government's efforts to promote pollinator gardens (<https://doee.dc.gov/pollinators>). Another participant urged the GPCA to focus less on the triangle and more on the situation further south on Wisconsin Avenue, NW, which has seen considerable congestion, double-parking, and unsafe driving that have

made for a dangerous situation for pedestrians. Lisa McCluskey emphasized GPCA's interest in the entire Wisconsin Avenue, NW, strip, in partnership with Glover Park Main Street.

Best of Glover Park Contest

Lisa McCluskey publicized a new GPCA contest, announcing that nominations were open for Glover Parkers' favorite establishments in a number of categories, and that voting would start in late April. Winners, runners-up, and finalists will be announced before Glover Park Day (June 3) and will receive a special GPCA decal to display.

Glover Park Day

Glover Park Day will take place June 3 at Guy Mason; see this link for additional information and to sign up to volunteer: <https://gpcadc.org/glover-park-day/>. The day will feature crafters, food, music, community service groups, and much more. There is something for everyone, including kids. Many people cherish their Glover Park Day t-shirts from over the years, and there is a great raffle with fun prizes.

Guy Mason Updates

Marsha Goldberg shared that the monthly book group would meet April 19 from 11 a.m. to noon to discuss *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith. Copies of the book are available at Georgetown Library. Lunch and a movie will take place April 28 from noon to 2:30 p.m. The movie this month is *Waking Ned Devine*. Both events are free.

Lisa McCluskey thanked Marsha and others for contributing great information and updates to the *Gazette* each month, and expressed appreciation for all the volunteers and board members of community groups that make Glover Park a great neighborhood. Before closing the meeting, Lisa previewed another GPCA event coming up this Summer: Porchfest.

The event will take place across two locations: W Street, NW, and Beecher Street, NW. GPCA is recruiting old favorite bands and new ones, too, including the group that played in the neighborhood on Halloween. There will be a "save the date" circulated soon.

Join us for the
GPCA May Meeting
May 2, 2023, 7 p.m.
Via Zoom

ANC3B News

April 2023 Meeting Highlights

Melissa Lane

- Lt Paul Johnson reported that the number of crimes in the last 30-day period was lower than it was for the same period last year: 9 compared to 16. All 9 were property crimes. Four were thefts from auto, all involving work trucks. The other five were thefts, mostly of scooters that were locked. Commissioner Blumenthal asked if vandalism was included in the stats because of continuing problems on the commercial strip with broken windows. Lt Johnson confirmed they are not and asked for the address and any video of the incidents. Commissioner Blumenthal said it was in the 2200 block of Wisconsin Avenue. Commissioner Lane will check if there are any videos available. Lt. Johnson will ask the new 2D commander, John Branch, to attend the next ANC 3B meeting.

- Ashley Wells and Stanislaw Mathieu gave a presentation on the DC Smart Street Lighting Project. The goal of the project is to convert the over 70,000 streetlights in DC to LED technology which, among other benefits, is environmentally friendly. Wards 2, 3 and 4 are in phase 2 of 4 of the conversion. Phase 1 started in the second quarter of the calendar year. All phases should be complete by May 2024. Within each phase, the wards are broken into sections. Each section takes about 14 days to convert the lights. More information is available at the website, streetlights.dc.gov.

- Emir Gur-Ravantab gave a presentation on the DC Department of Licensing and

Consumer Protection, which became its own agency in October 2022. Formerly, these functions were part of the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The overall goal of DLCP is to protect the interests of DC residents and businesses through licensing and regulation and to enforce DC's general consumer protection law called the *Consumer Protection Procedures Act*. The four divisions of the DLCP are business licensing, consumer protection, occupational and professional licensing, and the small business resource center. More detailed information is available at dlcp.dc.gov. Commissioner Blumenthal asked if pop-up cannabis businesses require licenses. Mr. Gur-Ravantab said that the issue is tricky but that the newly named Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (formerly Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration) has jurisdiction over these businesses.

- Commissioner Howie introduced Eric Teran, the architect for the proposed renovation of 2322 39th Street; NW. Leif Dormsjo, the homeowner, was also introduced. Mr. Teran said that their zoning application asked for three special exceptions. The first is for a lot occupancy of 69.73 percent rather than the required 60 percent limit. The second is for rear yard setback. The requirement is for 20 feet; the homeowner is asking for 16 feet. The third exception is the distance to the adjacent neighbor. They are asking to extend two feet past the

allowed matter-of-right of ten feet. Mr. Teran shared letters of support from nearby neighbors, including those in the adjacent properties. Given that there is no opposition from immediate neighbors, Commissioner Blumenthal proposed a motion to approve the request for special exceptions. It passed unanimously.

- Commissioner Howie gave an update on DCPS. Stoddert's principal is leaving at the end of the academic year. Construction on the proposed Foxhall Elementary School has been delayed from 2025 to 2029. Boundary discussions have begun but no details are available yet. Commissioner Howie is attending the boundary meetings.

- Commissioner Bergmann asked Matthew Barclay, the Mayor's liaison for Glover Park and other Ward 3 neighborhoods, to arrange for someone from DCPS to attend an upcoming ANC 3B meeting since there are so many DCPS-related issues in our ANC currently, including school funding to Stoddert, the new high school, boundary issues, etc.

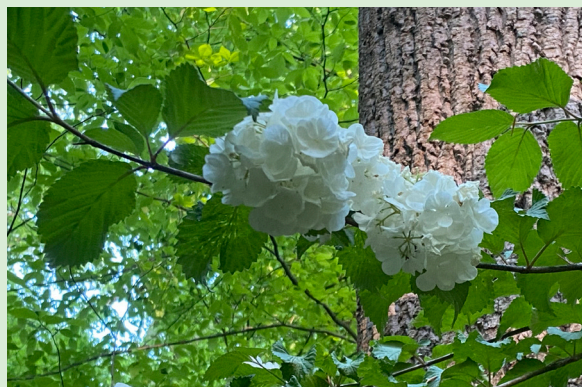
- Elias Benda, legislative assistant to Ward 3 Councilmember Frumin, said that the DCPS budget is in front of Council now and his office is working with Ward 3 school communities to address their issues.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May, 11 at 7 pm.

Tanka ☼

this floral season
full blossoms on nearby trees
a world of beauty
accompanied as I breathe
by my sniffles and sneezes

Edna Small



☼ This poem is done in a Japanese form that traditionally uses a 5/7/5/7/7 syllable count, with no capitals or punctuation.

Putting in the Garden

Understand Your Soil and How to Test It

Laura Ivey and Roger Williams

Now that your radishes, lettuces, kale, chard, and parsley are sprouting, let's take a look at the soil they are growing in. Why on earth (pun intended) would we test the soil if the little plants are looking so great? And, anyway, we aren't chemists, so what can we learn from this?

First, what is soil?

Soil is not dirt. Dirt is pushed around by bulldozers. Dirt is exclusively mineral. Yet leave it for even a short while, and CO₂ in the air and water meet in the dirt, form [carbonic acid](#), and that acid breaks the dirt into its constituent minerals. Living organisms, such as lichens, release acids and enzymes that etch the rock for these minerals, forming a living mantle. Dirt, if not disturbed, becomes soil capable of feeding a redwood forest. [Symphony of the Soil](#) is a beautiful movie explaining this process.

But how does dirt become good soil? In that golden era of botanical and scientific exploration, Carl Sprengel (1787–1859) proposed what Justus Freiherr von Liebig (1803–73) later popularized as the Law of the Minimums. In simpler form, “[Liebig's Barrel](#)” proposes that plant growth is limited by the nutrient in shortest supply, rather than the total amount of all resources available. You can see this in tomato growth: not enough calcium and you get end rot on your fruit, no matter how rich the soil is overall.

What's next, then? Sir Albert Howard (1873–1947), the Imperial Economic Botanist to the Government of India, found that his main teachers were the peasants and the pests. He studied both, looking at old successful forms of agriculture. What he recognized was the role of the microfauna living in the soil: the bacteria, nematodes (roundworms) microarthropods (tiny soil animals), and more. We call it “the party underground,” although it is a pretty raucous party. Howard is seen now as the father of modern organic agriculture, and the [introduction to his major work](#). An Agricultural Testament, codifies his understanding and guidance.

At this “party underground,” we should ask: Who's invited, what are they serving, and who is dancing with whom? Invited by the plant root exudates (think: root leakage by choice), the right sort of bacteria by the billions gather tightly around the roots of plants—healthy plants—that are feeding them. The plants are taking in turn what the bacteria leave by way of their poop and the poop of the critters who eat the bacteria, such as nematodes. In some cases, the plant root tips are ingesting the bacteria themselves, taking what they want and spitting out the rest to regrow. The relational criteria are so dynamic and complex that not even a good soil scientist could tell you 100% of what is going on at any particular moment. They would all agree, however, that the party must go on for the plants to remain healthy.

Host the party

Glover Park Community Gardeners tend to be committed to an organic approach to setting up the party. So how do we become good hosts? As with any good party, we set up the venue and then the guests make the party. We tend the soil, and let the plants and



critters work together to get it done. Continuing the analogy, we need good food and drink (a good balance of various organic materials and minerals); the right level of spices (the right pH, or soil acidity); a good mix of guests—some of whom are new to town, some of whom are old friends (i.e., a goodly number of critters); and growing plants with roots all year long (hence cover crops). We can help the party with temperature control (mulch) and a reasonable amount of moisture. Reasonable, meaning you don't want flooding in the soil pores, as that leads to anaerobic bacteria—the rotters.

Test and churn

Setting the venue for the party underground is where a soil test comes in. Use a reputable lab, such as [Logan Labs](#), [Woods End](#), or [Spectrum Analytic](#). You are in good shape if your soil test shows you have 1) a minimum of 5% organic matter—that is, your soil mineral balance (think: leaves or compost within the dirt/mineral mix and 2) a pH between 6 and 7 (i.e., slightly acidic). Add 2” of live compost (<https://compostcab.com/>) every year, dig it in, and you will have all the critters you need to start. Then plant something! Whether it is a food crop, a cover crop, a flower garden, or the old fashioned “fallow field,” the plants are a necessary part of the party underground (remember the “plant exudates” above?), as they are issuing the invitation. You can also get persnickety and work on raising the percentages of potassium, calcium, etc., if you are planning a crop that requires more of those elements than your soil test shows. But most of the time, simply digging in good live compost and their critters will bring your plot's soil to the “good enough level.”

That “digging in” part above is important. At the microbial level, the critters are using up what is immediately available to them, so the occasional local churn is a good thing. Nematodes will do that; worms will do that; your hoe or fork will do that, too—each at a different scale. Too much churn will destroy roots and slow-growing fungal networks that expand plant root capabilities. Too little churn and the critters don't get enough new air and foodstuffs or rain penetration for the moisture they need. You need those critters; it is their exudate that breaks the chemical bonds that tie up nutrients like phosphorous (P), and their waste gets nitrogen (N) into the best plant-available form. It is a delicate and dynamic balance. Two books that speak to all this are David Montgomery's book *Dirt* ([here](#)) and Suzanne Simard's book *Finding the Mother Tree* ([here](#)).

“Feed the soil and it will feed the plants” was J. I. Rodale's observation in 1942. That's a good start and, if you are like us, there will be no end of it.

From the Glover Park Archeological Museum

Carlton Fletcher

This collection had its origin when the removal of an archaic refrigerator brought several relics of an earlier era to the light of day. The accumulation of semi-significant artifacts that grew from that discovery has been [online](#) since 2011.

Because limestone is composed almost entirely of the compacted and solidified sediment of ancient plants and animals that settled to the ocean floor, fossils of seashells like this one are frequently found preserved in it. And since the District of Columbia is below the Fall line, which is where the Atlantic coastal plain meets the Piedmont, it is conceivable that the ocean once extended this far inland.

But as this particular fossil turned up near the bend in Whitehaven Street, behind Trader Joe's and the Glover House, it could have gotten there in a truckload of fill, and its scientific value is negligible.



Guy Mason Recreation Center

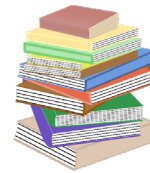
May Virtual and In-Person Events

Marsha Goldberg



Guy Mason Virtual Reading Group Wednesday, May 17, 11 a.m. – noon

This month's book is *Dial A for Aunties* by Jesse Q. Sutanto. What happens when you mix one accidental murder with 2,000 wedding guests, and then toss in a curse on three generations of an immigrant Chinese-Indonesian family? The answer is that you get four meddling Asian aunties coming to the rescue. 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 DC Library. Ask the librarian for the location of the books for the Guy Mason Reading Group.



Lunch and a Movie

Friday, May 26, noon–2:30 p.m. In person.

Please join us for a light lunch and a film. This month we are screening *The Princess Bride*, a fantasy adventure comedy directed by Rob Reiner and starring Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin and Billy Crystal. The film tells the story of a swashbuckling farmhand named Westley, accompanied by a motley crew of companions, who must rescue his true love Princess Buttercup from the odious Prince Humperdinck. If you would like to join us, please contact Marsha Goldberg at mslonggoldberg@gmail.com or call the Guy Mason Recreation Center at 202-727-7527 by Tuesday May 23.



Revolutionizing Dog Training & Beyond

R.A. Slepoy

Artificial intelligence (AI) is steadily becoming an intrinsic part of our daily lives. Although many people may not yet have had direct experience with AI, its influence is undeniable as it shapes how we live, work, and even train our canine companions.

DOGO is a shining example of how AI may transform dog training. This innovative app seamlessly gathers data to create personalized training programs for both dogs and their human companions. Tadas Ziemys, CEO and developer of DOGO, explained that AI streamlines communication by connecting clients with the ideal trainer and crafting tailored plans by completing a simple quiz.

Tadas and Rasa, motivated by their love for Udra, their adopted shelter dog, created the DOGO—an app that connects users to certified trainers globally and offers tailored, dynamic programs through smartphones. DOGO tracks a dog's progress by collecting and analyzing user data and displaying results via app features. Users receive notifications, personalization, and goal-setting options that enhance engagement and provide efficient training techniques as alternatives to conventional methods.

The app covers a range of skills, from basic obedience to advanced levels, with short training modules. After finishing a course, a user can send in a video to obtain feedback from a trainer and earn a certificate of completion. My personal favorite is the hand-gesture module. It is recommended to avoid the repetition of verbal cues in public and for dogs with hearing impairment. The app offers different options for sound signals, such as clicker sounds, whistles, and a flashing light or a combination of a light and sound signal.

My experience with DOGO

When training my English Cream Retriever, Ruslan, I found nonverbal communication very effective. Ruslan is particularly responsive to my facial expressions, such as eye contact, head nods, and body movements. On the other hand, when I add verbal language, it often leads to confusion. I have also observed other dog owners' frustration with getting their dogs to obey simple commands—such as “Let's go” or “No jumping”—with no success. As a result, the owner repeats the command in frustration, sometimes yelling, which causes more confusion for the dog. Interestingly, I have found that dogs may respond better to their trainers than their owners because they learn to read their trainers' body language during training. When owners try to replicate commands, it may fall on deaf ears because the dog has learned to read the trainer's body language.

I have been able to guide Ruslan more effectively using physical gestures. For example, when Ruslan waits to go home, eat, or go outside, he watches my body language and responds correctly. Ruslan has taught me how to train him more effectively. I have learned that reinforcing physical gestures with a one-word command is the most effective way of training him.

AI & the app industry

My experience has spurred me to examine AI uses in others areas. I spoke with retired mobile app developer Oleg Zilberman, who shared his opinion about where AI is headed, emphasizing that incorporating AI into app development can transform the industry. By automating various development phases, AI could render human-readable programming languages obsolete, shifting the primary role of humans to that of AI handlers who would focus on the creative aspects of development. This transformation could lead to a unified coding

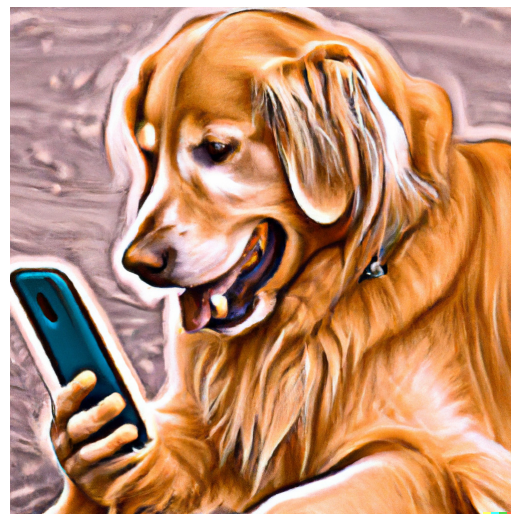


Image created by AI.

language and enhanced communication with machines through natural human language.

Concerns about AI displacing human jobs remain, as advancements in artificial intelligence and automation transform industries and lead to job displacement. History has shown that people are resilient and can adapt to workplace changes with training. Embracing AI can create new job opportunities and industries.

Medical uses

Much recent attention has turned to AI ChatGPT—an advanced language model designed for conversation and generating human-like text. It demonstrates the potential for AI to translate all languages, including efforts to translate animal languages into human language. Researchers have used AI to analyze and interpret vocalizations and body language in various animals, such as birds, whales, dolphins, pigs, and bats—providing valuable insights into animal communication and interspecies interactions.

One notable example of AI's groundbreaking achievements is the work of Andreas Mershin and his team at MIT. Collaborating with researchers from multiple institutions, they have developed a system that can detect chemical and microbial content in air samples with exceptional sensitivity, surpassing dogs' extraordinary olfactory abilities. This innovative system, powered by machine learning, has the potential to enhance early detection and diagnostic precision by enabling the development of compact, automated odor-detection systems integrated into everyday devices like cell phones.

Dogs have proven ability to detect diseases such as prostate, lung, breast, ovarian, and bladder cancers; diabetes; and even infectious diseases, like COVID-19, with remarkable accuracy. Combining the extraordinary olfactory skills of dogs, the adaptability of AI, and the expertise of skilled handlers like Mershin, may profoundly influence the future of diagnostics and healthcare. Andreas highlights the work of pioneer canine behaviorist Dr. Claire Guest, founder of Medical-DetectionDogs.org.uk charity and research organization. It is paving the way for scientists interested in noninvasive disease diagnostics via olfaction. Guest's program trains dogs to identify human disease odors, enhancing diagnostics and patient outcomes. They also help individuals manage life-threatening conditions, improving their quality of life

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Glover Park Village Free Events in May

Erin Byrne, GPV Events



Art Meetup

Mosaic Creations with Arielle

Tuesday, May 9, 1–3 p.m.

See extraordinary mosaic tile art, enjoy refreshments and chat about your artistic interests.

Location: Guy Mason Recreation Center, 3600 Calvert Street, NW. [Sign up here](#)

GPV History Program

Mrs. Madison & Mrs. Kennedy—Jamie Stiehm

Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Author Stiehm tells the compelling stories of Jacqueline Kennedy and Dolley Madison, each of whom secured their husbands' names and myths in American history.

Location: Guy Mason Recreation Center, 3600 Calvert Street, NW. [Sign up here](#)

Brain Health Series

Stronger Memory Meeting—in person!

Tuesday, May 16, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Want to develop a better memory? Join us for these sessions, which feature quiet conversations about the easy at-home reading, writing, and simple math exercises that have been proven to “light up” your brain! Refreshments.

Location: Guy Mason Recreation Center, 3600 Calvert Street, NW. [Sign up here](#)

Top to Toe—Movement and Meditation

Thursday, May 18, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Learn something new every time you join this gentle movement class that uses your mind as well as your body. Delicious and healthy refreshments included!

Location: 2829 Wisconsin Avenue at Temple Micah (near Garfield and Wisconsin).

Free parking. [Sign up here](#)

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, May 23, 1:00–2:30

Enjoy coffee and pastries while talking about art and life with your neighbors.

Location: Guy Mason Recreation Center, 3600 Calvert Street, NW. [Sign up here](#)

Top to Top—Movement and Meditation

Thursday, May 25, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

More wellness in meditation and movement presented by Lisa Bregman and your imagination!

Location: 2829 Wisconsin Avenue NW at Temple Micah (near Garfield and Wisconsin).

Free parking. [Sign up here](#)

Please go to our website at [Glover Park Village](#) for more information and to see additional events. Call 202-436-5545 to sign up for any event, to ask for services or to volunteer to help a neighbor. Please keep an eye out for your neighbors who might need some help!

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while ensuring exceptional canine welfare.

Once confined to the pages of science fiction and fairy tales, the transformative knowledge of AI and its applications in various fields are now quickly becoming a reality. As AI continues to permeate different aspects of our lives, its potential to profoundly affect the future of diagnostics, animal training, and various other sectors is indisputable. By embracing these advancements and learning from past experiences, we can carefully and collectively navigate the ever-evolving landscape of AI and other cutting-edge technologies, unlocking new opportuni-

ties and fostering positive change.

Links:

Dogo: <https://dogo.app/>

Andreas Merishin: <https://www.merishin.org/>

Andreas Merishin nonprofit tasked with elevating machine olfaction: <https://www.osmocsm.org/>

I welcome any feedback and questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at rslepoy@gmail.com

Glover Park Village

Kids Spread Kindness

Beth Miles

Glover Park Village had been looking for new ways to encourage intergenerational connections in our community. When a Stoddert parent offered to share her network of Stoddert students and families, Glover Park Village immediately agreed.

The pilot program, called “Kids Spread Kindness,” began with kids preparing handmade cards and visiting Glover Park Village recipients on Valentine’s Day. It was an instant hit. This program is beautiful because it’s so simple. The Village invites our service recipients to sign up, and Jan Morris, who set up the Stoddert network, matches them with the families on her list. In some cases, recipients have welcomed kids/families in for cookies and hot chocolate and presented handmade cards of their own and small gifts. As some of our recipients have said, “the old-fashioned simple things are the best.”

In honor of Earth Day, the kids are signing up again to make cards, produce drawings, and collect flower bouquets for their new friends for visits in late April and early May. Glover Park Village volunteers will be donating fresh flowers and art supplies to help the effort. Future projects are being planned for summer and fall.

Glover Park Village is a volunteer-managed Village serving our neighbors, focused on preventing social isolation and helping people flourish as they age in our community. Please join us for our programs—all free, all the time. To learn more, volunteer, or ask for services, please contact us at <https://www.gloverparkvillage.org>.



Hardy Middle School Boys Lacrosse Champs!

The Hardy Middle School boys lacrosse team won the Middle School Championship in April, beating Deal 5-3! Congrats to the Hardy Hawk boys team! Visit <https://www.hardyms.org/> for more Hardy Hawk news



Glover Park Day

Saturday, June 3, 2023!

Glover Park Day is GPCA's annual outdoor festival celebrating the Glover Park neighborhood. It is co-sponsored with the Friends of Guy Mason and the DC Department of Parks and Recreation and features something for everyone.

Glover Park Day was started more than thirty years ago and it has grown to offer the neighborhood a chance to enjoy the outdoors together, spend time with family and friends, listen to good music and enjoy our local businesses and restaurants.

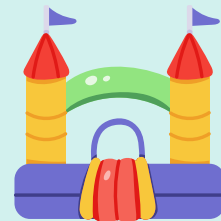
Some features to enjoy in 2023:



- Local Crafters & Artists
- Live Music
- Great Food
- Learn About Community Service Groups
- Enjoy Kids' Activities and Sno Cones
- Have your pet try out the Dog Obstacle Course
- Get the Annual Glover Park Day Commemorative T-Shirt
- Buy Tickets for the many Prize Drawings



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- two moon bounces
- face painting
- storytimes
- 5 carnival games
- arts and crafts tables
- staff to work all day



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Please email gloverparkday@gpcadc.org for more information on volunteering.

Real Estate Watch

If You've Been Waiting for the Right Time . . .

Maggie Simpson

Thinking about selling your house? If you've been waiting for the right time, it could be now. You might think this is counterintuitive given that mortgage interest rates have increased so much in recent months. However, the supply of homes for sale is so low that prices remain high and competition for homes is strong. All last winter, economists and housing experts wondered whether this year we would finally start to see the seasonal spring increase in inventory. The answer is a clear no. Instead, it's the same story we've been hearing for years: limited inventory remains the key factor in the real estate market.

The National Association of Realtors (NAR) data on housing inventory confirms this. For a balanced market, about a six-month supply of housing is needed. Anything lower is a sellers' market. Today, the supply is much lower: at the end of February, when inventory typically begins to increase for the spring, there were only 980,000 units for sale nationwide—down over 10% from January! Inventory fell again at the end of March and, right now, unsold inventory sits at just a 2.6-month supply.

Why is it a good time to sell?

The more limited the inventory on the market, the less competition you're likely to face from other sellers. Add to this the high buyer demand as millennials flood into the real estate market and your house will get a lot of attention from buyers looking for a home this spring. In fact, you are likely to receive more than one offer on your house. Multiple offers are on the rise again, according to NAR's ongoing survey of Realtors regarding their most recent sales. The number is down from 2022, but it is increasing sharply (see graph below):

If you get more than one offer on your house, it becomes a bidding war between buyers and that means you have greater leverage to sell on your terms. If you want to maximize the opportunity for a bidding war, be sure to lean on your real estate advisor. While we're still in a strong sellers' market, it isn't the frenzy we saw a couple of years ago, and today's buyers are sensitive to price.

Showcase your home beautifully—clean it, paint it, stage it—whatever it takes to make it shine. Then list it at a price slightly below what you think, realistically, your home is worth, and you will likely end up with an even higher price than you had hoped. Clare Trapasso of *Realtor.com* notes "Well-priced, move-in ready homes with curb appeal in desirable areas are still receiving multiple offers and selling for over the asking price in many parts of the country. So, this spring, it's especially important for sellers to make their homes as attractive as possible to appeal to as many buyers as possible."

If you've been waiting for the right time to sell your house, low inventory this spring sets you up with a big advantage. Reach out to a local agent today to make sure your house is ready for the market.

Glover Park Sales of Single-Family Houses		
Address	Sold Price	Date
3900 W St NW	\$1,451,000	4/07/23
3718 Benton St NW	\$1,410,000	4/07/23
3927 Benton St NW	\$1,440,500	4/28/23



Glover Park Dining Guide!

Are We in Glover Park or Italy?

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 at one of our many local establishments. Diners at In Bocca Al Lupo enjoy cracker-thin, Roman-style pizza and many other Italian dishes and libations. The restaurant also hosts trivia nights and special musical performances.

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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angelicopizzeria.com
 202-333-8350

BreadSoda
breadsoda.com
 202-333-7445

Chipotle Mexican Grill
chipotle.com
 202-706-7508

Domino's
dominos.com
 202-342-0100

Dumplings and Beyond
places.singleplatform.com
 202-338-3815

Eerkin's
eerkins.com
 202-333-3600

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

Glover Park Grill
gloverparkgrill.com
 202-625-5400

In Bocca Al Lupo
inboccaallupodc.com/
 202-750-7939

Mario's Trattoria
www.mariosdc.com
 202-735-0033

Mogee Tee
mogeteeusa.com
 202-333-2929

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

Point Chaud
pointchaudcafe.com
 202-758-2241

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

Xiquet
xiquetdl.com
 202-913-4671

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Glover Park homes selling between \$1M - \$1.5M continue to be the most active price range in 2023.

CLOSED SALES, January - March averages

List price breaks	Properties sold		Average sales price		Change in sales price
	2022	2023	2022	2023	
▲ \$1.5M	2	-	\$1.81M	-	-
▲ \$1M	6	6	\$1.28M	\$1.26M	-1%
▼	1	-	\$700K	-	-
Average all price points	9	6	\$1.33M	\$1.25M	-5%

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