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Intense Storm Takes Toll on Area's Grandest Trees

Randy Rieland

No question that Glover Park would be a very different place without the trees that line our streets. But every so often, one of the neighborhood's greatest assets turns destructive, toppling onto homes, knocking down power lines, and smashing car roofs. That, of course, is what happened when a brief but unusually violent storm erupted in the area on July 29—one that knocked down 9 Glover Park trees or 12 if you count the 3 that went down near the Guy Mason Recreation Center.

"It was an exceedingly severe and rare weather phenomenon," said Earl Eutsler, associate director of D.C.'s Urban Forestry Division. He noted that the last storm to do comparable damage occurred 11 years ago, during the derecho that ripped through the community at the end of June 2012.

The recent tempest, however, wasn't a derecho, which is defined as a large complex storm system that stretches across several states. Instead, it was a sudden and highly localized "microburst"—in this case, fierce wind gusts driven by extreme heat and humidity combined with a strong cold front that formed in the clouds and slammed into the ground. Winds in this part of the city reached about 70 mph.

A one-two punch

But as Eutsler pointed out, it wasn't just the powerful winds that wreaked so much havoc that Saturday afternoon. The accompanying downpour that dumped almost an inch of rain in a short period of time was a huge factor.

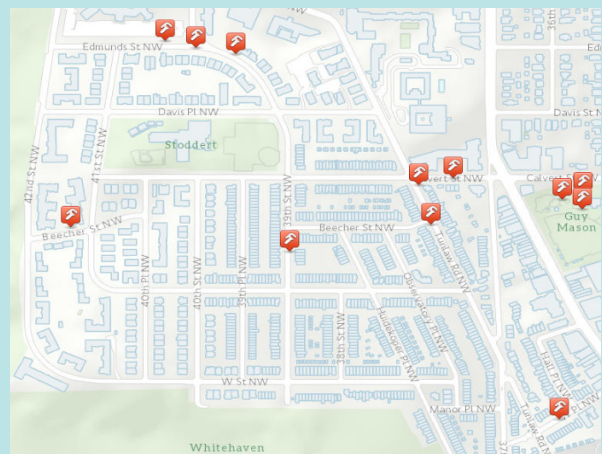
"Water weighs more than eight pounds per gallon," he said. "The larger the tree, the more its surface area. If you suddenly add hundreds, and in some cases, thousands of gallons of water to the surface, including all the leaves of these trees, plus saturate the soil very rapidly, and then add 70 miles per hour wind gusts..."

"I was somewhat amazed that most of the trees managed to remain standing because that storm was so intense," he added. "If we wanted to manage the forest to avoid the potential for tree failure during super severe, incredibly rare, hard-to-predict weather, we'd have to have no trees."

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Corner of Calvert and Tunlaw.



Join us for the
GPCA September Meeting
September 12, 2023, 7 p.m.
Stoddert Elementary School, 4001 Calvert Street



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including welcome signs, benches and pocket park maintenance.



President's Report

Laidback Summer Begins Transition to Fall

Lisa McCluskey

I hope you were able to attend our neighborhood's 32nd signature event this year—Glover Park Day. Let me express our gratitude to the GPCA's Glover Park Day team, business sponsors, vendors, and attendees for another lively and memory-making event in June. It was wonderful to see so many neighbors and friends enjoying the activities.

The neighborhood's next big event is Glover Park Main Street's Art All Night event on Friday, September 29. Stay tuned for more details, and hope to see you at this wonderful addition to our neighborhood events.

Fall approaches

It's hard to believe, but summer is slipping away. Daylight is steadily dwindling, acorns are already dropping, kids are back in school, and evening comes earlier and earlier! With the oncoming of fall, the city streets are now busier with school openings and more adults

back to regular hours in-office. Let's all do our part to be on the look-out for those crossing streets, passengers waiting at bus stops, and bikers.

Changes on the Avenue

In business news, we welcomed several new businesses. Aladdin House of Kabob and Gyros opened at 2132 Wisconsin Avenue, and Azam Rugs moved into the former Sweetgreens space at 2200 Wisconsin Avenue. Washington Sports Club has changed its name to New York Sports Club as part of a branding measure made to all the 47 clubs owned by the organizations on the east coast. We are also awaiting the reopening of All About Burger in their former space at 2414 Wisconsin Avenue. Who's ready for a shake?

The next GPCA meeting will be held in person on Tuesday, September 12, at Stoddert Elementary. We hope to see you there.

GPCA Meeting

**Tuesday, October 12, 7 p.m.
Stoddert Elementary School**

Agenda

**MPD update
Treasurer's Report
Secretary's Report
Membership Report
Guy Mason Report and
Vote on Grant for
Programming Needs
Local School Report
Maintenance to Glover Park
Signs Halloween Activities
Call for Volunteers**

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Across the city, 175 of the 272 trees that fell on public property that day and required removal were trees owned by the District, according to Eutsler.

Preparing for climate change

Many of the trees that came down in Glover Park were large, older ones. But the choice of what kind of trees will replace them will be determined by more than just size. Location is one factor. Eutsler said that for the past few decades, the District has followed a policy of lowering the tree canopy under high-voltage power lines.

Another is the potential threat from disease or climate change. Red oaks, for instance, are now more at risk from bacterial leaf scorch, which causes their leaves to start turning brown in mid-summer. Other tree species, such as silver and sugar maples, are not expected to adapt well to hotter DC summers. It's estimated that by later this century, the average summer temperature here will be 10 degrees higher. Also, there's likely to be more variability in the climate, with more periods of heavy rain followed by longer stretches of drought.

Eutsler noted that his team, in its effort to track the health of D.C.'s urban forest, inspects close to 350 trees a day. Its goal is to check out every tree at least once every five years, although he said that, on average, each one is inspected in half that time.

"We've been spending a lot of time and effort to ensure that we're planting trees that allow us to make our overall forest more resilient to both pests and diseases known and unknown," he said. "That is where diversification comes in. While we know that a tree may thrive today, how likely is it to survive the predicted climate scenarios of the future?"



39th Street.



Near the intersection of Tunlaw and Beecher.

May–July 2023 Meeting Highlights

Melissa Lane

July 2023

- A zoning variance request was considered for 2236 40th Street, NW. The developer seeks to add two more units to a 4-unit building and move the entrance to the northside. Residents in the building immediately north of the proposed development object to a northside entrance because of the narrow space between the buildings. After a lengthy discussion, ANC 3B delayed the vote on the request and asked that the developer and neighboring residents take an additional month to try to negotiate a solution.

- A zoning variance request was considered for 2315–2323 40th Place, NW. The developer seeks to add 7 units at the ground level to an existing 45-unit rental building but does not propose changing the current footprint. Except for landscaping, the renovations will be confined to the interior spaces. ANC 3B approved the variance request.

- A resolution was passed supporting All About Burger's request for a Class D (beer and wine only) liquor license application that includes a carryout and delivery endorsement.

June 2023

- Lt. Johnson reported that there was again an increase in crime in the past 30 days compared to last year, from 11 incidents to 19. The rise was driven by an increase in thefts from auto as well as a stolen car. Because of a spike in car vandalism in the area of Tunlaw Road and Fulton Street, MPD is increasing its patrols in the area.

- A resolution was passed to send a letter to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration regarding emergency rule-making for cannabis regulation. While 3B is generally in favor of the regulations, the letter points out our concerns regarding second-hand smoke and the proposal to allow outdoor "safe use" spaces at cannabis facilities.

- Commissioner Howie reported that the Council passed a budget for an additional \$6.2 million for Stoddert expansion allowing for general upgrades, two new classrooms and a new cafeteria to be built on the west side of the building.

May 2023

- Lt. Johnson reported that crime went up in the past 30 days compared to the same period a year ago, from 8 incidents to 13. The most serious was a robbery at gunpoint at Domino's in late April. No one was hurt and no arrests have been made yet. Other crimes were mostly vehicle break-ins, chiefly in plumbing trucks.

- Sean Burnett and Gilberto Solano from the DDOT Protected Bike Lane program gave an update on the "90 percent" design of the bike lanes to be installed from Nebraska to Calvert on New Mexico and Tunlaw. The [90 percent plans](#) are available to review on the anc3b website.

- ANC 3B approved a grant request from GPCA's Glover Park Day Committee for \$2,500 to help defray the costs of rental of the tables, chairs and the stage.

- Christian Pineiro (community outreach specialist) and Sahar Nabaee (traffic engineer) from DDOT discussed traffic calming measures for problem intersections identified by ANC 3B Commissioners. [Vertical traffic guidelines](#) are available on the DDOT website.

- Barbara Bazron, Director of the DC Department of Behavioral Health, gave an overview of the Mayor's FY 2024 budget. Commissioner Blumenthal asked the Director to come to a future meeting to talk about options for dealing with people whose mental health issues create problems in public.

- A resolution was passed detailing ANC 3B's concerns regarding the loss of bus service to Glover Park and Cathedral Heights as proposed by the current WMATA plan.

- A motion was passed to send a letter of support for Stoddert additions, including eight new classrooms and a new cafeteria on the west side of the building.



The Glover Park Archaeological Museum*

Carlton Fletcher

In the 19th century, amateur archaeologists identified the large deposits of cobblestones in local stream beds as places where prehistoric people obtained the raw material for making stone tools. A promising cobblestone, gradually reduced and shaped by a process called [lithic reduction](#), was turned into a useful implement. When a stone didn't break just right it was tossed aside after only a few blows.

In the 1880s, the local cobble deposits that were dug up and carted away to pave city streets included so many that could (briefly) have been worked by human hands, that the archeologist William Henry Holmes was led to remark that Washington was being "paved with the art remains of a race who had occupied its site in the shadowy past."

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



Two cobblestones, tentatively identified as rejected material for Paleolithic tools. Found in the 2200 block of Tunlaw Road, they are likely to have originated in College Run, a former stream that is now a storm-drain under 37th Street.

Stoddert Elementary's Addition Update

Gupi Howie and Lauren Welsh

Thanks to the support of Ward 3 Councilmember Matt Frumin and Chairman Phil Mendelson, in June Stoddert was allocated \$6.2 million dollars for its addition in the FY24 budget. This added funding will provide more flexibility for the location of the cafeteria and increase the number of permanent classrooms from 8 to 10. The additional two classrooms will also allow Stoddert to restore a second pre-K4 classroom.

In fall 2022, DCPS had created a School Improvement Team (SIT) for the Stoddert addition to provide feedback on design concepts and help share information about the addition with the broader community. The SIT is composed of Stoddert parents, teachers, nonteaching staff, and representatives from community organizations, specifically the ANC and the GPCA.

The original design concept selected by DCPS had added eight additional classrooms and proposed situating the cafeteria on the east side of Stoddert's campus. The SIT expressed concerns over the location of the cafeteria and expressed a desire to relocate the cafeteria on the west side of Stoddert's campus—i.e., on the same side of the campus as the playground—to preserve our greenspaces. To pursue that alternative, Stoddert needed to secure an additional \$6.2 million in funding in the FY2024 budget. With support from Councilmember

Frumin, who has been engaged throughout the SIT process, and Chairman Mendelson, the DC City Council in June 2023 passed the FY24 budget, which allocated the additional \$6.2 million in funding for Stoddert's addition. The new funding provides an opportunity to reconsider design concepts and conduct additional surveying of the west side of Stoddert's campus.

The SIT will reconvene in September to discuss the survey findings, review updated timelines, and the path forward. We look forward to a robust engagement on new design concepts for the addition.

Stoddert's addition will now be completed in two phases. The new timeline is as follows:

School Year '23–24: continued design and planning

Phase I construction—10 classrooms on the east side: by August 2025

Phase II construction—cafeteria on the west side: by August 2027

The Stoddert SIT welcomes engagement and opinions. Please reach out to Gupi Howie (3b05@anc.dc.gov) or Lauren Welsh (Lauren.welsh@gmail.com) and your PTO Presidents (president@stoddert.org) for questions or comment.

Hardy Middle School's New Principal—Ready to Soar

Philip McCluskey, Hardy Middle School 8th grade

This summer I had a chance to meet Hardy Middle School's new Principal Maureen Westover as she was busily preparing for the school year. She took the time to meet with me even though she had many things to do before the students would arrive in late August. I could tell that she is looking forward to connecting with everyone and that she is excited by the work ahead of us this year.

Westover grew up in the metro Atlanta area. She has been able to study and work in schools across the U.S., and the world, including studying in Jerusalem and volunteering with a school in southern India. I think that her unique experience will be helpful at Hardy as our school has students and families from all over the world.

She completed her bachelor's degree in Microbiology at Brigham Young University, a master's degree in science teaching at Georgia State University, and a master's degree in school leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She pursued being a principal because she wanted to see her students excel in the long run. In principal Westover's spare time she enjoys foosball and being outside to kayak, go camping, play pickleball and first base in softball.

For the past 5 years she was an administrator at Ballou Senior High School, where she led the academic initiatives and collaborative work on the school's strategic planning. Principal Westover was also previously an assistant principal at Deal middle school, a principal resident in Massachusetts, and a 7th grade science teacher in Atlanta.

Principal Westover believes that as staff, families, and students collaborate together, we can deepen our learning in our classrooms, and deepen the learning of our community. I think that she is already



an amazing principal—she greets everyone with a smile as they walk into school each morning and asks students how they think we can make Hardy even better together.

A Roaring Success! Glover Park Day 32

Glover Park Day Team

Thanks to many community volunteers, Glover Park and surrounding businesses, community and service groups, DC government agencies, a host of talented artists and crafters, amazing local bands and all who attended, the 32nd Glover Park Day on Saturday, June 3, was a great success. Glover Park Day festivities were made even more special this year by CommuniKids Language Immersion School. CommuniKids' generous support allowed for a greatly expanded variety of activities for kids. Two moon bounces! Face Painting! Carnival Games! Cotton Candy! Story Times! And Arts and Crafts! But that's not all. The Metropolitan Police Department was there once again with freshly popped popcorn; the Friends of Guy Mason sponsored air tattooing; and the Masons made sno cones!

Our Grand Poohbah, Felix Sambuccino, was back in the driver's seat as the Master of

Ceremonies after missing last year's festival. He had much to do! We were treated to spectacular music from Hokum Jazz, Crush Funk Brass, Kiti Gartner and the Drifting Valentines, Color School, Colonel Josh and the Honky Tonk Heroes and a special musical interlude from the newly formed duet, The Neighbors. Felix let everyone know to head to the food court to enjoy delicious fare from many old favorites—Rocklands, Angelico's, Old Europe and Good Guys—as well as a new favorite, Whisked!

But that's not all! Dog Child once again ran the "Canine Agility Course" and the Hardy PTO returned to sponsor the very popular Dunk Tank.

Without the unwavering support of our long-time annual sponsors, the Glover Park Citizens' Association, the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Friends of Guy Mason, as well as many businesses



from Glover Park and surrounding neighborhoods, this event would not be possible. We also want to thank ANC 3B for its generous grant. The Glover Park Day Team is grateful to you all.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 33rd Glover Park Day at Guy Mason on June 1, 2024!



Puttering in the Garden On Saving Seeds

Roger Williams

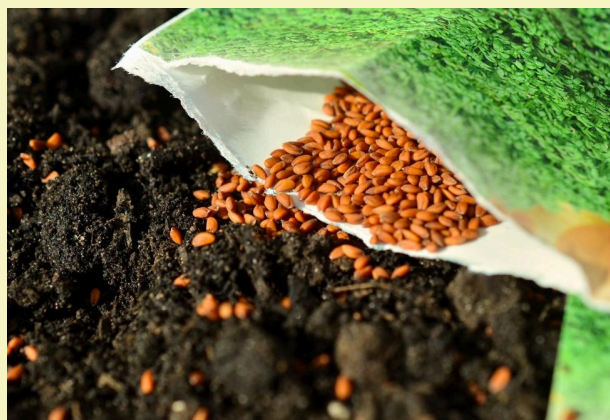
When our garden looks like it is about done, gone to seed, leaves getting chewed or sunburnt, our base brain starts to think about hibernating, stocking up, preparing for winter. I start thinking about stews and forget salads. Cassoulet comes to mind a lot quicker than raspberry vinaigrette. I am digging up beets and potatoes, not snipping arugula. The days are getting shorter already. I might try to hold such thoughts at bay, but Nature knows better.

But let's look at that in a positive way. Let's start thinking about saving seed for next year, preparing for splitting plants or planting trees. This is the season to plan for all that, so we will have a couple of articles looking at that process. See below.

Can we save seeds? Sure, but they may not be what you think, especially if you planted hybrids, often marked "F1" on the seed envelope. Mating is the mixing of genes, and when you mix genes, you are not sure what you will get (ask any parent). The Czech monk Gregor Mendel taught us that. When the pollen from the stamen of one squash plant gets lathered on the pistil of another type of squash plant by some errant bumble bee, you will get a mixing of genes in the seeds held within the developing fruit of that plant. When planted next year, those seeds will not produce a squash like either parent plant. Again, can we, may we, save and plant those seeds? But of course! Be adventurous. Just don't have any expectations.

"But wait," you say. "I planted heirloom varieties; they should breed true!" Yes, and as your mama taught you when home from school, success depends on the company you keep. In a garden with no other squash around, those seeds would indeed produce what you expect. But how far is "around"? How far would I need to separate my heirloom squash from any other squash—or any other plant from its cousins, for that matter—to make sure they breed true? That will depend on how, or by whom, they are pollinated. Corn, for instance, is wind pollinated. The pollen is not carried by any critter but is blown from plant to plant. This is why you would plant corn in multiple rows to make a patch, not in a single row. For the Fish Peppers I have been growing for 15 years, critter-pollinated as they are, I make sure they are at least 400 yards from any other pepper of any sort. So far, so good. This sort of care is what you pay seed breeders to do.

But I can tell, as adventurous as you are, you are wanting to save seeds. Some seeds, such as columbine, can be shaken right out of



their seed head at the proper time of year. They will be dry already if they can be so shaken, so they can be popped in an envelope for safekeeping, an envelope you did remember to mark and date, right? Hmmmm...

Other seeds, such as tomato, need to be separated from their fruit matrix. Clean them as best you can using a light scrubbing action in a screen strainer, and put them wet into a glass of water. Keep them on the counter for about 5 days. Drain, and separate them onto parchment paper to dry. They will dry and not stick on parchment paper. Avoid using paper towels, as they will leave the seeds hard to remove and store later, and refrain from using plastic surfaces, which will hold the moisture near, potentially inducing premature sprouting.

Squash seeds you can separate from their plant matrix when you are ready to eat the "fruit" and they can be dried on parchment paper or a plate. Okra seeds can be harvested from pods dried right on the plant, and put directly into an envelope.

Go for it. Hold hope for a living future. Have fun. Just be a little Buddhist about it: have no expectations.

Feedback

Questions are welcome; answers are as best as we can do. Suggestions for future articles are also welcome. Our next article is likely to be on dealing with corms, splitting plants, and tree planting.

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Real Estate Watch

A More Affordable Option?

Maggie Simpson

The Fed's recent interest rate increases may be having a cooling effect on inflation overall, but in the real estate market, hoped-for price dips have not materialized. Buyers seem to have adjusted to higher mortgage interest rates so that demand for homes remains high, while most homeowners are loathe to sell and thereby give up their very low-interest-rate mortgages. The result is that almost 60% of metropolitan markets registered home-price gains in the second quarter of 2023.

Is there any hope for those seeking affordable homes? For buyers determined to purchase single-family homes, the answer seems to be no. However, a bright light in this situation may be the condominium market where price increases have been less dramatic. Both for first-time buyers and for experienced homeowners looking to downsize, buying a condo can offer a convenient alternative to a traditional house. However, it is crucial to be vigilant about conditions that may impact your investment.

It is always important to ask questions before buying a condo since you will essentially be co-investing with a group of strangers—i.e., the owners of other units in your condominium project. Review the condominium's rules and regulations carefully to be sure they are in sync with your preferred lifestyle. Equally important, keep an eye out for these financial red flags that can negatively impact your investment:

Non-warrantable condos

A non-warrantable condo refers to a property that does not meet the criteria set by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. These properties may have specific characteristics that make them ineligible for conventional financing, such as commercial space exceeding a specific percentage, excessive investor concentration or ongoing litigation. Buying a non-warrantable condo can limit your financing options. Lenders typically demand higher interest rates or stricter terms for financing non-warrantable condos due to the increased risk associated with these properties. You may be able to qualify for such a loan, but consider the implications when you eventually want to sell your condo: the pool of potential buyers will be more limited than for a warrantable condo.

No FHA loan approval

Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans are popular among first-time homebuyers due to their low down-payment requirements. However, some condo communities may not have FHA loan approval, which requires a thorough review of the condo project's financial stability and management practices. You may not need an FHA loan but, again, consider the impact on the pool of potential buyers when you decide to sell the property. Lack of FHA approval may affect your ability to attract a wider audience and thus affect resale value. If you do purchase a unit in a condominium that doesn't have FHA loan approval, be sure to attend condo meetings and urge the board of directors to get the condominium onto the FHA-approved condo list.

Glover Park Sales of Single-Family Houses

Address	Sold Price	Date
2324 Huidekoper PI NW	\$1,368,000	06/09/23
2454 39 th PI NW	\$1,526,000	06/16/23
3863 Beecher St NW	\$1,277,000	06/22/23
2237 Observatory PI NW	\$975,000	07/10/23
2325 Huidekoper PI NW	\$1,175,000	07/19/23
2211 39 th St NW	\$1,350,000	07/20/23
2001 37 th St NW	\$999,000	08/14/23
2239 Hall PI NW	\$1,455,000	08/18/23
2052 37 th St NW	\$1,400,000	08/21/23

Delinquent condo fees

Before purchasing a condo, it's crucial to investigate the community's financial health. Owners who fall behind on their condo fees can pose a significant financial risk. Delinquent condo fees could indicate poor financial management, a lack of community adherence to rules, or even potential legal issues. This scenario may result in increased fees for all owners or a decline in the property's overall value. In DC, the law requires that the seller provide the buyer with the condominium's financial statements for review during a three-business-day contingency period. Carefully review these documents to identify any delinquency problems.

Insufficient reserve funds

Condo associations should maintain reserve funds to cover unexpected expenses, repairs, and maintenance. Inadequate reserve funds can be problematic and may lead to special assessments or increased monthly fees to cover unexpected costs. Insufficient reserves can also affect the ability to secure financing or refinancing for the condo. Again, review the association's financial statements thoroughly and look for a reserves analysis. A reserves analysis is typically undertaken by a firm of architects, engineers and financial analysts—hired by the condominium's board of directors—to advise as to the likely required expenditures for replacement of common elements over time and the condominium fees that will be sufficient to fund them.

Special assessments on the horizon

A special assessment is an additional fee that condo owners may be required to pay for unexpected expenses or major repairs for which the reserve funds are insufficient—perhaps fixing structural issues, replacing the roof, or upgrading common areas. A special assessment can also be imposed if the condo association faces a financial shortfall or legal matters requiring additional funds. These assessments can be a significant financial burden, often requiring owners to pay a large sum within a specified timeframe.

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Guy Mason Recreation Center September Virtual and In-Person Events

Marsha Goldberg



Guy Mason Virtual Reading Group

Wednesday, September 20, 11 a.m.–noon

This month the group will be reading *People We Meet on Vacation*. Emily Henry's book explores the lives of Alex and Poppy, who have nothing in common but have been the very best of friends. That is, until two years ago when they ruined everything and haven't spoken since. 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 a librarian for the book for the Guy Mason Reading Group.

Lunch and a Movie Returns in October!

Friday, October 27, 12 noon–2:30 p.m. In person at Guy Mason

This popular monthly event will restart at the end of October. Watch this space for the title of the movie.



Glover Park Village

Free September Events

Erin Byrne

September

Artful Afternoons

Morning Meeting DC Artist Series

September 30, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

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

Location: Guy Mason Recreation Center, 3600 Calvert Street, NW.



Brain Health

Stronger Memory Meeting—in person!

Saturday, September 23, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

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

Location: Guy Mason Recreation Center, 3600 Calvert Street, NW.



October

Coffee and Conversation

Meetup at Coffee Shop

October 6, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Join us for coffee and conversation at Point Chaud Cafe & Crepes in Glover Park. Together we will chat, sip and discuss our experiences with life.

Location: Point Chaud, 2300 Wisconsin Avenue, NW.

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Again, reviewing the association's financial statements and inquiring about any upcoming special assessments is crucial. A condominium association that regularly undertakes reserves analyses and adheres to the recommended condo fees should need to impose special assessments only in the rarest of circumstances.

Final thoughts

Purchasing a condominium can be a great choice with greater affordability and significantly reduced DIY maintenance requirements. It's important, though, to be cautious and well informed before making your purchase in order to avoid unexpected challenges down the line.

Glover Park Goes Native

Holly Pollinger, Glover Park Village Green

Do you have a sunny spot in your yard, your balcony or even your alley that you would like to see filled with beautiful plants native to DC? You now have the chance to receive **free** plants and some help with planting them from DCNatives.org.

I have added a new pollinator garden at my house on Fulton Street in Glover Park planted by Thorne Rankin and her DC Natives volunteers. I have been assigned to be a Block Captain to spread the word about this extraordinary program!

Since the fall of 2022, DC Natives has planted more than 60 pollinator gardens all around DC in tree boxes, alleyways, cemeteries, yards, and balconies—indeed anywhere there is a bit of sun. Butterflies, bees, and birds are beginning to notice.

In his recent book, *Nature's Best Hope*, Douglas Tallamy outlines his vision for a grassroots approach to conservation. He shows how homeowners everywhere can help preserve our wildlife. Throughout the world, people are striving to build conservation corridors. But in the end, much of it comes down to the initiative of private individuals



in neighborhoods—that's you and me.

Let's grow the number of Glover Park area pollinator gardens on the map at Our Projects on the DC Natives website. And maybe you can also volunteer to help plant more in and around DC. The fall program is just beginning, so sign up today.

[Click here to fill out an interest form and get started.](#)

Questions? Please email me at: holly@gloverparkvillage.org.

A Short Story

Dolled Up

Edna Small

It started so innocently. There I was, across the street from the Thomas Circle Thrift Shop, with 15 minutes to spare before my pedicure. An artist—with a constant eye on my checkbook balance—getting a pedicure? After my big toe was partially crushed by a rolling car, the nail grew back in such a way that I can't cut it myself. To avoid an ingrown toenail, I budget a routine pedicure. But that's not the point.

The point is, I had no intention of buying anything. Certainly not a doll. And certainly not a Barbie. And most certainly, not 20 Barbie dolls. But there they were, lying in a bin in the kids' section: naked, clothed; brides, princesses, dancers, bikini-clad bathers; blondes and brunettes, even one redhead; long-haired and short-haired; long slim legs, small, well-arched feet, pert faces and pointed breasts. I knew I had to have them. I would paint Barbies, expose on canvas the corruption in our culture, the commercialization of the female form. These hard plastic figures, so uniform, so perky, demanded I expose this assault on the young.

The salesman watched me with suspicion. I handed him 10 dollar bills, avoided looking him in the eye, and asked for the biggest shopping bag he could find. I covered the dolls with newspaper to shield them from view. When I reached home, toenails clipped, I placed the Barbies around my studio, some singly, some in groups, to inspire my feminist protest.

Meanwhile, I pursued the work in progress. A week later, I noticed a blond-haired Barbie, one pony-tail undone, gazing steadily at the



canvas. I walked over to the cabinet where she sat leaning against the wall. I looked from her perspective. *Yes, needs a bit more definition in the upper right*, I agreed, and returned to work.

A few days later, I looked at it again, this time from the viewpoint of the brunette perched on a step-stool. *Yes*, I said, *the tone in the center is too intense; it overwhelms the rest of the painting*. I proceeded to subdue it.

More and more I found myself moving around the studio, commenting aloud. Then one day an old lover reappeared. The next morning, I was late getting to work. The redhead winked at me. I winked back.

A year later, the Barbies reign in my studio, unblemished, unpainted.

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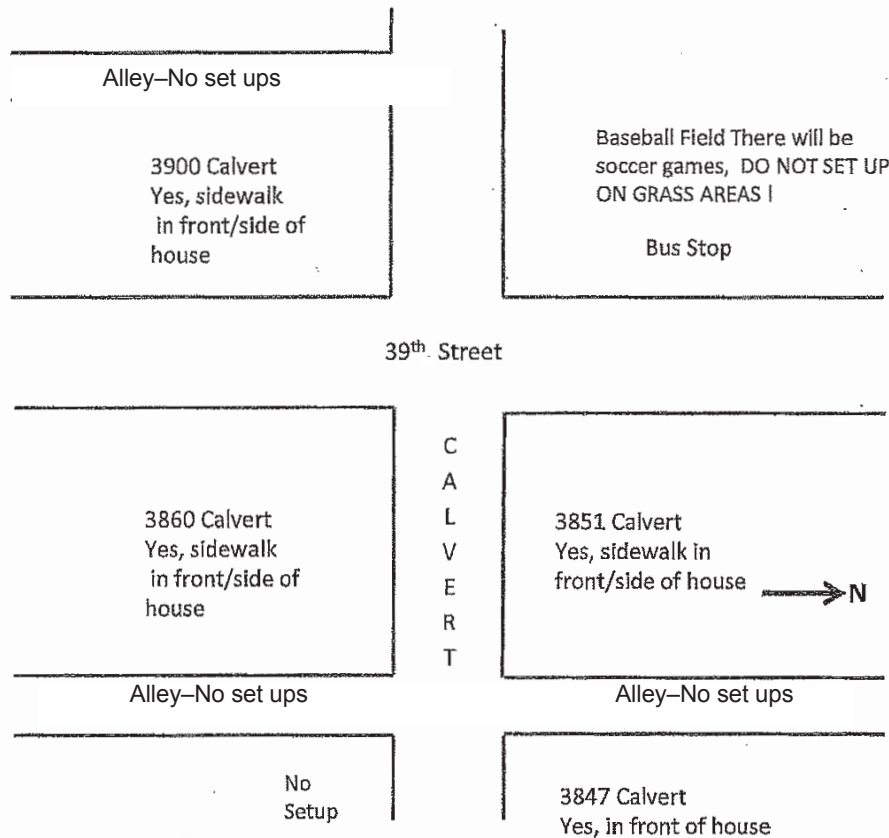


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	2022	2023	2022	2023	
▲ \$1.5M	9	3	\$1.72M	\$1.58M	-8%
▲ \$1M	11	8	\$1.25M	\$1.36M	+9%
▼	1	1	\$930K	\$975K	+5%
Average all price points	21	12	\$1.44M	\$1.38M	-4%

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